

Introduction

Over the last decade, numerous studies demonstrate how assisted reproductive technologies shape and are shaped by concepts of kinship. Going beyond these established themes, this workshop explores ARTs more generally as a “resource” as defined by the newly established Collaborative Research Centre SFB 1070. According to this definition, cultural ideas and practices turn tangible (e.g. substances, objects) as well as intangible means (e.g. forms of knowledge, technologies) into valued resources which produce immediate social effects and also trigger long-term socio-cultural dynamics.

Applied to ARTs, this definition of a “resource” raises a number of new social issues and shifts the focus towards questions of social development, movements of people and competing valuations.

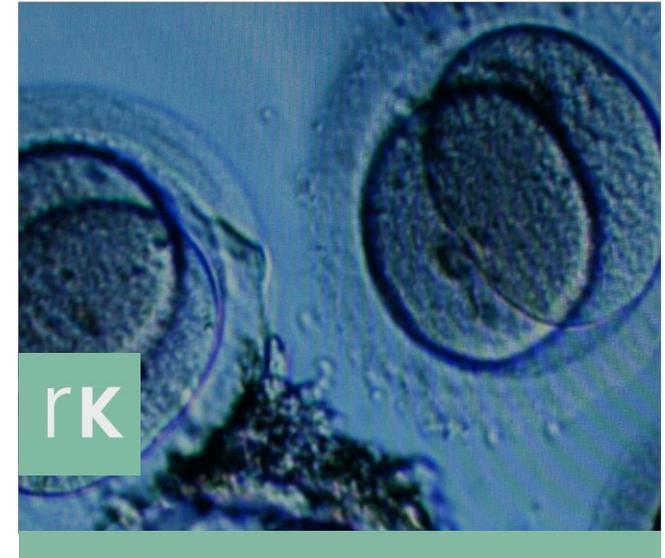
Participants will address different theoretical and empirical aspects of the social use of ARTs in a wide range of ethnographic contexts – bioethical discourses, local perceptions of motherhood and fatherhood, negotiations between medical, legal, religious and non-governmental organisations, as well as demographic policy and ethnic conflict. The workshop shall help identifying the different local valuations of assisted reproductive technologies as either a blessing or a curse.

The workshop aims to foster the rethinking of ARTs beyond a natural understanding of reproduction and frames the use of reproductive technologies in social and cultural dynamics in the realms of religion, law and morality.

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SFB 1070 | RESOURCECULTURES
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International Workshop „Assisted Reproductive Technologies as a Resource – Blessing or Curse?“

June 19th to June 21st 2015
Schloss Hohentubingen | R. 165
Tubingen | Germany

Convenors: Shirin Garmaroudi, Roland Hardenberg
and Annabell Körner



Friday 19.06.15

Speakers travel to Tübingen

Saturday 20.06.15 | morning

09:00

Welcome, Introduction and Focus Discussion

Roland Hardenberg, Shirin Garmaroudi, Annabell Körner

10:30 Tea | coffee

10:45

Roland Hardenberg | University of Tübingen

ARTs as Resource and the Question of „Blessing and Curse“

11:15

Corinne Fortier | CNRS, Paris

Assisted Medical Procreation, Sexuality, and Kinship in Sunni Islam and in other Monotheisms: Essay of a Comparative Approach

12:15

Lunch

Saturday 20.06.15 | afternoon

13:15

Giulia Zanini | University of Padova

Unsecular Life: On ARTS and Religion in Italy and in the Mediterranean Context

14:15

Annabell Körner | University of Tübingen

“Child in Every Family!” - Family Planning, Infertility, and Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Georgia

15:15 Tea | coffee

15:45

Ivi Daskalaki and Venetia Kantsa | University of Aegean

The Fabrication of Kinship: Medically Assisted Reproduction and Changing Notions of Relatedness among Orthodox Christians in Greece

16:45

Ewa Maciejewska-Mroczek | University of Warsaw

Silent Subjects: A Child and Identity Rights in the Debate on ART in Poland

18:00

Tübingen excursion

19:30

Dinner together

Sunday 21.06.15

09:00

Sibylle Lustenberger | University of Bern

Encounters with mamzerim: Rabbinic Kinship Concepts and the Formation of Same-sex Parenthood

10:00

Shirin Garmaroudi | University of Zurich

A Phenomenology of Reproductive Travel: Seeking Parenthood in Iran

11:30

Roundtable Discussion of the papers and future directions & coffee/tea

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

Workshop ends

