

PANTEIO UNIVERSITY  
OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

*International conference*

*Politics of Life:  
Anthropological Perspectives on Health and Biosociality*

Athens, May 16-18 2008  
Benaki Museum (138 Pireos Street)

FRIDAY, MAY 16

9.00

Welcome and greetings: Vice-Rector of Panteio University Professor **Andreas Lytras**

9.10

Opening remarks: **Eleni Papagaroufali** and **Athena Athanasiou**

9.30-11.10

*1<sup>st</sup> Morning Session*

**TECHNOLOGIES OF REPRODUCTION, POLITICS OF RELATEDNESS**

Moderator: **Deanna Trakas**

**Nia Georges**

Reconfiguring the ideal birth: The normalization of caesarean sections in Greek maternity care

**Venetia Kantsa**

'Late', 'early', 'never': Time and biopower in assisted reproduction

**Eirini Toundassaki**

Institutional discourse and legislative regulations in relation to new reproductive technologies: Reconceptualizing kinship in 21st-century Greece

**Sigal Gooldin**

New reproductive technologies and emerging moral scripts: The case of IVF in Israel

Discussion

11.10-11.30

*Coffee/Tea break*

11.30-13.10

*2<sup>nd</sup> Morning Session*

## SEXUALITY, CITIZENSHIP, AND THE BODY POLITIC

Moderator: **Agita Lüse**

**Pothiti Hantzaroula**

The management of sexuality in the middle class house, 1900-1950

**Fanny Chabrol**

Biopolitical subjects, access to AIDS treatment and reproduction in Botswana

**Kostas Yiannakopoulos**

Unspeakable lives: AIDS, memory, and biopolitics

**Emilia Sanabria**

From sub- to super- citizenship: Sex hormones and the body politic in Brazil

Discussion

13.10-16.00

Lunch break

16.00-18.00

*Afternoon Session*

## MEDICALIZING MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL PAIN

Moderator: **Barbara Prainsack**

**Athena Peglidou**

Embodiments of psychic suffering: Body, soul, and nerves in a 'female' disorder

**Chiara Pussetti**

The song of the burnt heart: From emotional attitude to emotional dysfunction

**Dimitra Louka**

When the body organs 'feel': the concept of emotion in the reconstruction process of chinese medicine

**Agita Lüse**

The 'joint venture' of leading a mentally healthy life

**Pierre Fadibo**

Mental illness and traditional medicine in north Cameroon

Discussion

18.00-18.15

*Coffee/Tea break*

18.15-19.45

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Introduction: **Eleni Papagaroufali**

**Rayna Rapp**

Belonging: How invisible disabilities are made visible

Discussion

SATURDAY, MAY 17

09.30-10.50

*1<sup>st</sup> Morning Session*

**RE-THINKING MENTAL ILLNESS AND PSYCHIATRIC  
GOVERNMENTALITY**

Moderator: **Maria Korasidou**

**Elpida Rikou**

Visual arts and their uses in the context of 'mental illness' in Greece: Towards an anthropological approach

**Manolis Tzanakis**

Deinstitutionalizing mental health services in Greece: A biopolitical approach

**Vitor Barros**

Coming to terms with the *present*: Race, psychiatry, history

Discussion

10.50-11.10

*Coffee/Tea break*

11.10-12.30

*2<sup>nd</sup> Morning Session*

**AT THE HORIZON OF FINITUDE,  
OR THE EPISTEMOLOGIES OF THE DEAD BODY**

Moderator: **Eleni Papagaroufali**

**Hagai Boas**

The debate over brain death in Israel: From a religious to a professional dispute

**Mary Leontsini**

Law, science, and gender in the work of Patricia Cornwell

**Dimitra Makrinioti**

Politicizing death and the dead body

Discussion

12.30-13.50

*3<sup>rd</sup> Morning Session*

**ANTINOMIES OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH,  
SUBJECTS OF KNOWLEDGE AND CARE**

Moderator: **Nora Skouteri-Didaskalou**

**Anastasia Karakasidou**

Cancer research and the war on nature

**Julie Laplante**

South African roots towards global knowledge

**Ann Kelly**

“We are part of that outcome; it is because of us it is made”: Research subjects and subjectivities in The Gambia

Discussion

13.50-16.00

Lunch break

16.00-18.00

*Afternoon Session*

**CONTESTED REGIMES OF SUBJECTION,  
MULTIPLE ASPECTS OF BIOSOCIALITY**

Moderator: **Athena Athanasiou**

**Barbara Prainsack**

The Emperor's Old Clothes: Examining the 'bio' in 'sociality'

**Manos Savakis**

Medical science and regimes of incarceration: The Leprosarium of Spinalonga (1903-1957)

**Yael Hashiloni-Dolev**

A life (un)worthy of living: Reproductive genetics in Israel and Germany

**Katerina Rozakou**

In the 'street' and in the 'camp': Refugees as biopolitical subjects

**Umut Yildirim**

Travelling reports, mimicking experts: *"Did forced migration really happen?"*

Discussion

18.00-18.15

*Coffee/Tea break*

18.15-19.45

**KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Introduction: **Athena Athanasiou**

**Didier Fassin**

Humanitarianism and the politics of life

Discussion

SUNDAY, MAY 18

10.00-11.20

*1<sup>st</sup> Morning Session*

**POLITICS OF MEANING AND THE BIOSOCIAL BOUNDARIES  
OF 'SELF' AND 'OTHER' (I)**

Moderator: **Nia Georges**

**Gabriella Aspraki**

Painful trajectories: On the ethnography of chronic pain

**Michalis Kontopodis and Jorg Niewohner**

Obesity: Politics of prevention through semiotic-material practices

**Elia Haridi**

'The human behind the blind': A renegotiation of the conceptual limits of disability

Discussion

11.20-11.40

*Coffee/Tea break*

11.40-13.00

*2<sup>nd</sup> Morning Session*

**POLITICS OF MEANING AND THE BIOSOCIAL BOUNDARIES  
OF 'SELF' AND 'OTHER' (II)**

Moderator: **Kostas Yiannakopoulos**

**Thomas Strong**

Pure blood and positive publics

**Eirini Kampriani**

Negotiating biosociality: Cultural experiences and meanings of heritable breast cancer in Northern Greece

**Aigli Chatjouli**

Thalassaemics as biosocial subjects: Resignifications of life, death and humanness

Discussion

13.00-13.30

Closing remarks: **Athena Athanasiou** and **Eleni Papagaroufali**