



# Human Reproduction Study Group Annual Conference

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Trinity House, De Montfort University, Leicester

9:15-9:45	<i>Conference registration</i>	
9:45-10	<i>Welcome</i>	
10-11	<p><b>Keynote-Professor Charlotte Faircloth and Dr Rachel Arkell (UCL)</b></p> <p><i>Fifty Years of 'Becoming a Mother': reflections on motherhood research over half a century</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Cathy Herbrand</i></p>	
11-11:10	<i>Break (tea and coffee)</i>	
	<b>Stream A</b>	<b>Stream B</b>
	<i>Emotion</i>	<i>Abortion, Loss and Testing</i>
	<i>Chair Sara Bamdad</i>	<i>Chair: Aimee Middlemiss</i>
11:10-11:30	<p>Voluntary sterilisation in Austria: childfree women's meanings beyond contraception</p> <p><i>Vanessa Bock</i></p>	<p>Accessibility and equity of abortion in the era of telemedicine: neoliberal market logics and a feminist ethics of care?</p> <p><i>Rebecca Blaylock</i></p>
11:30-11:50	<p>Layers of Loss: A Sociological Perspective on 'Reproductive Loss' in the Context of Fertility Treatment</p> <p><i>Nina Jakoby</i></p>	<p>Pills, Procedures, and Reproductive Governance: Analysing the Moral, Affective, and Epistemic Logics of Abortion Method Choice.</p> <p><i>Aideen O'Shaughnessy</i></p>
11:50-12:10	<p>Autoethnographic narratives in reproductive research</p> <p><i>Chantelle Taylor</i></p>	<p>'I Play to Honour and Remember': father's accounts of navigating perinatal loss through the medium of football.</p> <p><i>Kerry Jones</i></p>
12:10-12:30	<p>Early pregnancy endings as a workplace issue: stigma and the dynamics of disclosure</p> <p><i>Jo Brewis et al</i></p>	<p>Understanding Women's Experiences of Hormone Fertility Testing</p> <p><i>Chanelle Scott</i></p>

12:30-1:20	<i>Lunch and poster viewing</i>	
	<i><b>Stream A</b> Assisted Reproductive Technologies (One)  Chair Christina Weis</i>	<i><b>Stream A</b> Reproductive Timing and the making of Parenthood  Chair: Jess Turner</i>
1:20-1:40	International Surrogacy, Transgressive Caregiving and the Lived Politics of Citizenship at Birth  <i>Kate Tonkiss</i>	Spreadsheet ethnography, queer biology, and gestational age assessment in the UK  <i>Marcin Smietana &amp; Giulia Zanini</i>
1:40-2:00	Parental perspectives on artificial placenta technology: Foregrounding embodied and temporal experiences of prematurity  <i>Chloe Romanis and Victoria Adkins</i>	Before pregnancy, at work: anticipation, fertility treatment and working women's pathways into motherhood  <i>Patrizia Kokot-Blamey</i>
2:00-2:20	An Intersectional Study of Chinese Women's Assisted Reproduction and the Making of Assisted Hun-Xue-Er  <i>Yiyun Bai</i>	Between evidence and promotion: The digital marketing of PGT-A in UK and Italian fertility care  <i>Manuela Perrotta</i>
2:20-2:40	"Genetically compatible": expanded carrier screening and the universalisation of preconception genetic risk  <i>Cathy Herbrand et al</i>	Obesity and Childbearing: Meeting Mothers Needs About Gestational Weight Gain  <i>Rowena Doughty</i>
2:40-2:50	<i>Break and poster viewing</i>	
2:50-3:20	<i>Short film screening and discussion Women in stirrups: the dark side of midwifery  Anna Bosanquet with Jenny McEvoy and Adam Winkler as the actor and film producer</i>	

	<i><b>Stream A</b></i> <i>Assisted Reproductive Technologies (Two)</i>  <i>Chair Kylie Baldwin</i>	<i><b>Stream B</b></i> <i>Birth</i>  <i>Chair Marcin Smietana</i>
3:20-3:40	Genes are genes, but family is family - Adolescents' experiences of being conceived with identity-release oocyte donation  <i>Henrik Groundstroem et al.</i>	Birth partners' experiences of understanding and negotiating their roles  <i>Christina Weis and Zaheera Essat</i>
3:40-4:00	How do parents following identity-release sperm donation feel about their child's opportunity to access donor information – findings of the Swedish Study on Gamete Donation  <i>Claudia Lampic et al.</i>	Freebirth in the UK, USA & Australia: A Narrative Review & Cross-Country Analysis  <i>Zeynep Gurtin &amp; Emily Arnold</i>
4:00-4:20	Fertile Economies: Egg Donor Compensation and Reproductive Labour in the UK Bioeconomy  <i>Jess Turner et al.</i>	The unintended consequences of place of birth policy for preterm babies.  <i>Julie Roberts et al.</i>
4:20-4:40	Unpicking the stitch: cervical cerclage as a reproductive technology  <i>Aimee Middlemiss</i>	<i>Presentation withdrawn</i>
4:40-5:00	<i>Closing notes and departure</i>	

The conference will take place at *De Montfort University*, Leicester in Trinity House Chapel and Boardroom.

The city of Leicester is located an hour from London and is easily accessible by both rail and road and is well served by East Midlands and Birmingham airport.

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