



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# (In)FERTILE CITIZENS

ANTHROPOLOGICAL  
AND LEGAL CHALLENGES  
OF ASSISTED REPRODUCTION  
TECHNOLOGIES

**28 - 30 MAY 2015**

AMPHITHEATRE, UNIVERSITY HILL  
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## PROGRAM

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## THURSDAY 28 MAY 2015

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09:30 - 10:00 **Registration**

10:00 - 10:30 **Welcome**

Alexandra Bounia, Vice Rector of Academic Affairs, University of the Aegean  
Haris Exertzoglou, Chair of the Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean  
Venetia Kantsa, Principal Investigator (In)FERCIT, University of the Aegean

### 1st Session **Law, Bioethics and Kinship I**

CHAIR / DISCUSSANT: **Alexandra Bakalaki**, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

#### **Part I**

10:30 - 10:50 Lina Papadopoulou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

**Is there a 'right to reproduce' through MAR techniques?**

10:50 - 11:10 Sven Bergmann, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin

**Not too much, not too less: doing regulation in Spanish IVF clinics**

11:10 - 11:30 Stine Willum Adrian, Aalborg University

**Boundaries of Ethics - sperm on the border**

11:30 - 12:00 **Discussion**

12:00 - 12:30 **Coffee/ Tea Break**

#### **Part II**

12:30 - 12:50 Trudie Gerrits, University of Amsterdam

**The making of ART policies in the Netherlands:  
about processes and arguments**

12:50 - 13:10 Ewa Maciejewska-Mroczek, University of Warsaw

**A „test-tube child“ between religion and modernization.  
Contested subject in the Polish debate on assisted reproduction**

13:10 - 13:30 Eirini Papadaki, University of the Aegean

**NTA and private adoptions in Greece**

13:30 - 14:00 **Discussion**

14:00 - 16:00 **Lunch Break**

### 2nd Session **Reproductive Governance, Moral Dilemmas and Embodied Experiences of ARTs**

CHAIR / DISCUSSANT: **Eugenia Georges**, Rice University

16:00 - 16:20 Tatyana Kotzeva, Burgas Free University (with Irina Todorova and Yulia Panayotova)

**Discourses around new reproductive technologies (NRT) and infertility  
treatment: Analysis of on-line sources and discussions in Bulgaria**

16:20 - 16:40 Anna Krawczak, University of Warsaw

**What is hidden: Areas of silence in the Polish IVF debate  
in perspective of gametes and embryo donations**

16:40 - 17:00 Annalisa Agius, City University London

**Mothers' experiences in adapting to parenthood following successful  
fertility treatment. An interview study in Malta**

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- 17:00 – 17:20 Aglaia Chatjoulis, University of the Aegean  
**(In)fertility and ART drugs. Making sense of ART drug consumption and the art of achieving motherhood.**
- 17:20 – 18:00 **Discussion**
- 18:00 – 18:30 **Coffee/ Tea Break**
- Part II**
- 18:30 – 18:50 Erica van der Sijpt, University of Amsterdam  
**Making mothers in post-communist Romania: The problems and potentialities of IVF**
- 18:50 – 19:10 Ivi Daskalaki, University of the Aegean  
**Religious aspects of medically assisted reproductive technologies in Greece**
- 19:10 – 19:30 Despina Naziri, University of Liege  
**Unattainable motherhood: A psychodynamic approach**
- 19:30 – 20:00 **Discussion**

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### 3rd Session: Law, Bioethics and Kinship II

CHAIR/ DISCUSSANT: **Heather Paxson, MIT**

#### Part I

- 9:30 – 9:50 Judit Sándor, Central European University  
**Who should benefit from the contemporary techniques of assisted reproduction?**
- 9:50 – 10:10 Enrica Bracchi, University of Nantes  
**“Saying ARTs”: a terminological and comparative reflection about legal texts on assisted reproduction**
- 10:10 – 10:30 Theodoros Trokanas, European University of Cyprus  
**The disposition of human reproductive material in the Cypriot Draft Bill on medically assisted human reproduction**
- 10:30 – 10:50 Vasiliki Kokota, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki  
**The influence of religion on legal framework concerning MAR**
- 10:50 – 11:30 **Discussion**
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Coffee/ Tea Break**

