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## **Confronting the Politics of Choice: Family Planning in the Age of Women's Liberation**

**Prof. Erika Dyck, University of Saskatchewan, Canada**

Birth control, abortion, and reproductive rights have a complicated and controversial history that has engaged policy makers, religious authorities, medical professionals, women, men and families in contests over family values. Historically, these debates have often pitted feminists against non-feminists, or Catholics against non-Catholics, and socialists and fascists have even made strange historical bedfellows. Some of these divisions have continued to frame the contemporary debates, but new alliances and divisions have also formed in the changing landscape where contests over family values, same-sex marriages, sex-selection technologies, cross-border adoptions, contribute to a (re)defining of the modern family. In her talk, Erika Dyck will present an historical examination of how reproductive politics in the 1970s were shaped by competing discourses on population control, poverty, personal autonomy, race, gender, and the language of sovereignty.

**Lecture**

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