



## MAPS LECTURE SERIES

**Thursday October 24, 2020**  
**14h15–15h45**  
**Room R.N.02**  
**Espace Tilo-Frey 1**  
**FSLH**

Dans le cadre du cours « Introduction aux études genre » donné par Nolwenn Bühler,

La MAPS a le plaisir de vous convier à la conférence suivante :

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### **What is in a sperm deposit? Masculinity, Reproduction and Kinship**

Cryopreservation of sperm, is the oldest cryotechnology of gametes dating back to the 50'ies. Today, it is well known and standard practice in Denmark, that sperm can be deposited due to medical reasons; what is less known is that private sperm banks and fertility clinics have been depositing cryopreserved sperm for years due to all kinds of reasons. The invisibility of the existing and potential practice of sperm deposits, is likewise mirrored in the ethnographic literature of reproductive technologies. Moreover, in the clinical setting, no one, including the sperm banks and fertility clinics, really know why men freeze, or what the sperm deposit means to the men that deposits. This presentation builds on 30 semi-structured interviews with men that have sperm deposits in a large Danish sperm bank. Drawing on Jasanoff's concept of sociotechnical imaginaries, this paper inquires into why men freeze, by asking: What socio-technical imaginaries are at stake in men's narratives of sperm depositing, and how do they (re)configure understandings of masculinity, kinship and reproduction? In this presentation I show, how well-known understandings of masculinity, kinship and reproduction are reproduced, reconfigured and sometimes displaced in surprising ways, due to the temporality of cryopreservation of sperm

Toute personne intéressée est cordialement invitée