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### Part II

- 12:00 – 12:20 Enric Porqueres i Gené, EHES Paris  
**ART's uterine individuals in perspective: prenatal individuation in a cross-cultural perspective**
- 12:20 – 12:40 Alexandra Ntroumpogianni, University of Crete  
**The conceptualization of embryo in PGD/IVF\* units in Greece: empirical and theoretical approach**
- 12:40 – 13:00 Manuela Perrotta, Queen Mary University of London  
**One is enough! The rise of ICSI in Italy**
- 13:00 – 13:20 Shirin Garmaroudi Naef, University of Zurich  
**Attitudes towards sex selection: A Survey among Iranian medical, legal, philosophical and religious scholars**
- 13:20 – 14:00 Discussion
- 14:00 – 16:00 Lunch Break

### 4th Session: Kinship, gender and sexuality

CHAIR/ DISCUSSANT: **Costas Canakis**, University of the Aegean

- 16:00 – 16:20 Anna Carastathis, California State University, LA – University of the Aegean  
**Compulsory Sterilisation of Transgender People as Gendered Violence**
- 16:20 – 16:40 Aspa Chalkidou, University of the Aegean  
**"It's my party and I'll inseminate if I want to": Some thoughts on sex, sexuality and parenthood drawn from not a totally fucked up queer fertilization**
- 16:40 – 17:00 Joanna Mizielska, Polish Academy of Sciences and Agata Stasińska, Warsaw University  
**Reproductive Plans and Their Fulfillments by Families of Choice in Poland: Negotiations between Possibilities, Desires, and Reality.**
- 17:00 – 17:20 Ulrika Dahl, Södertörn University  
**Becoming In/fertile: Rethinking (lesbian) femininity in an age of reproduction**
- 17:20 – 18:00 Discussion
- 18:00 – 18:30 Coffee/ Tea Break

### Roundtable: Kinship and reproduction

MODERATOR: **Deanna Trakas**, University of the Aegean

- 18:30 – 18:50 Sarah Franklin, University of Cambridge  
**Reconstituting Reproductivity: a tale of IVF in two halves**
- 18:50 – 19:10 Jeanette Edwards, University of Manchester  
**Increasing transparency and openness in donor conception in the UK**
- 19:10 – 19:30 Joan Bestard, University of Barcelona  
**New Reproductive Technologies and the Anthropology of Kinship**
- 19:30 – 20:00 Discussion

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## SATURDAY 30 MAY 2015

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### 5th Session: Transnational Repromobilities

CHAIR/ DISCUSSANT: Sara Ahmed, Goldsmith's University of London

#### Part I

- 10:30 – 10:50 Charlotte Kroløkke, University of Southern Denmark  
**Jetlagged and bloated: Experiencing the world through egg donation.**
- 10:50 – 11:10 Polina Vlasenko, Indiana University  
**Desirable bodies/Precarious laborers:  
The subjectivation of the egg donors in Ukraine**
- 11:10 – 11:30 Burcu Mutlu, MIT  
**The ethics of secrecy and disclosure in transnational sex selection  
from Turkey to Northern Cyprus**
- 11:30 – 12:00 Discussion
- 12:00 – 12:30 Coffee/ Tea Break

#### Part II

- 12:30 – 12:50 Andrea Büchler, University of Zurich  
**Divided motherhood across the globe: Surrogacy and legal  
and cultural encounters between Europe and Asia**
- 12:50 – 13:10 Michael Nebeling Petersen, University of Southern Denmark  
**Between precarity and privilege. Claiming motherhood as gay fathers  
through transnational surrogacy**
- 13:10 – 13:30 Giulia Zanini, University of Padova  
**Transnational medical reproductive mobilities from, to and across  
the Mediterranean: Reflections from the (In)fertit project.**
- 13:30 – 14:00 Discussion
- 14:00 – 16:00 Lunch Break

### 6th Session: (In)Fertile Citizens

CHAIR/ DISCUSSANT: Venetia Kantsa, University of the Aegean

- 16:00 – 16:20 Jenny Gunnarsson Payne, Södertörn University  
**Trans\*forming the (In)fertile citizen. Egg freezing and transgendered  
fertility patients in Swedish Law, Policy, and Health Care**
- 16:20 – 16:40 Lia Lombardi, University of Milan  
**Reproductive technologies and “social infertility” in Italy.  
Gender policies and inequalities**
- 16:40 – 17:00 Christodoulos Bellas and Albert Dicran Matossian, University of the Aegean  
**ART experience, ethical perceptions and socioeconomic characteristics  
of infertile citizens in Greece: A statistical analysis**
- 17:00 – 17:20 Zeynep Gürtin, University of Cambridge  
**Patriarchal bargains in the 21st Century: Infertility, childlessness  
and gender relations in Turkey**
- 17:20 – 18:00 Discussion
- 18:00 – 18:15 Closing Remarks

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