

**Re-situating Abortion: Bio-politics, Global Health and Rights in Neo-liberal Times**  
November 13-14, 2014

<b>NOVEMBER 13TH</b>	<b>Location:</b> <i>Convening space, Institute of Development Studies, IDS</i>
12:00 -12:30	<b>Registration</b>
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30 – 14.00	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
14.00 - 15:30	<b>Session 1: Experiences and Narratives of Abortion</b> <i>Discussant:</i> Dr Jennifer Palmer  Prof Tulsi Patel (University of Delhi, India) <i>'Experiencing abortion rights through issues of autonomy and legality'</i>  Laxmi Shreshtha (BBC, Nepal) <i>Awareness and advocacy at the grass-root: prerequisite for ensuring enjoyment of safe abortion rights in Nepal</i>  Gill Love (University of Sussex, UK) <i>Contextualising abortion: a life narrative study of abortion and social Class</i>
15:30 -16:00	<b>Tea</b>
16:00 -17:30	<b>Session 2: Challenges of Sex Selective Abortion</b> <i>Discussant:</i> Prof Tulsi Patel  Dr Navtej Purewal (School of African and Oriental Studies, University of London, UK) <i>Lost in the data: Exploring evolving contexts and contestations of enculturation and sex selection in the South Asian diaspora</i>  Dr Sylvie Dubuc (Institute of Ageing, University of Oxford, UK): <i>Implications of preference and prenatal sex-selection against females</i>  Dr Ellie Lee (University of Kent, UK): <i>The 'sex selection' controversy in Britain: where does it leave abortion law and practice?</i>
17:30 -19:30	<b>Drinks reception and launch event of Centre:</b> <i>Global Studies Resource Centre, Arts C</i>

**NOVEMBER 14TH**

**Location:** *Global Studies Resource Centre, Arts C*

09:30 -11:00

**Session 3: Moral Framings**

*Discussant:* Dr Silvia de Zordo

Jessica Newman (Yale University, US):

*Contesting criminality: abortion, unwed mothers, and the politics of worthiness in Morocco.*

Dr Emilomo Ogbe (Nigeria and Brussels):

*Abortion stigma and definitions of womanhood in Nigeria: A discourse analysis and review of the literature*

Dr Lesley Hoggart (Open University, UK):

*"I didn't like killing my baby": teenage pregnancy, the construction of risk and the moral framing of abortion in the UK*

11:00 - 11:30

**Coffee**

11:30 - 12:30

**Roundtable session : Abortion in Practice**

*Chair:* Prof Jackie Cassell, BSMS

Prof Roger Ingham (University of Southampton, UK)

*Second trimester abortions; women's explanations and experiences*

Bethan Cobley (Marie Stopes International, UK)

*'Increasing Access, Choice and Equity in Service Provision - current opportunities and challenges from service provider perspective.'*

12:30 - 13:30

**Lunch**

13:30 - 15:00

**Session 4: Abortion and Reproductive Governance**

*Discussant:* Prof Maya Unnithan (Corth, University of Sussex, UK)

Dr Silvia De Zordo (Universitat de Barcelona, Spain)

*From the edge to the centre of the screen: foetal rights and abortion rights in Italy and Spain.*

Pascale Hancart Petitet (Instuit de Recherche pour le Développement, Lao/Paris)

*Abortion politics and practices in Cambodia. Local forms, global issues*

Dr Jennifer Palmer (London Sch. of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK)

*Configuring 'appropriate' international engagement with family planning and abortion in South Sudan*

15:00 -15:30

**Tea**

15:30 -17:00

**Session 5: Abortion Litigation and Policy**

*Discussant:* Gill Love

Dr Fiona Bloomer (University of Ulster, UK)

*Abortion policy in Northern Ireland: Faith trumps Evidence*

Christina Zampas (Amnesty International, UK)

*Litigation at international and regional human rights bodies: a focus on the European Court of Human Rights.*

17.00 – 17.30

**Forward plans, publication, wrap up**