Between Policy and Practice: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Equitable Access to Health Care

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Day One: Monday, July 6, 2015

Part I – Morning Session (9.00-13.15):

Presentations by Invited Speakers

Disciplinary Area I: Bioethics & Law

Paweł Łuków, Ph.D., Institute of Philosophy, Ethics Department, University of Warsaw (Poland): Assisted Reproductive Technologies. Regulation and Abstraction

Guido Pennings, Ph.D., Bioethics Institute Ghent, Ghent University (Belgium): Cross-border reproductive care and justice

Karolina Więckiewicz, J.D., Polish Federation for Women and Family Planning, Warsaw (Poland): European Court of Human Rights – developing the standards of art in the human rights dimension

Disciplinary Area II: Sociology

Zeynep B. Gürtin, Ph.D., Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge (UK): International Egg Exchanges: Beyond Exploitation and Consumerism

Elżbieta Korolczuk, Ph.D., Department of Sociology and Work Science, University of Gothenburg, and Södertörn University (Sweden): Second-rate citizens? Assisted reproduction and citizenship in contemporary Poland

Iva Šmidová, Ph.D., Department of Sociology, Masaryk University, Brno (Czech Republic): Coping Strategies in Clinical Daily Chores: Gendered Provision of Health Care in the Czech Reproductive (Bio)Medicine
11.15-11.45 Coffee / Tea Break

Disciplinary Area III: Anthropology & Gender Studies

Jill Allison, Ph.D., Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University of Newfoundland (Canada): *Enduring Politics: The culture of obstacles in legislating for ART in Ireland*

Charis Thompson, Ph.D., Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (USA) and Department of Sociology, London School of Economics and Political Science (UK): *Transnational, Disability, and Reproductive Justice: Sociological Perspectives on ARTs and Equitable Access to Health Care*

Disciplinary Area IV: Health & Policy Advocacy

Anna Krawczak, M.A., President of the Society for Infertility Treatment and the Support of Adoption “Nasz Bocian” (“Our Stork”) (Poland): *Monitoring over ART centres - patients perspective*

Renate Kurszus, M.A., Ønskebarne, Norwegian Association for Fertility and Infertility, Oslo (Norway): *Conservative laws in a modern country*

13.15-14.15 Lunch Break

Part II – Afternoon Session: 14.15-18.00

Presentations by Symposium Participants

Bettina Bock von Wülfingen, Ph.D., Humboldt University (Germany): *Re-constructing the embryo: the new German PGD and in-vitro parenting*

Michelle Bayefsky, Pre-Doctoral Fellow, National Institutes of Health (USA): *Comparative PGD Policy in Europe and the United States and its Implications for Reproductive Tourism*

Antonietta Elia, Ph.D., University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain): *Balancing Ethics Values with Scientific Reasonableness: The Italian Law 40/2004 on the Access to Medical Assisted Reproduction in the Light of National and European Case-Law*

Erich Griessler, Ph.D., Mariella Hager, Ph.D., Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna (Austria): *Changing direction. The Austrian struggle about how to regulate ART*

Debra Wilson, Ph.D., University of Canterbury (New Zealand): *Is A Ban On Commercial Surrogacy In The Best Interests Of The Child? Reflecting On Recently Proposed Irish Reforms*

Shirin Garmaroudi Naef, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Zurich (Switzerland): *Attitudes Towards Sex Selection: A Survey Among Iranian Medical, Legal, Philosophical and Religious Scholars*

Jenny Gunnarsson Payne, Ph.D., Södertörn University (Sweden): *Trans*forming the Fertility Patient. Egg Freezing and Transgendered Fertility Patients in Swedish Law and Policy*

Inmaculada de Melo-Martin, Ph.D., Cornell University (USA): *How Best to Protect the Interests of Donor-Conceived Individuals: Prohibiting or Mandating Anonymity in Gamete Donations?*

Atina Krajewska, Ph.D., Cardiff University (UK): *Access of single women to fertility treatment: a case of incidental discrimination?*
Poster Display:

Helen Allan, Ph.D., Middlesex University (UK): A discussion of the shaping of organisational routines and the distal patient in assisted reproductive technologies

Esther Crespo, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Barcelona (Spain): Women and partners experiences after successful Assisted Reproduction Techniques (ART)

Dov Greenbaum, Ph.D., Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (Israel): A Novel Cause of Action to Discourage Detrimental Genetic Selection

Sigurður Kristinsson, Ph.D., University of Akureyri (Iceland): Surrogacy in Iceland: Legal developments and ethical issues

Ginny Mounce, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Surrey (UK): A longitudinal ethnographic study of couples’ experiences of starting infertility treatments: early findings

Maria Reimann, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Warsaw (Poland): “I was with my wife all the time”. Polish men’s narratives of the IVF treatment

Beatriz San Román, Ph.D., Autonomous University of Barcelona (Spain): Assisted reproduction in Spain: between policies and practices

Elissavet Symeonidoy-Kastanidoy, Ph.D., Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece): Medically Assisted Reproduction: Towards an integrated European legislation?

Heleen Weyers, Ph.D., University of Groningen (Netherlands): Mandatory sperm-donor registry: instrumental, symbolic or something in between?

Tracie L. Wilson, Ph.D., Martin Luther University in Halle (Germany): The Limits of Consensus: Ethics, Tolerance, and ART Practices in Germany and Poland

Shawn Winsor, Ph.D. Candidate, McMaster University (Canada): Ethical Considerations Affecting Access to ART in Canada, and their Broader Policy Implications: Results from “The Gatekeepers’ Survey”

16.15-16.45 Coffee / Tea Break & Poster Viewing

Plenary Discussion of Posters and Participants’ Papers

18.00 Dinner for all Symposium Participants and Auditors

Day Two: Tuesday, July 7, 2015 (09.00-13.00)

Brief summary by each of 10 invited speakers on the main issues that emerged from the first day and identification topics that require further discussion

11.00-11.30 Coffee / Tea Break

Plenary Discussions

13.00 Lunch