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East Midlands Medical Sociology Group Event

On Monday 11th June 2014, the [Reproduction Research Group](#) in collaboration with the [East Midlands Medical Sociology Group](#) hosted a conference funded by the [British Sociological Association](#).

This conference included a keynote lecture from [Professor Anne Kerr](#), University of Leeds on 'Emotional work in Biomedical Innovation' and two presentations from [Kylie Baldwin](#), De Montfort University 'Social egg freezing: Women's experience of a new form of "fertility preservation"' and [Robyn Lotto](#), University of Leicester 'Decision-making following suspicion or diagnosis of a severe congenital anomaly - The clinicians perspective'.

Further information about this conference can be found by accessing the [event programme](#) which contains abstracts as well as contact details of the presenters.

The event was well attended with 35 delegates from across the Midlands.

The meetings are open to both BSA and non BSA members. Details of our forthcoming meetings and booking instructions will be available via the BSA and RRG websites. A small charge may be levied for attendance at meetings. However, BSA members and students will be charged a discounted fee. If you wish to be put on our mailing list so that you can be advised of future events please contact [Jessica Turner](#) (or tel: 0116 207 8306).

Postgraduate Conference: The Sociology of Technologically Mediated Reproduction

On Thursday 29th May 2014 postgraduate students from the [Reproduction Research Group](#) hosted a postgraduate conference on 'The Sociology of Technologically Mediated Reproduction' funded by the [British Sociological Association](#).

This conference included a keynote lecture from Professor Sarah Franklin, Cambridge University, a writing workshop providing advice on publishing in the field, as well as presentations from ten postgraduate and early career researchers on their current research. The event attracted delegates and speakers from six European countries.

Further information about this conference can be found by accessing the [event programme](#) which contains the conference abstracts as well as the contact details of the presenters.

More photos from this event can be found [here](#).

Following the conference, a new postgraduate and early career researcher network has been established titled, 'Postgraduate Social Scientists in Assisted Reproduction' ([PG-SSiAR](#)). This network aims to be multidisciplinary and is open to all postgraduate as well as early career researchers working in the area of assisted reproduction. The aim of this network is to bring together like minded researchers working in this specific area for collaboration, networking and the exchange of ideas as well as to provide opportunities for mutual development and support through the running of events and the sharing of information and resources. To join this network, please click [here](#) or search for 'PG-SSiAR' at

<http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/> or for more information about the network please contact [Kylie Baldwin](#).

Men, In/fertilities and Reproductive Technologies

From 24-25 April 2012, Prof Lorraine Culley, Dr Nicky Hudson and Ms Wendy Norton from De Montfort University, along with Dr Maria Lohan and Prof Sheena Lewis from Queen's University Belfast, convened an international, multi-disciplinary symposium on Men, In/fertilities and Reproductive Technologies, at De Montfort University. This event was funded via De Montfort University's Revolving Investment Fund.

The event brought together established and existing researchers and early career researchers to address the significant absence of a consideration of men and masculinities in research on in/fertilities and reproductive technologies. Researchers in the disciplines of sociology, psychology, ethics, counselling, andrology and nursing were invited to attend and present at the symposium.

Men and Reproduction

In August 2012, Prof Lorraine Culley from De Montfort University, along with Dr Maria Lohan, Queen's University, Belfast and Dr William Marsiglio, University of Florida, USA, convened a conference symposium at the International Sociological Association Forum, Buenos Aires.

Following the symposium, the August 2013 special issue of the [Journal of Family Issues](#) explores men's roles in matters related to family planning, conception, abortion, adoption and preparing for childbirth. The guest editors of the collection include Prof Lorraine Culley.

Ethnicity and Reproductive Technologies

In September 2006, Prof Lorraine Culley and Dr Nicky Hudson from De Montfort University, and Dr Floor van Rooij from University of Amsterdam, convened a multi-disciplinary symposium to explore infertility and the use of new reproductive technologies in the context of multi-ethnic societies. The event was held in Nottingham, UK, and was funded by the ESRC Science in Society Programme and the Society for Reproductive and Infant Psychology. The symposium was developed from the ESRC-funded '[GAMDON](#)' study (RES-160-25-0044).

The event was designed to bring together leading researchers and young researchers in the field of new reproductive technologies and minority ethnic and migrant communities in the UK and European countries to present current research and debate methodological, ethical and political questions around NRTs and cultural diversity.

Following the symposium, a JISCmail network for those interested in ethnicity, culture and religion and reproduction and infertility, hosted and facilitated by members of the

Reproduction Research Group, was set up in order to generate discussion and collaboration in the field. Those interested in joining this network should visit the [JISCMail website](#) or email [Dr Nicky Hudson](#).

It also resulted in the publication of an edited collection, entitled *[Marginalized Reproduction: Ethnicity, Infertility and Reproductive Technologies](#)* (Earthscan, 2009). Prof Culley, Dr Nicky Hudson and Dr Floor van Rooij edited the collection, and several of the symposium participants contributed chapters.