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PROGRAM

THURSDAY 28 MAY 2015

09:30 - 10:00 **Registration**

10:00 - 10:30 **Welcome**

Alexandra Bounia, Vice Rector of Academic Affairs, University of the Aegean
Haris Exertzoglou, Chair of the Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean
Venetia Kantsa, Principal Investigator (In)FERTILE, University of the Aegean

1st Session Law, Bioethics and Kinship I

CHAIR / DISCUSSANT: **Alexandra Bakalaki**, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Part I

10:30 - 10:50 Lina Papadopoulou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Is there a 'right to reproduce' through MAR techniques?

10:50 - 11:10 Sven Bergmann, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin
Not too much, not too less: doing regulation in Spanish IVF clinics

11:10 - 11:30 Stine Willum Adrian, Aalborg University
Boundaries of Ethics - sperm on the border

11:30 - 12:00 **Discussion**

12:00 - 12:30 **Coffee/ Tea Break**

Part II

12:30 - 12:50 Trudie Gerrits, University of Amsterdam
The making of ART policies in the Netherlands: about processes and arguments

12:50 - 13:10 Ewa Maciejewska-Mroczek, University of Warsaw
A „test-tube child“ between religion and modernization. Contested subject in the Polish debate on assisted reproduction

13:10 - 13:30 Eirini Papadaki, University of the Aegean
NTA and private adoptions in Greece

13:30 - 14:00 **Discussion**

14:00 - 16:00 **Lunch Break**

2nd Session Reproductive Governance, Moral Dilemmas and Embodied Experiences of ARTs

CHAIR / DISCUSSANT: **Eugenia Georges**, Rice University

16:00 - 16:20 Tatyana Kotzeva, Burgas Free University (with Irina Todorova and Yulia Panayotova)
Discourses around new reproductive technologies (NRT) and infertility treatment: Analysis of on-line sources and discussions in Bulgaria

16:20 - 16:40 Anna Krawczak, NASZ BOCIAN
What is hidden: Areas of silence in the Polish IVF debate in perspective of gametes and embryo donations

16:40 - 17:00 Annalisa Agius, City University London
Mothers' experiences in adapting to parenthood following successful fertility treatment. An interview study in Malta

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17:00 – 17:20 Aglaia Chatjoulis, University of the Aegean
(In)fertility and ART drugs. Making sense of ART drug consumption and the art of achieving motherhood.

17:20 – 18:00 **Discussion**

18:00 – 18:30 **Coffee/ Tea Break**

Part II

18:30 – 18:50 Erica van der Sijpt, University of Amsterdam
Making mothers in post-communist Romania: The problems and potentialities of IVF

18:50 – 19:10 Ivi Daskalaki, University of the Aegean
Religious aspects of medically assisted reproductive technologies in Greece

19:10 – 19:30 Despina Naziri, University of Liege
Unattainable motherhood: A psychodynamic approach

19:30 – 20:00 **Discussion**

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3rd Session: Law, Bioethics and Kinship II

CHAIR/ DISCUSSANT: **Heather Paxson**, MIT

Part I

9:30 – 9:50 Judit Sándor, Central European University
Who should benefit from the contemporary techniques of assisted reproduction?

9:50 – 10:10 Enrica Bracchi, University of Nantes
“Saying ARTs”: a terminological and comparative reflection about legal texts on assisted reproduction

10:10 – 10:30 Theodoros Trokanas, European University of Cyprus
The disposition of human reproductive material in the Cypriot Draft Bill on medically assisted human reproduction

10:30 – 10:50 Vasiliki Kokota, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
The influence of religion on legal framework concerning MAR

10:50 – 11:30 **Discussion**

11:30 – 12:00 **Coffee/ Tea Break**

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Part II

12:00 – 12:20 Enric Porqueres i Gené, EHES Paris
ART’s uterine individuals in perspective: prenatal individuation in a cross-cultural perspective

12:20 – 12:40 Alexandra Ntroumpogianni, University of Crete
The conceptualization of embryo in PGD/IVF* units in Greece: empirical and theoretical approach

12:40 – 13:00 Manuela Perrotta, Queen Mary University of London
One is enough! The rise of ICSI in Italy

