

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Philosophy of Birth

Rethinking
the Origin from
Medical Humanities

Our conceptions of birth reflect and influence our view of the world and of human beings. This conference addresses some of the assumptions that are embedded, often unrecognised, in current cultural practices around childbirth. Our guiding questions and the resulting arguments engage current debates around childbirth and beyond. Rethinking our origin is our way of constructing a genealogy, a 'logos of the genos' in a literal sense.

Research in the Philosophy of Birth is closely linked to innovation and knowledge exchange and touches critical topics as surrogacy, consent, medical treatments or autonomy.

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Monday 27th May

9.00 - 9.45 Welcome and Work Meeting Session
PHILBIRTH Research and Collaborating Teams

9.45 - 10.00 Opening

10.00 - 10.45 Analysis of Conceptual and Framework Premises
A Reconstruction of the Logos on Genos
Stella Villarmea (University of Alcalá / University of Oxford)

10.45 - 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 - 12.00 Analysis of Conceptual and Gender Premises
Conceptual Shortcomings of the Neoliberal Defence of Surrogate Motherhood': Norms, Freedom, Desire, Rights
Ángeles J. Perona (Complutense University of Madrid)

12.00 - 12.45 Analysis of Metaphysical Premises
The Metaphysics of Birth
Elselijn Kingma (University of Southampton)

12.45 - 13.00 Break

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch

14.30 - 15.15 Analysis of Phaenomenological Premises
The Promise of Natality
Christina Schües (Universität zu Lübeck)

15.15 - 16.00 Analysis of Existentialist Premises
'...But her Body is Other than Herself': Towards a Beauvoirian Understanding of Obstetric Violence
Sara Cohen (University of Haifa)

16.00 - 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 - 17.15 Analysis of Socio-Political Premises
Who is a Mother? Maternal Identity and the Imaginary
Sarah LaChance Adams (University of Wisconsin Superior) &
Caroline Lundquist (University of Monash)

17.15 - 18.00 Collaborative Reflection and Outline of Argument

18.45 - 19.45 Walking Tour of University of Alcalá & UNESCO Sites

20.00 - 21.30 Dinner at a Traditional Restaurant

Tuesday 28th May

9.00 - 10.00 Ideas and Discussion on Collective Publication
PHILBIRTH Research and Collaborating Teams

10.00 - 10.45 Analysis of Medical and Psychological premises
The Impact of Surrogacy on Mental Health: A Review of the Consequences from an Ecosystemic Approach
Ibone Olza (University of Alcalá)

10.45 - 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 - 11.45 Analysis of Historical Premises
Metaphors for Gestation / Gestation as Metaphor in Ancient Greece and Rome
Dawn LaValle (University of Melbourne)

11.45 - 12.30 Analysis of Historical Premises
From 'Compulsory Maternity Insurance' to "Compulsory Sickness Insurance": one step toward the medicalization of childbirth in Spain (1931-1963)
Dolores Ruiz Berdún (University of Alcalá)

12.30 - 12.45 Analysis of Anthropological Premises
Unveiling Technocracy's Ways of "Dressing-up-in Humanism" in Institutional Birth
Michelle Sadler (University Adolfo Ibáñez Chile)

12.45 - 13.00 Break

13.00 - 15.00 Lunch

15.15 - 15.45 Analysis of Ethical Premises
Bottles, Breasts and Birthing Pools: Common Problems in Our Discourse on Birth 'Choices' and Infant-Feeding Decisions
Fiona Woollard (University of Southampton)

15.45 - 16.30 Analysis of Ethical Premises
Caring for Delivery: Professionals' Ethical Conflicts on Surrogacy
Rosana Triviño (University of Alcalá)

16.30 - 17.00 Coffee Break

17.00 - 17.45 Collaborative Reflection and Outline of Argument

17.45 - 18.30 Way Forward Meeting and Conference Close

18.30 - 19.00 Administration
PHILBIRTH Research and Collaborating Teams

19.00 - 20.00 Break

20.00 - 21.30 Dinner at a Traditional Restaurant in Alcalá