

SUBJECT

Current practices of medically assisted reproduction (MAR) have myriad ethical, legal and social implications. This workshop focuses on the ethics of the growing global market of inter-country medically assisted reproduction (IMAR), and on particular concerns about human rights violations of women donating egg cells or serving as surrogate mothers.

OBJECTIVE

The workshop will conceptualize principles of an ethic of care in the context of IMAR so as to lay the ethical foundation for an international human rights based regime of IMAR governance that might offer an alternative to the unregulated market. It will explore themes of respect, reciprocity and solidarity, integrity and relatedness, altruism and anonymity, intimacy and proximity.

OUTCOME

Conceptualization of principle elements of an IMAR ethic of care

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WORKSHOP

18-21 JANUARY 2016

**INTER-COUNTRY MEDICALLY
ASSISTED REPRODUCTION
(IMAR)**

**CONCEIVING A HUMAN RIGHTS
ETHIC OF CARE**

BACKGROUND

With the dramatic growth of international surrogacy in the last five years or so, matters concerning the status of the offspring have come to the attention of the Hague Conference on International Private Law, where ongoing discussion pertains to the rights of the children to nationality and legal parentage. However, less attention has been paid to concerns about vulnerability of women who are reproductive providers, or to any of the other regulatory layers that constitute international ethics and governance.

As opposed to transnational transplant medicine, for which there is an emerging consensus in international law and professional self-governance, IMAR remains an unregulated market. There are no accepted ethical guidelines or clinical standards for quality and safety. Distribution of the human biological resources is through unregulated market mechanisms on the basis of ability to pay, rather than justice or solidarity. There are no standards of governance and accountability. There is no understanding of the difference between reproductive tourism and trafficking, and no international criminal justice redress for the most heinous instances of exploitation, deception and coercion.

PROGRAM

Monday, 18 January

- 14:30 Welcome
- 15:00-18:00 Introduction round
Chairs: C. Shalev & G. Werner-Felmayer

Four half-day sessions of semi-structured roundtable discussions moderated by pairs of experts:

Tuesday, 19 January

- 10:00-13:00 Ethic of care
Chairs: R. Macklin & D. Martin
- 15:00-18:00 Surrogacy
Chairs: S. Nadimpally & H. Eyal
- After dinner Film: Ma Na Sapna – A Mother's Dream (2013)
ZHDK, Switzerland, and discussion with director Valerie Gudenus

Wednesday, 20 January

- 10:00-13:00 Gamete donation
Chairs: F. Baylis & A. Moreno
- 15:00-18:00 Embryo selection
Chairs: M. Darnovsky & A. Whittaker

Thursday, 21 January

- 09:30-12:00 Summary and steps forward
Chairs: C. Shalev & G. Werner-Felmayer

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