

Workshop

Narrativising Surrogacy: Transnational and Interdisciplinary Perspectives

3–5 April 2024

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Programme

Wednesday, 3 April 2024

- 9:30–10:00 a.m. **Welcome and Opening**
- 10:00–11:15 a.m. **Keynote: Amrita Pande** (University of Cape Town, South Africa)
The Future of Surrogacy: Domino Effects of a Surrogacy Ban
- 11:15–11:30 a.m. Coffee Break
- 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **Jonte Lindemann** (Gen-ethisches Netzwerk, Germany)
Skipping the Public Debate? The Push for Legalizing Surrogacy in Germany
- 12:30–1:45 p.m. Lunch (Rice Guys)
- 1:45–3:45 p.m. Chair: Anton Kirchhofer
- Olivia Mitscherlich-Schönherr** (Universität Potsdam, Germany)
Surrogacy as Reproductive Autonomy?
- Olanike Adelakun** (Lead City University, Nigeria)
The Labour Perspective and Nature of Consent of Surrogacy in Nigeria
- 3:45–4:15 p.m. Coffee Break
- 4:15–5:15 p.m. Chair: Silke Stroh
- Kateryna Moskaleno** (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine)
Surrogacy Unveiled: Legal Regulation of Human Reproduction in Ukraine

Thursday, 4 April 2024

- 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Chair: Anna Auguscik
Urte Helduser (Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg, Germany)
On the (Literary) History of Birth, Parenthood and Surrogacy since the 18th Century
Alys Weinbaum (University of Washington, Seattle, USA)
Constellating the Histories of Surrogacy: The Affordances of the Reproductive Dystopia
- 12:00–1:15 p.m. Lunch Break
- 1:15–3:15 p.m. Chair: Rebecca Käpernick
Manali Karmakar (Vellore Institute of Technology, Chennai Campus, India)
Reproductive Choices, and Vulnerable Bodies: Examining Surrogacy Practices through Indian Films and Fiction
Katharina Gerund (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany)
Ideal Surrogates? Military Spouses and ‘the Mommy Deployment’ in Contemporary US Literature and Culture
- 3:15–3:35 p.m. Coffee Break
- 3:35–5:35 p.m. Chair: Julia Wurr
Petra Thorn (social worker and family therapist specialised in infertility counselling, Germany)
Surrogacy in Germany – Too Complex to Regulate? Perspectives of an Infertility Counsellor
Taleo Stüwe (Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen; assistant doctor at the family planning centre BALANCE in Berlin):
The Myth of a Queer Lobby Pushing for the Legalization of Surrogacy in Germany
- 7:15 p.m. Conference Dinner (Kleine Burg, Oldenburg)

Friday, 5 April 2024

- 9:30–10:30 a.m. Chair: Julia Wurr
Carolin Becklas and Rebecca Käpernick (Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg, Germany)
Ecological Motherhood(s) in Post-Apocalyptic Video Games
- 10:30–10:45 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Final Discussion/Towards Publishing the Results of the Workshop