

# Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Northern and Southern Countries: Issues, Challenges & the Future.

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The seminar aims to identify and understand the (sociological, anthropological, demographic, political) impacts and issues related to Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART), including 3rd party ART and surrogacy, in different countries and continents through their legal and medical regulations and guidelines, their practices and representations, their demand and supply sides and their protagonists (intended parents, physicians, donors and surrogates).

Infertility has social impacts, particularly for women, who, without children, are often highly marginalized. ART allows infertile couples, men and women to have a child, but also, more generally, to conceive a child, depending on their life courses, their reproductive choices, even their 'convenience'. But these are not always available: many countries have no specialized centre, others have particularly restrictive access conditions, and others offer a limited medical assistance. Thus, ART may protect women from the stigma of infertility and childlessness. However, they may not reduce inequality and existing gender discrimination and gender roles in different geographical and socio-economic strata. Moreover, it may be used as a tool for reinforcing prevailing gender role. A salient example is surrogacy, which is subject to much controversy in terms of medical and sociological impacts, especially when it occurs in low resource countries/areas (the South), and it is requested by parents from high resource areas (the North). While the use of ART is particularly explored in the Western world, little is known about infertility, related palliative care and childlessness in Southern countries.

Therefore, this seminar aims to provide a critical view of ART in different contexts and fields, from different perspectives and approaches. It also aims to provide new empirical and analytical elements and to open a scientific dialogue between different parts of the world on ART issues, between North and South particularly. A particular focus will be on surrogacy which serves as a magnifying glass of all the current controversies and arguments regarding ART.

*The seminar will take place at*

**The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS),  
Library Building, 2nd Floor,  
Govandi Station Road, Deonar, Mumbai - 400 088.**



9:30 - 11:30

SESSION 1

**ART GUIDELINES, REGULATION AND ETHICS****Chair SHENFIELD Françoise**, ESHRE, United Kingdom**JOUANNET Pierre**,  
French Academy of Medicine, France

The French scenario

**DR SHARMA**,  
ICMR, IndiaNational Guidelines and Legislation for Assisted Reproductive  
Technology (ART) in India**GÜRTIN Zeynep B.**,  
Cambridge University, United KingdomART in Turkey (*title to be confirmed*)**BRUNET Laurence**,  
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne,  
FranceInternational and European law issues arising from cross-border  
surrogacy arrangements

11:30 - 12:00

BREAK

12:00 - 13:30

SESSION 2

**SPECIFIC GENDER ISSUES OF ART****Chair GUILMOTO Christophe**, IRD / CEPED, France**NAHMAN Michal**,  
University of the West of England,  
United Kingdom(Transnational) Egg donation (*title to be confirmed*)**BIRENBAUM-CARMEI Daphna**,  
University of Haifa, Israel

"Worse comes to worst, I have a safety net": egg freezing in Israel

**SAROJINI N.B.**,  
Sama, Resource Group for Women and  
Health, IndiaHow Bodies Gender: Examining Infertility and Assisted Reproductive  
Technologies in Indian Context

13:30 - 14:30

LUNCH BREAK

14:30 - 16:30

SESSION 3

**SURROGACY IN INDIA: DIFFERENT REGARDS****Chair MEIJER Frederika**, UNFPA, India**RUDRAPPA Shamila**,  
University of Texas, United States of  
AmericaSweatshops to Surrogacy: Employment Strategies Among Bangalore's  
Working Class Women**Dr SHAH Duru**,  
Gynaecworld Fertility Clinic, India

Surrogacy. The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

**KATHIRAVAN V.**,  
IndiaInfluence of decision making in surrogacy - Role of Surrogate's  
Husband**REDDY Sunita, TANDERUP Malene,**  
**PATEL Tulsi and BRUUN NIELSEN**  
**Birgitte**  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, IndiaReproductive Ethics in Commercial Surrogacy: Informed Consent and  
Decision making in IVF clinics in Hyderabad and New Delhi, India

9:30 - 11:00

SESSION 4

**INFERTILITY LIFE COURSES AND ART EXPERIENCES****Chair UNISA Sayeed**, IIPS, India**BHARADWAJ Aditya**,  
Graduate Institute Geneva, Switzerland

Infertility and Cultures of Conception in India

**CORREA Marilena**,  
Federal University of Rio de Janeiro,  
BrazilAssisted reproductive technologies (ART) in Brazil: issues,  
challenges in public-private networks in the name of access and  
reproductive rights**DUCHESNE Véronique**,  
University Paris Descartes, FranceInfertility life courses and reproductive mobility : African  
experiences

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SESSION 5

**SURROGACY: REALITIES AND CONTROVERSIES****Chair ROZÉE G. Virginie**, INED / IIPS, India**MADSEN Hvidtfeldt Karen**,  
University of Southern Denmark,  
DenmarkBabies "Made in India". North-south surrogacy: Mediated  
motherhood and online kinship**TEMAN Elly**,  
Ruppin Academic Center, Israel

The Surrogate-Intended mother relationship

**SHENFIELD Françoise**,  
ESHRE, United Kingdom

Legal problems when parents return home with a surrogate child

**WHITTAKER Andrea**,  
University of Queensland, AustraliaConfusion and crisis: The situation for couples undertaking  
surrogacy in Australia and out of Australia

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PANEL DISCUSSION

**Chair DIRECTOR F. RAM****UNISA Sayeed****ROZÉE G. Virginie****GUILMOTO Christophe**