



### Fellow's Individual Project

| Fellow | Host Institution | PhD enrolment | Start Date | Duration  |
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| ESR 15 | ISS              | Y             | Month 9    | 36 months |

**Project title and related WP(s):** Population growth and environmental justice: rethinking reproductive freedom (WP4, WP7).

**Objectives:** The population question remains a troubled one for FPE investigations. Feminist scholars have raised concerns that questions about the ‘carrying capacity of the earth’ can lead to discourses of racism and increased efforts in the technological control of particularly poor women’s bodies. At the same time, fears of population growth are strongly present in scientific and popular environmental debates. Following Donna Haraway’s call, to ‘stay with the trouble’ the ESR will employ a FPE framework to take a critical look at the environmental justice debates about the impact of increasing numbers of people on future societies, economies and other species. The ESR will work with communities engaged in environmental justice in order to analyse how the population question is being discussed in environmental justice movements and to explore how ‘reproductive freedom’ can be understood differently in FPE approaches given the impact of growing numbers of people on the environment and society.

**Expected results:** A mapping out of how reproductive freedom is being addressed in environmental justice movements.

**Planned secondments:** UofB (3 months) to work on population and development issues and environmental justice movements and PF (3 months) to examine approaches to the population question in environmental justice movements mobilising around the UN organisations in Rome.