



1st Ver Heyden de Lancey Conference

Freedom and Responsibility in Reproductive Choice

Friday 2nd July 2004 (9.30 am to 5.30 pm)

Saturday 3rd July 2004 (9.30 am to 4 pm)

Venue: Faculty of Law, 10 West Road, Cambridge

All sessions take place in Lecture Theatre LG 17 in the basement area of the Faculty Building. Tea and coffee during breaks will be available in the lower basement.

Programme

FRIDAY, 2nd July 2004

- 9.00 – 9.30 Registration, Distribution of Conference Papers (Faculty of Law, Foyer)
- 9.30 – 12.30** **Morning Session**
Extending reproductive choice through medically assisted reproduction: An ongoing social experiment
Chair: Prof John Spencer (Cambridge)
- 9.30 – 9.45 Welcome (*Prof. John Spencer, Cambridge, Conference Organiser*)
- 9.45 – 10.15 **The possibilities of medically assisted reproduction and the medical profession's perspective on the parameters of a desirable regulatory framework.**
Speaker: Prof. Martin Johnson (Cambridge)
- 10.15 – 10.45 **Why have children? How medically assisted reproduction techniques may affect social understandings of the value of parenthood and individual motivations to procreate.**
Speaker: Dr Celia Roberts (Lancaster)
- 10.45 – 11.15 Joint Discussion
- 11.15 – 11.45 Tea Break
- 11.45 – 12.15 **Choosing the "who": What is wrong with making a 'perfect' child?**
Speaker: Prof. Thomas Baldwin (York)
- 12.15 – 12.30 Discussion
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break
(A small snack will be available in the lower atrium area of the building. Restaurants and pubs for a more substantial lunch are within close walking distance.)

FRIDAY, 2nd July 2004 (continued)

- 14.00 – 17.30** **Afternoon Session**
Reproductive Autonomy and Rights-Based Discourse
Chair: Prof. Derek Morgan (Cardiff)
- 14.00 – 14.15 Participants re-assemble in Conference Room LG 17
Introduction to afternoon session (*Prof. Derek Morgan, Chair*)
- 14.15 – 14.45 **Reproductive choices and reproductive rights: The parameters of the debate (I)**
Speaker: Prof. John Harris (Manchester)
- 14.45 – 15.00 Discussion
- 15.00 – 15.30 **Reproductive autonomy and "gender justice": The parameters of the debate (II)**
Speaker: Dr Sally Sheldon (Keele)
- 15.30 – 15.45 Discussion
- 15.45 – 16.15 Tea Break
- 16.15 – 16.45 **Reproductive Autonomy: A philosophical investigation into the limits of rights-based discourse.**
Speaker: Baroness Mary Warnock
- 16.45 – 17.30 General Discussion ranging across the topics of the day

SATURDAY, 3rd July 2004

- 9.30 – 12.30** **Morning Session**
Reproductive Autonomy and Parenthood
Chair: Dr Ron Zimmern (Cambridge)
- 9.30 – 9.45 Introduction (Dr Ron Zimmern, Genetics Knowledge Park, Cambridge)
- 9.45 – 10.15 **The rights and obligations associated with genetic parentage: law and law reform.**
Speaker: Dr Andrew Bainham (Cambridge)
- 10.15 – 10.45 **Parenting by doing v. parenting by being: recognition and respect for unrelated carers**
Speaker: Prof. Judith Masson (Warwick)
- 10.45 – 11.15 Joint Discussion
- 11.15 – 11.45 Tea Break
- 11.45 – 12.15 **My family, my ancestors, "my kind": To what extent is the genetic link important for our constructions of who we are and where we belong?**
Speaker: Dr Alison Shaw (Brunel)
- 12.15 – 12.30 Discussion
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break (snack provided)

SATURDAY, 3rd July 2004 (continued)

- 14.00 – 16.00** **Afternoon Session**
Reproductive Autonomy and Parenthood (continued)
Chair: Dr Ron Zimmern (Cambridge)
- 14.00 – 14.15 Participants re-assemble in Conference Room LG 17
Introduction to afternoon session (*Dr Ron Zimmern, Chair*)
- 14.15 – 14.45 **The genetic link: Why we ought, or ought not to, value it.**
Speaker: Prof. Martin Richards (Cambridge)
- 14.45 – 15.15 **Defining parenthood: The importance of genetic connection.**
Speaker: Prof. Bonnie Steinbock (Albany)
- 15.15 – 16.00 Final Discussion

Organisers

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