



# Intimate Politics

Fertility Control in a Global Historical Perspective

23 May 2018

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Unless otherwise noted, all events will be held in the Sydney Smith Lecture Theatre, Room 2.520, Doorway 1 (Old Medical School, Teviot), University of Edinburgh.

9:00-10:00     **Registration, Coffee, and Welcome:** Cassia Roth and Diana Paton

10:00-12:00   **Medical Authority and Reproductive Control**

*Chair:* Gayle Davis, University of Edinburgh

Elizabeth O'Brien, *'The Hysteria Diagnosis and Artificial Premature Birth in Republican Mexico (1870-1874)'*, University of Texas, Austin

Jacki Antonovich, *'The Age of the Knife and Pistol': Women Physicians and Reproductive Surveillance in the American West, 1870-1930'*, University of Michigan

Lauren MacIvor Thompson, *'"Doctors Free to Prescribe": Legal Contraception and Medical Authority in the Management of the American Family'*, Georgia State University

Laura Kelly, *'You had to have a fair amount of self-confidence to go in and ask for something like that': The Early History of the Contraceptive Pill in Ireland, c.1964-1979'*, Strathclyde University

12:00-13:00   **Lunch** (MacMillan Room)

13:00-14:30   **The Global Politics of Family Planning Made Local**

*Chair:* Jane O'Neill, University of Edinburgh

Seçil Yilmaz, *'Intimate Technologies of Family Making: Birth Control Politics in Turkey in the 1960s'*, Cornell University

Natasha Erlank, *'"Family Planning" in Post-Independence Ghana'*, University of Johannesburg

Kate Law, *'For women who would not toe the line: South Africa, the British Anti-Apartheid Movement and the Debate over Depo-Provera c.1980-1987'*, University of Chichester

14:30-15:00   **Coffee/Tea Break**

15:00-16:30   **Spheres of Control: State, Community, Family**

*Chair:* Kirsty Day, University of Edinburgh

Caroline Musgrove, *'The Physician and the Female Patient: Controlling Fertility in the Late Antique Mediterranean'*, University of Cambridge

Ling Ma, *'The Intimate Triangle: Women, the State, and the Family in the Prosecution of Criminal Abortion in China, 1928-1949'*, Washington State University

Tuba Demirci-Yilmaz, *'Maternal Women, Anti-Abortion Debates and Patriarchal Anxieties at the Crossroads of National Restoration: The Late Ottoman, Early Republican Case, 1840-1940'*, Altinbas University

17:00-19:00   **Keynote Address, Book Signing, & Drinks Reception**, Lighthouse Books

Laura Briggs, *'Reproductive Politics in a Neoliberal Age: Accounting for Right-Wing Populism and Reproductive Labor'*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

20:00           **Dinner**, Mother India

9:00-10:30 **Reproductive Geographies**

*Chair:* Zubin Mistry, University of Edinburgh

Cara Delay, *'Facing Up to It: Reproduction Decision-Making, Communication, and Sexual Cultures in 1930s and 40s Dublin'*, College of Charleston

Natalie L. Kimball, *'Navigating Unwanted Pregnancy and Abortion in the Urban Andes'*, CUNY Staten Island

Christabelle Sethna, *'A Moral Panic: The Travel of Non-Resident Women to London for Abortion Services, 1960-1975'*, University of Ottawa

10:30-11:00 **Coffee/Tea Break**

11:00-12:30 **Sources, Bodies, Definitions**

*Chair:* Cassia Roth, University of Edinburgh

Rebecca Fleming, *'Adoption, Exposure and 'Fertility Control' in Ancient Rome'*, University of Cambridge

Felicity Turner, *'Bodies of Evidence: Infanticide, Women, and the Law in the Nineteenth-Century United States'*, Georgia Southern University

Juanita de Barros, *'Embodied Sources: Abortion and Reproduction in the early Twentieth-Century British Caribbean'*, McMaster University

13:00-14:00 **Lunch** (MacMillan Room)

14:00-16:00 **Demographics, Race, and Population Policies**

*Chair:* Diana Paton, University of Edinburgh

Gülhan Balsoy, *'Late Ottoman Policies of Female Fertility and Changing Experiences of Intimacy'*, Istanbul Bilgi University

Bonnie A. Lucero, *'To Protect the "Man of the Cradle": Race and Fertility Control in Cuba's Slave Society'*, Tulane University

Cynthia Greenlee, *'The Freedpeople Will not Survive: U.S. Postemancipation Extinction Narratives and Contemporary Anti-Abortion Rhetoric'*, Independent Scholar

Susanne M. Klausen, *'Racism, Population Control and Black Women's Widespread Practice of Fertility Control in South Africa Under Apartheid'*, Carleton University

16:00-17:00 **Roundtable Closing Discussion:** Cassia Roth, Diana Paton, Laura Briggs, and conference participants

