Selecting reproductive technologies – routes of routinisation and globalisation

International Conference, 13–15 December 2012, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Thursday, 13 December 2012

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<td>9.00-9.30</td>
<td>Welcome: Ayo Wahlberg &amp; Tine Gammeltoft</td>
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<td>Keynote: “Sexual Selection Revisited: mechanistic analogies and the analogy of mechanism in the context of reproduction”</td>
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<td>Sarah Franklin, University of Cambridge</td>
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<td>Simone Bateman: Making an acceptable choice: thoughts on reproductive decision-making by carriers of a mutation for two hereditary cancers, retinoblastoma and hereditary breast and ovarian cancer</td>
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<td>Malaika Rödel: Everything new? – Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis in Germany</td>
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<td>Nitza Rimon-Zarfaty: PGD and Selective Abortions Following PND - a comparative analysis of views and experiences of prospective Israeli parents</td>
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<td>Elly Teman: Pregnancy and Piety: the Risks that Prenatal Diagnostic Technologies Pose for Pregnant Haredi Women</td>
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<td>Tsipy Ivy: A case for maternal responsibilities: the varieties of a cultural universal</td>
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<td>Lisa Rubin: “Either way, we have the responsibility to make the decision”: Navigating Parental Responsibility in the Context of PGD for BRCA1/2</td>
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<td>Jianfeng Zhu: Facing the ‘Probabilities’: Maternal Serum Screening, responsibility and patient-doctor relationship in perinatal health testing</td>
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<td>Eva Sänger: Medical routine or entertainment? Hybrid cultural forms of obstetric ultrasound examinations in Germany</td>
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<td>Jenna Grant: Ultrasound practices in Phnom Penh: Selecting children and parents, doctors and technologies</td>
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<td>Li-Wen Shih: Enacting Pregnant Women, Enacting the Foetus: Prenatal Screening and Testing in Taiwan</td>
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<td>Hang Tran Minh: Global dissemination, local engagement: Ultrasound and sex selection in Vietnam</td>
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<td>Ravinder Kaur &amp; Anindita Majumdar: Selecting the Selected Few: An Analysis of the Policies and Laws Surrounding the Use and Regulation of Specific Reproductive Technologies in India</td>
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<td>Laura Toftegaard Pedersen: Less competent mothers: Maternity care in policy and practice for women with social and psychological problems</td>
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### Session 3

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**3A: Choice reconsidered**
- Teresa Kulawik: Bodily Citizenship and Prenatal Diagnosis in Sweden
- Nete Schwennesen: From informed choice to distributed decision-making: Studying prenatal decision making as processes of knowledge production
- Lisa Rubin, I Cholst, I de Melo-Martin, M Leve, D Bitterman, I. Josephs: "Dilemmas of Choice": Exploring how oocyte recipients manage information about prospective donors
- Tine Gammeltoft: The Concept of Reproductive Choice: Critical Reflections on Freedom and Belonging

**3B: Surrogacy**
- Sunita Reddy & Tusi Patel: Production and Creation of Desired Babies: Surrogacy Practice in India
- Sharmila Rudrappa: Making Mothers in India: The Gendered Politics of Desisting and Assisting Reproduction
- Maria Holten & Lærke Palsson: TBC

### RECEPTION

**18.30-20.00**

(Understanding of Copenhagen, Nørregade 10, Room 3)

Evening free

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**Friday, 14 December 2012**

**9.00-10.00**

**Keynote:**
"Community- and State Intervention in Reproductive Decision-Making in Asia"
Margaret Sleeboom-Faulkner, University of Sussex

Room: Alexandersalen, Chair: Tine Gammeltoft

### Session 4

**10.30-12.30**

**4A: Transnational reproduction**
- Malcolm K. Smith: Creating ‘saviour siblings’: justifying parental choice from a virtue ethics perspective?
- Sigal Gooldin: Talking Back From the Future: Life itself from the Viewpoint of PGD Users Living with the Medical Conditions For Which They Choose to Perform PGD

