



### Fellow's Individual Project

Fellow	Host Institution	PhD enrolment	Start Date	Duration
ESR 14	ISS	Y	Month 9	36 months

**Project title and related WP(s):** Bodies, technologies and well-being (WP4, WP7).

**Objectives:** The ESR will explore how the material existence of bodies are deeply embedded in political relations and changes in our global environment with a study of changing terrain of medical technologies in relation to end of life care. The ESR will look at the changing natureculture of our most intimate environment – the body – and its demise - as it is being shaped by rapidly changing medical technological practices. The exploration of ‘technobodies’ will look at well-being in the different care practices for the aging, exploring the current practices as well as futuristic visions of transhumanism underlying popular and scientific visions of medical intervention for prolonging life. Using a FPE lens, the ESR will explore the tensions and changes in medical approaches to end of life care, and how the possibilities of technologies are shaping the modern imagination of embodied well-being in the future. The study will identify and work with the medical scientific community and communities that are looking at alternative medical practices around care for the aging including popular (journalist and fiction) writers exploring these themes in their work.

**Expected results:** The research will identify the tensions in public debates around medical technologies, technoscience and future understandings of well-being.

**Planned secondments:** UOA (3 months) to look at theories of body politics and DVM (3 months) to look at health and social justice practices at a local government level.