



Human Reproduction Study Group Winter Event



Critically Mapping Cross-Border Reproduction

Friday 1st February 2019

University of the West of England, Bristol

Keynote Address

We are pleased to announce that the plenary address will be delivered this year by **Professor Diana Marre** from the AFIN Research Group at the Autonomous University Barcelona, also Visiting Professor 2017-19 at UWE, Bristol.

On stratified reproductive work in Spain: the role of ‘anonymity’ and ‘altruism’

In the early 1990s, Spain was described as having ‘lowest-low’ fertility, and it continues to have among the lowest fertility rates in Europe. This decreasing fertility may look like a waning desire to have children, but in fact it is an expression of reproductive disappointments due to different reasons that have significantly increased maternal age at first pregnancy. For most Spanish –and European– women, when ‘the right time’ to have children arrives, creating a family often becomes possible through the ‘intimate’ reproductive labour of other women (birth mothers, egg donors and surrogates). The arrangements they make resemble other kinds of labour arrangements in which the racialised, gendered, and geographical devaluing of certain people makes their reproductive labour ‘cheaper’ than that of others, or even free. Here I reflect on the role of ‘anonymity’ and ‘altruism’, both of them justified by the need to prevent child commodification in reproductive work in Spain to illustrate that transnational adoption, assisted reproduction with egg donation and surrogacy share features with other kinds of cross-border care and labour arrangements.

Roundtable

The event will culminate with a roundtable discussion on 'Critically mapping cross-border reproduction' with **Professor Bronwyn Parry** (King's College London), **Dr. Mwenza Blell** (Newcastle University), **Dr. Sayani Mitra** (University of Liverpool), **Dr. Michal Nahman** (UWE, Bristol) and a representative from [Project Mama UK](#).

Conference Details

The conference will take place at the University of the West of England, Bristol, in Block X, Room 6X109 (Faculty of Business and Law building). Lunch and refreshments will be included.

Registration and fees

Please register in advance, here:

<https://portal.britsoc.co.uk/public/event/eventBooking.aspx?id=EVT10768>

Concessionary BSA member (full-time student, retired, unwaged) £30

Student non-BSA member £35

BSA member £40 / Non-BSA member £45

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