

## **Access to Equality: Reproductive Justice in the United States**

Institute of English and American Studies (IEAS)

All sessions will take place in Studio 111, Registration and Coffee Breaks in Studio 109

### **Friday March 31, 2023**

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#### **8:30 Registration**

Studio 109

#### **9.00 Conference opening**

#### **9.15-10.45 Reproductive (In)Justice in Health and Health Care**

**Chair: Ingrid Gessner**

##### **“Like a Shadow’: Patriarchal Religious Structures and Women’s Health”**

Beth Williams Purcell (PhD candidate, Texas Christian University Fort Worth, Texas, USA)

##### **“Nineteenth-Century Science of Surgery as Cure for the Greatest Curse”**

Sigrid Schönfelder (speaking online, CET) (PhD, University of Passau, Germany)

##### **“[T]he doctor said if I signed this paper they could help me’: Settler Colonialism and Impacts on the Reproductive Freedoms of Indigenous Women”**

Nina De Bettin Padolin (speaking online, CET) (PhD candidate, University of Graz, Austria)

#### **10.45-11.15 Coffee break**

Studio 109

#### **11.15-12.45 Keynote lecture:**

##### **“Reproductive Rights as a Site for a New Cold War” Andrea Pető (Central European University, Vienna)**

**Chair: Éva Mathey**

**12.45-14.00 Lunch break**

**14.00-16.00 The Legal and Political Legacies of Reproductive Justice**

**Chair: Beatrix Balogh**

**“Unsung Sheroes: The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment at the Intersection of Race, Gender, and History”**

Vanessa Vollmann (PhD, University of Passau, Germany)

**“Protect and Control: Coverture’s Logics across Welfare Policy and Abortion Laws”**

Clare Daniel (Administrative Associate Professor, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA) &

Karissa Haugeberg (Associate Professor, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA)

**“The Road not Taken: The Republican Party before the War on Women”**

Françoise Coste (speaking online, CET) (Professor, University of Toulouse)

**“Legal Aspects of Post Mortem Procreation in the USA and Poland”**

Maciej Rzewuski (speaking online, CET) (Associate Professor, University of Warmia and Mazury, Olsztyn, Poland and judge at the District Court in Olsztyn)

**16.00-16.30 Coffee break**

Studio 109

**16.30-18.30 Representations and Activism in New and Old Media**

**Chair: Marie Dücker**

**“Can I train my two-months’ old to soothe himself to sleep?': Gender, Class and Infant Care in American Cities as Reflected on Facebook Parental Forums”**

Justyna Wierzchowska (speaking online, EST) (Associate Professor, University of Warsaw, Poland)

**“Never Again: Ms. Magazine and Reproductive Justice”**

Nicole Haring (PhD candidate, University of Graz, Austria)

**“Drawing (on) Roe vs. Wade: Reproductive Justice in Feminist Underground Comix in the 1970s”**

Małgorzata Olsza (speaking online, CET) (Assistant Professor, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland)

**“Feminist Internationalism and Self-Managed Abortions: A Social Media Analysis”**

Katharina Wiedlack (Assistant Professor, University of Vienna, Austria)

**19.00-19.30 Cultural program**

Studio 111

**20.00 Conference dinner**

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**Saturday, April 1, 2023**

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**9.00-10.00 Portraits of Women in the Fight for and against Reproductive Justice**

**Chair: Imola Bulgozdi**

**“Meridel LeSueur: A Voice for Reproductive Justice of the 1930s”**

Roberta Maierhofer (Professor, University of Graz, Austria)

**“How Jane Roe became a ‘Pro-Life champion’”**

Beatrix Balogh (Faculty, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest, Hungary)

**10.00-10.30 Coffee break**

Studio 109

**10.30-12.30 Narrations of Reproductive Justice in Literature: Part I**

**Chair: Izabella Kimak**

**“Beyond the Norms: Reproductive Justice and Intersexuality in Select Fiction”**

Parvathy Das (speaking online, GMT + 5:30) (Research Scholar, National Institute of Technology Calicut, India) &

Reju George Matthew (speaking online, GMT + 5:30) (Assistant Professor, National Institute of Technology Calicut, India)

**“Enlightened under Paternalism?: Negotiations of Non-Chosen Motherhood in Novels by Women of Color”**

Atalie Gerhard (speaking online, CET) (PhD candidate, Saarland University, Germany)

**“Four Faces of Reproductive Rights in Leni Zumas’s *Red Clocks*”**

Barbara Miceli (speaking online, CET) (Assistant Professor, University of Gdańsk, Poland)

**“Reimagining Reproduction and Biotechnology in US-American Environmental Fiction”**

Ina Batzke (speaking online, CET) (Post-doctoral researcher and lecturer, University of Augsburg, Germany)

**12.30-14.00 Lunch break**

## **14.00-16.00 Narrations of Reproductive Justice in Literature: Part II**

**Chair: Elisabetta Marino**

### **“A Subjectivity She Can Call Her Own: Law, Order, and the Maternal Experience in Celeste Ng’s *Little Fires Everywhere*”**

Fulvia Sarnelli (speaking online, CET) (Assistant Professor, University of Messina, Italy).

### **“Damned If We Do, Damned If We Don’t: Narratives of Reproductive Control”**

Sandra Tausel (speaking online, CET) (PhD candidate, University of Innsbruck, Austria)

### **“Reclaiming Control: Forms of Resistance in Contemporary Reproductive Dystopias”**

Raluca Andreescu (speaking online, GMT+2) (Assistant Professor, University of Bucharest, Romania)

### **“Portrayals of Reproductive Rights Abuses and Embodiment in Contemporary Black, Chicana, and Native American Fiction”**

Zsuzsanna Lénárt-Muszka (PhD, Instructor, University of Debrecen, Hungary)

## **16.00-16.30 Coffee break**

Studio 109

## **16.30-18.00 Re-Mapping Publics in Reproductive Justice Activism**

**Chair: Christen Bryson**

### **“Women’s Studies, Pregnant Academics, and the Climate of Change at US American Universities of the 1970s”**

Abigail Fagan (speaking online, CET) (Assistant Professor, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany)

### **“Affect as an Act of Doing for Rewriting the Binary Distinctions Informing Liberal Conceptualization of ‘Human Rights’”**

Erzsébet Barát (Associate Professor, University of Szeged, Hungary)

### **“Abortion Rights in the Social Movements of the 1960s and 1970s: A Divisive Issue”**

Christèle Le Bihan-Colleran (speaking online, CET)(Associate Professor, University of Poitiers, France)



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**18.00 Conference closing**