Human Reproduction Study Group Annual Conference

Monday 18th May 2026

CALL FOR PAPERS

We welcome theoretical, methodological, and empirical papers on any aspect of the Sociology of Human Reproduction including, but not limited to: pregnancy & childbirth; mothering/fathering & kinship; infant feeding; (in)fertility; stillbirth & infant death; abortion; miscarriage; assisted conception, new reproductive technologies & genetics.

Over the past 24 years, the conference has attracted national and international speakers from emerging, early career, and experienced researchers based at universities, and those working in the field.

We are pleased to announce that the plenary address will be delivered this year by Prof Charlotte Faircloth from University College London who will be presenting on her new ESRC project:'50 Years of Becoming a Mother'.

Further details about the plenary address will be provided closer to the date of the conference.

Abstract Submission
Please send abstracts of up to **250 words** by **1st April** to CRR@dmu.ac.uk with the Subject Line 'BSA HRSG Abstract Submission'. Abstracts significantly over the word count will not be accepted. Presentation slots will be 15 minutes long.

Abstracts will be anonymised when reviewed by the Co-Convenors of the group, taking into account the suitability of the topic, the stage of research process (if appropriate), and the significance of the findings or arguments proposed.

Conference Details
The conference is hosted by the Centre for Reproduction Research and 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 airports.

If there is interest a post-conference meal or informal self-funded drinks will be organised for the Monday evening.

Registration Fees: Student BSA member £30 / Student non-BSA member £35
BSA member £40 / Non-BSA member £45.

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