

Selecting Kin: Examining Kinning and the Idea of Genes in Reprotech

International Workshop

Venue: [Gerhard-Mercator-Haus](#), Universität Duisburg-Essen
([Lotharstraße 57, 47057 Duisburg](#))

Dates: 2–4 July 2026

Convener: Anindita Majumdar (Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad)

Co-organiser: Éva Rozália Hölzle (Universität Duisburg-Essen)

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

2 July 2026

Opening Session

- 11:00–11:30 **Welcome**
Éva Rozália Hölzle (*Kinship Generations*) and Anindita Majumdar (*Selecting Kin*)
- Chair:** ÉVA ROZÁLIA HÖLZLE, Universität Duisburg-Essen
- 11:30–13:00 **Negotiating Kinship: Intersex, Biomedicine and the ‘Technologies of Care’,** by Mounika Pellur (Indian Institute of Technology Bombay).
Discussant: Paula Eulalia Bosch Garcia
- Selecting Viable Kin: Ambivalent Embryo Ontologies and Responsibility in PGT-A,** by Paula Eulalia Bosch Garcia, Mauro Turrini, and Vincenzo Pavone (IPP-CSIC, Spain).
Discussant: Mounika Pellur
- 13:00–14:00 Lunch at [Mensa Campus Duisburg](#)
- 14:00–15:30 **Selectively ‘Optimizing’ Kin: A Pronatalist Techno-Libertarian Project,** by Irina Herb (Georg August University) and Holly Isard (Birkbeck, University of London).
Discussant: Burcu Mutlu
- At Least One Boy? Seeking Sex Selective PGD from Turkey to Northern Cyprus,** by Burcu Mutlu (Ozyegin University).
Discussant: Irina Herb
- 15:30–15:45 Coffee Break
- 15:45–17:15 **Failed Medically Assisted Reproduction: The Invisibility of Grief in Birth-Centred Reproductive Sociality,** by Noémie Merleau-Ponty (CNRS, France) and Yolíniztli Pérez-Hernández (INSERM, France)
Discussant: Mica Palaz

Whose Genes, Whose Kin? Biogenetic Negotiations Among Lesbian Couples in Transnational ART from Switzerland, by Mica Palaz (University of Lausanne)

Discussant: Noémie Merleau-Ponty

17:15–18:15 General Discussion

19:00 Dinner at the [Lindenwirtin](#) (self-paid!)

3 July 2026

Morning Session

Chair: MWENZA BLELL, University of Newcastle

09:45–11:15 **Being Available and Managing Boundaries: Negotiating Contact Dilemmas in Differing Egg Donation Regimes**, by Christina Weis (with/on behalf of members of EDNA research team: Nicky Hudson, Jess Turner, Sara Lafuente, Lei Decappelle, Veerle Provost).

Discussant: Anindita Majumdar

How to Design a Baby: The Criteria Japanese Women use to Select egg Donors, by Chiaki Shirai (University of Shizuoka).

Discussant: Anika König

11:15–11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–13:00 **Choosing an Egg Donor: Ambivalences, Negotiations and the Making of Kin**, by Anika König (Freie Universität Berlin).

Discussant: Christina Weis

Freezing Kin: Anticipatory Oocyte Cryopreservation and the Quest to Reclaim Maternity in India, by Anindita Majumdar (Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad)

Discussant: Chiaki Shirai

13:00–14:00 Lunch at [Mensa Campus Duisburg](#)

Afternoon Session

Chair: NOEMIE MERLEAU-PONTY, CNRS

14:00–15:30 **Repronormativity and Patrilineal Kinship: Negotiating Third-Party Reproduction in South Korea**, by Sunhye Kim (Ewha Women's University)

Discussant: Papreen Nahar

What does a gamete carry? Race, religion, and reprotect among British Pakistani Muslims, by Mwenza Blell (University of Newcastle)

Discussant: Sunhye Kim

15:30–15:45 Coffee Break

- 15:45–16:30 **When Genes Becomes Kin: Assisted Reproduction and Intergenerational Continuity**, by Papreen Nahar (Sabina Rashid, Farhana Alam, Mahfuz Un Nesa, Sneha Pal, Subash Biswas, Tasfiyah Jalil; Brighton and Sussex Medical School and BRAC, Dhaka).
Discussant: Mwenza Blell
- 16:30–17:30 General Discussion
- 19:00 Dinner at [Grafschafter Wirtshaus](#) (will be covered by Kinship Generations)

4 July 2026

Morning Session

Chair: ANINDITA MAJUMDAR, IIT Hyderabad

- 9:00–10:30 **(How to) Play with Fire: Towards an Ethics of Relating in the Context of Getting to know Donor Conception Connections after DNA Testing**, by Petra Nordqvist and Colleagues from the ConnectDNA Team (University of Manchester). Online Session
Discussant: Miguel Garcia-Sancho
- Genetic Testing and the Restoration of Kinship: The Quest for the ‘Stolen Babies’ of Spain**, by Miguel Garcia-Sancho (University of Edinburgh).
Discussant: Anindita Majumdar
- 10:30–10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45–12:15 **People, Papers and Processes: The Bureaucracies of Reprotech in Indian Surrogacy Practice**, by Aishwarya Chandran (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi).
Discussant: Sigrid Vertommen
- Genocidal De/Kinning: The Un/Making of Kinship through Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Gaza**, by Sigrid Vertommen (University of Amsterdam and Ghent University)
Discussant: Aishwarya Chandran
- 12:15–13:15 General Discussion, Conclusion, and Ways Ahead
- 13:45–14:15 Lunch at [Mein Stübchen](#)