**4B: Sex selection**
- Birgitte Bruun Nielsen & Jens Seeberg: Son preference and reproductive decision-making in rural South India: an ethnographic study
- Rajani Bhatia: Lifestyle Sex Selection: Shifting Forms of Reproduction, Transnational Flows, and Inequality
- Siri Tellier: To What Extent Has Sex Selection Technology Contributed To Sex Ratio Imbalance In The Last 30 Years?
- Jyotsna Gupta: Women’s right to choose?: How science, culture and population politics contribute to sex selective abortion of female foetuses in India

### Session 5

**13.30-15.00**

**5A: Making families**
- Cathy Herbrand: Blurring kinship through nuclear DNA transfer in the case of mitochondrial DNA disorders: what happens when there is a third DNA donor?

**5B: Clinical-laboratory selections I**
- Mette Nordahl Swendsen: Transspecies comparisons at the margins of life
- Sebastian Mohr: “You just fill the straws with sperm and freeze it” – Quality, selection, and standardization in sperm analysis and sperm donation
- Ayo Wahlberg: Selecting donors in a Chinese sperm bank

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Session 6

15.30-17.30 6A: Bioeconomies and stratifications
Room: 325, Chair: Charlotte Kroløkke
Vincenzo Pavone: Performing the bioeconomy: reproductive medicine, genetic testing and neoliberalism in Spain
Elizabeth FS Roberts: Assisted Existence: The Materiality of Reproductive Care
Varada Madge: Gestational Surrogacy in India: The problem of technology and poverty
Marcia C. Inhorn: New Arab Fatherhood: Emergent Masculinities and “Selective” Assisted Reproduction

6B: Clinical-laboratory selections II
Room: 203, Chair: Mianna Meskus
Sandra Baernreuther: ‘Good’ Embryos: Technologies of Selection in IVF Laboratories
Nurhak Polat: Embryos-in-practice: reproductive technologies in Turkey
Merete Lie: Visualising cells and processes of autonomisation
Lauraine Vivian: Debating Leach’s (1966) “Virgin Birth” and Selective Reproductive Technologies - Problem Based Learning in Third Year Medical Students

17.45-18.45
Keynote: “Historicizing novelty: Reproductive selective technologies – new or different?”
Lene Koch, University of Copenhagen

CONFERENCE DINNER
20.00 @ The Italian, Vester Voldgade 25

Saturday, 15 December 2012

Session 7

9.30-11.30 7A: Routinising prenatal screening, making decisions
Room: 325, Chair: Isabel Karpin
Jessica Glen & Antonia Lyons: “To make sure it’s not a mutant baby”: An Exploration of Pregnant Couples’ Constructions of Routine Ultrasound, Pregnancy, the Foetus and ‘Their Baby’.
Laura Louise Heinsen: Refusing prenatal screening and its biomedical embeddedness
Barbara Ann Barret: Experiencing dilemmas when doing prenatal screening - Health professionals handling new risk markers in a setting of objectivity and neutrality
Mianna Meskus: Graded beginnings: Biomedical networks of embryonic and fetal selection

7B: National imaginaries
Room: 203, Chair: Elizabeth Roberts
Yael Hashiloni: The cultural logic behind repro-genetics in the Israeli-Jewish Society
Ute Kalender: from informed consent to comprehensive education – problematisations of PND in German feminist, scientific and political knowledge
Weronika Chanska: Nothing is what it seems – prenatal diagnosis in Poland
Suli Sui: A Comparative Approach to Understand Genetic Counselling in China

11.45-12.45
Keynote: “Cell Lines and Fault Lines: Thinking About NIPD in Comparative Contexts”
Rayna Rapp, New York University

12.45-13.15 Closing remarks

BROWN-BAG LUNCH
CONFERENCE ENDS

Optional trip to art museum Louisiana (Please register via conference website)
13.35 Train from Nørreport to Humlebæk
Participants will be provided with return train ticket and entrance fee. You are free to return whenever you like. NB. There is an 850m walk between Humlebæk station and Louisiana.