13:00 – 13:20 Shirin Garmaroudi Naef, University of Zurich
Attitudes towards sex selection: A Survey among Iranian medical, legal, philosophical and religious scholars

13:20 – 14:00 **Discussion**

14:00 – 16:00 **Lunch Break**

4th Session: Kinship, gender and sexuality

CHAIR/ DISCUSSANT: **Costas Canakis**, University of the Aegean

16:00 – 16:20 Anna Carastathis, California State University, LA - University of the Aegean
Compulsory Sterilisation of Transgender People as Gendered Violence

16:20 – 16:40 Aspa Chalkidou, University of the Aegean
“It’s my party and I’ll inseminate if I want to”: Some thoughts on sex, sexuality and parenthood drawn from not a totally fucked up queer fertilization

16:40 – 17:00 Joanna Mizielinska, Polish Academy of Sciences and Agata Stasińska, Warsaw University
Reproductive Plans and Their Fulfilments by Families of Choice in Poland: Negotiations between Possibilities, Desires, and Reality.

17:00 – 17:20 Ulrika Dahl, Södertörn University
Becoming In/fertile: Rethinking (lesbian) femininity in an age of reproduction

17:20 – 18:00 **Discussion**

18:00 – 18:30 **Coffee/ Tea Break**

Roundtable: Kinship and reproduction

MODERATOR: **Deanna Trakas**, University of the Aegean

18:30 – 18:50 Sarah Franklin, University of Cambridge
Reconstituting Reproductivity: a tale of IVF in two halves

18:50 – 19:10 Jeanette Edwards, University of Manchester
Increasing transparency and openness in donor conception in the UK

19:10 – 19:30 Joan Bestard, University of Barcelona
New Reproductive Technologies and the Anthropology of Kinship

19:30 – 20:00 **Discussion**

SATURDAY 30 MAY 2015

5th Session: Transnational Repromobilities

CHAIR/ DISCUSSANT: **Sarah Ahmed**, Goldsmith’s University of London

Part I

10:30 – 10:50 Charlotte Kroløkke, University of Southern Denmark
Jetlagged and bloated: Experiencing the world through egg donation.

10:50 – 11:10 Polina Vlasenko, Indiana University
Desirable bodies/Precarious laborers: The subjectivation of the egg donors in Ukraine

11:10 – 11:30 Burcu Mutlu, MIT
The ethics of secrecy and disclosure in transnational sex selection from Turkey to Northern Cyprus

11:30 – 12:00 **Discussion**

12:00 – 12:30 **Coffee/ Tea Break**

Part II

12:30 – 12:50 Andrea Büchler, University of Zurich
Divided motherhood across the globe: Surrogacy and legal and cultural encounters between Europe and Asia

12:50 – 13:10 Michael Nebeling Petersen, University of Southern Denmark
Between precarity and privilege. Claiming motherhood as gay fathers through transnational surrogacy

13:10 – 13:30 Giulia Zanini, University of Padova
Transnational medical reproductive mobilities from, to and across the Mediterranean: Reflections from the (In)fercirt project.

13:30 – 14:00 **Discussion**

14:00 – 16:00 **Lunch Break**

6th Session: (In)Fertile Citizens

CHAIR/ DISCUSSANT: **Venetia Kantsa**, University of the Aegean

16:00 – 16:20 Jenny Gunnarsson Payne, Södertörn University
Trans*forming the (In)fertile citizen. Egg freezing and transgendered fertility patients in Swedish Law, Policy, and Health Care

16:20 – 16:40 Lia Lombardi, University of Milan
Reproductive technologies and “social infertility” in Italy. Gender policies and inequalities

16:40 – 17:00 Christodoulos Bellas and Albert Dicran Matossian, University of the Aegean
ART experience, ethical perceptions and socioeconomic characteristics of infertile citizens in Greece: A statistical analysis

17:00 – 17:20 Zeynep Gürtin, University of Cambridge
Patriarchal bargains in the 21st Century: Infertility, childlessness and gender relations in Turkey

17:20 – 18:00 **Discussion**

18:00 – 18:15 **Closing Remarks**