

## **Politics and Practices: The History of Post-war Women's Health**

Friday 22 October – Saturday 23 October

Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine

The University of Manchester

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We invite interested researchers to join us for this two-day conference, which will showcase recent scholarship and current work-in-progress on the politics, policy and practice of women's health after 1945.

Attendance is free, but there will be a charge for meals. For more details about the conference location and events, and to confirm attendance, please contact the conference organisers, Dr Emma Jones ([emma.l.jones@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:emma.l.jones@manchester.ac.uk)) and Dr Elizabeth Toon ([elizabeth.toon@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.toon@manchester.ac.uk)).

### **FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER**

#### **Session 1 (13:00 – 14:30):**

##### **Ambivalent Productions: Culture, Biology and the Female Body**

*Unrecognised Illness or Social Construction? Responses to Premenstrual Syndrome from within the Women's Health Movement*

Emma Jones, University of Manchester

*Too Female to Live? Feminisation, Individualisation and Agency in Cancer Personality Discourse*

Joanna Baines, University of Manchester

*'Female Sexual Dysfunction': Biological Psychiatry and Post-Feminism*

Katherine Angel, University of Warwick

#### **Session 2: (15:00 – 17:00):**

##### **Prescribing Femininity? Biomedical Discourses in Practice**

*Miscarriage in 20th-century Britain*

Rose Elliot, University of Glasgow

*The Deception of Conception: Infertility and Artificial Insemination in 1950s Scotland*

Gayle Davis, University of Edinburgh

*Gendering Breast Cancer Treatments in International Perspective*

Yolanda Eraso, Oxford Brookes University

*Bloody Women: Feminist Reclamations and Rejections of Menstruation in 1970s Britain*

Tracey Loughran, Cardiff University

#### **Session 3 (17:15 – 18:15):**

##### **Conference Keynote**

*Political Practices: Feminist Health Activism and Feminist History*

Judith Houck, Associate Professor of Medical History, History of Science, and Gender and Women's Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison

## **SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER**

### **Session 4 (9:00 – 11:00):**

#### **Reproduction and Reconstruction: Motherhood and the Post-war Nation-state**

*Reproductive Men and Women in the Reconstructing Japan, 1945-1952*  
Aya Homei, University of Manchester

*Of Emergences and Subjugations: Family Planning in Sri Lanka, 1953-2003*  
Darshi Thoradeniya, University of Warwick

*Political Motherhood and the Experience of Mothering in Post-War Poland*  
Katarzyna Stańczak-Wiślicz, Polish Academy of Sciences

*Protecting Working Mothers' Health: Left-wing Women Politicians and the Struggle for a Modern Welfare State in Italy, 1948-1975*  
Pamela Schievenin, Queen Mary, University of London

### **Session 5 (11:30 – 13:00):**

#### **Women, Health Care Professionals, and the Creation of Post-war Medicine**

*The Part Played by Chelsea Hospital for Women following the Second World War and the Commencement of the NHS*  
Susan Snoxall, Independent Scholar

*Gender and Madness in Post-War Bethlem: A Meeting of Minds?*  
Jennifer Walke, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

*Dorothy Price and the Introduction of BCG Vaccination to Ireland*  
Anne MacLellan, University College Dublin

### **Session 6 (14:00 – 16:00):**

#### **Feminism, Consumerism, and Health Organisations**

*Educational Organisation, Pressure Group or Social Network? The National Childbirth Trust in Britain c. 1957-2000*  
Angela Davis, University of Warwick

*Calling All Women: Women's Organisations and the Campaign for the Cervical Smear Test in 1960s Britain*  
Angela Grainger, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

*London Calling: Canadian Women and Abortion Tourism, 1960-1980*  
Christabelle Sethna, University of Ottawa

*Feminism, Consumerism or Activism? Understanding the Role of Patient Groups in Post-War Britain*  
Alex Mold, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

### **Closing discussion (16:20 – 17:00)**