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Biopolitics and Its Problems: A Genealogical Pragmatist Approach

Contemporary humanities and social sciences research are abuzz with discourse surrounding the intersections of the biological, the political, and the ethical, typically framed in terms of biopolitics and bioethics. While there are many ways of understanding these intersections, an approach that might be referred to as 'genealogical pragmatism' focuses on analyzing relevant practices in terms of the challenging problems they pose and the reconstructive resolutions to these problems toward which we might contribute.

Background reading is available online to anyone with a UW NetID at the Biological Futures in a Globalized World Colloquium GoPost: <https://catalyst.uw.edu/gopost/board/suzelong/26086/>

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