

Reproductive *Trouble?* Technology, Gender, Politics.



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Full Program

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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

Auditoire Louis Jeantet (Maison des Fondations), route de Florissant 77, Genève

16:00 Introduction
Delphine Gardey (University of Geneva)

16:15 **PANEL I. INFERTILITY RISKS: REPRODUCTION IN UNCERTAIN ENVIRONMENTS**

This panel interrogates the current state of fertility from the vantage of risk and uncertainty. The growing use of ART for age-related infertility, the consideration of environmental factors as both causing fertility decline and shaping the decision of whether or not to have children, and the demographic anxieties surrounding declining fertility all contribute to making fertility a matter of urgency. The rise of fertility insecurity has several implications: the broadening of the populations affected by infertility risk, but also increased dependence on biomedical interventions to assess and manage fertility. The expectation of infertility risk thus contributes to a collective anxiety around our reproductive future, which is inevitably impacting reproductive bio-politics in ways yet to be properly examined.

Refusing, Reconsidering and Re-entrenching: Exploring Reproduction Narratives During Climate Change

Heather McMullen (Queen Mary University of London)

Navigating Epistemic Uncertainties Related to Infertility Risks in a Context of Egg Freezing
Éléonore Crunchant (University of Geneva)

Reproductive Governance in Spain and Motherhood Postponement

Bruna Alvarez Mora (Autonomous University of Barcelona)

Discussion and moderation: **Nolwenn Bühler** (University of Lausanne), **Laura Perler** (University of Bern)

18:15 **KEYNOTE LECTURES**

Reproduction in the Social Sciences

Catherine Waldby (Australian National University)

Assisted Troubles: ARTs and the Future of Reproduction

Aditya Bharadwaj (Graduate Institute)

Moderated discussion: **Delphine Gardey** (University of Geneva), **Claire Grino** (University of Geneva)

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30TH

Salle des Abeilles, Palais de l'Athénée, rue de l'Athénée 2, Genève

08:45 PANEL II. REPRODUCTIVE MARKETS: DONATION, ACCUMULATION OR EXTRACTION?

This panel considers the bio-economy of reproduction and its recent transformations through a feminist lens. It offers an account of how reproductive markets in different national contexts are structured as well as global and transnational trends. The panel is organized around recent works addressing issues such as the collection and circulation of reproductive biomaterial; investment and capital accumulation surrounding fertility clinics and the rise of online services; global reproductive chains and exploitation therein; and alternative forms of commodification such as donation and solidarity.

Using, Transferring, Stockpiling, and Storing Eggs in Spanish Fertility Clinics: A Shifting Reproductive Model

Sara Lafuente-Funes (Goethe University Frankfurt)

Traders of Gametes, Brokers of Values: Mediating Commercial Gamete Donations in Delhi

Sandra Bärnreuther (University of Lucerne)

Reproductive Markets: Financialisation, Democratisation and Efficiency

Lucy van de Wiel (King's College London)

Discussion and moderation: Cédric Durand (University of Geneva), Sezin Topçu (CNRS)

10:30 PANEL III. REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE? RIGHTS, NORMS, TECHNOLOGY, AND INEQUALITIES

This panel examines the legal, bureaucratic, epistemological, and technological factors that govern reproduction and access to reproductive technology, as well as the social injustices that they engender. Through an intersectional, gender-informed critical perspective, the panel seeks to shed light on the social, legal, and bioethical implications of the multifaceted regulatory framework surrounding reproductive technologies. The panel is organized around recent work addressing issues such as unequal access to reproductive technologies (e.g. for single women and LGBTQ+ people); bodily and sexual agency and its consequences on reproductive autonomy and self-determination; normative conceptions of parenthood and reproduction underpinning legal systems; and the weight of local technical implementation on biomedical services.

Where Does it Start and End? (Legal) Gender Misalignment Waiting at the Gate

Alice Margaria (University of Zurich)

From Prohibition to Free Provision: Implementation of Elective Egg Freezing in Healthcare Services in France (2011 - 2023)

Claire Grino (University of Geneva)

Controlling Access to Reproductive Techniques? Filiation Law in France and Switzerland

Marie Mesnil (University Paris Saclay)

Discussion and moderation: Ilana Eloit (University of Geneva), Sandra Hotz (University of Neuchatel)

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30TH

Centre Maurice Chalumeau en sciences des sexualités, 7 route de Drize, Carouge

14:30 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

14:45 **PANEL IV. DISRUPTING REPRODUCTION? TRANS PEOPLE'S ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES: AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE (1)**

This panel focuses on trans people's reproductive rights from an international, intersectional feminist perspective. It seeks to address how cisheteronormative medical, technical and legal infrastructures effectively shape trans people's access to reproduction and filiation. Bringing together recent contributions on medical and legal practices, as well as the experiences of trans people in different countries, the panel will reflect on the potential for queering reproduction via inclusive practices such as fertility preservation prior to gender-affirming treatments and the establishment of "creative" filiation, free from binary and patriarchal norms of female/male and mother/father.

Not of Women Born: Sociotechnical Imaginaries of Gender and Kinship in the Regulation of Transmasculine Reproductive Citizenship in Denmark

Anna Sofie Bach (University of Copenhagen)

Policy Recommendations for Trans Reproduction in Europe

Doris Leibetseder (University of Basel)

Discussion and moderation: **Alice Margaria** (University of Zurich), **Sylvie Morel** (University of Nantes)

16:00 **PANEL IV. (2)**

Capturing the Views and Voices of Trans and Non-binary Young People on Fertility Preservation: A Photovoice Approach

Kévin Lavoie (Laval University)

A Biogenetic Filiation for Later? Caregivers and Trans People's Experiences of Reproductive Technologies in Switzerland and France

Raphaël Albospeyre-Thibeau, Delphine Gardey, Solène Gouilhers (University of Geneva)

Discussion and moderation: **Laurence Hérault** (Aix-Marseille University), **Bruno Strasser** (University of Geneva)

17:30 Tea/Coffee Break (public)

18:15 **TOWARDS TRANS-INCLUSIVE REPRODUCTION?
VERS UNE REPRODUCTION TRANS INCLUSIVE ?**

18:30 **Reproductive Justice Beyond the Gender Binary**

Sally Hines (University of Sheffield)

(English, translated into French)

19:15 **Roundtable Discussion** (French, translated into English)

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Moderated Discussion: **Emmanuel Beaubatie** (CNRS)