

Programme

Thursday, 13 September 2018

From 12.45 p.m. Registration

1.30 p.m. Welcome address

Session 1: **Motherhood and maternalism - theoretical questions and social context**

2 – 5.30 p.m.

Ilona Ostner (Göttingen): Farewell to maternalism: a historical and comparative approach

Harry Willekens (Hildesheim): Motherhood as a legal institution: a historical-sociological commentary

Jonathan Herring (Oxford): Maternalism and Making Decisions for Children

7.30 p.m. Conference dinner

Friday, 14 September 2018

Session 2: **Pregnancies, technologies and the legal politics of the body**

9 a.m. – 12.30 a.m.

Sally Sheldon (Kent): Preventing motherhood: change and continuity in British abortion law

Andrea Büchler (Zürich): Uterus transplantation and discourses on motherhood

Theresa Richarz (Hildesheim): „One is not born, but rather becomes a woman“ – by giving birth? – „Queering“ of gendered kinship law by transgender parents

12.30 p.m. Lunch break

Session 3: **One sole parent, two parents, three or more?**

1.30 – 5 p.m.

Susan Boyd (Vancouver): Autonomous motherhood? Choice and constraint

Frederik Swennen (Antwerp): (Dis)assembling legal motherhoods - from static statuses towards fluid kinship-categories

Anne Sanders (Bielefeld): Motherhood and multiple parenthood

5.45 p.m. Optional one-hour guided tour of Hildesheim

Saturday, 15 September 2018

Session 4: **Legal rules, legal innovations, and their politics**

9 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Masha Antokolskaia (Amsterdam): The distribution of parental roles between the two mothers in Dutch lesbian families

Kirsten Scheiwe (Hildesheim): Decision making and rules on the exercise of joint parental responsibility –the neutered mother and power relations from a comparative perspective

Claudia Wiesemann (Göttingen): Conceptions of gender and age in debates about postponed motherhood

12.30 - 1 p.m. Final discussion

1 p.m. Conference end and light lunch

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the gender-differentiated regulation of parenthood in law, its justification and critique from a gender theoretical perspective“

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