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Conference

**Fertility
Medicine & the Body**
Theory and Practice across
the Premodern World

**22-23 May
2023**

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Palgrave Studies in Medieval & Early Modern Medicine

Programme

22 May

09:00 *Registration*

09:30 *Welcoming Address*

09:45 **Physicians, Rabbis & Women: Medieval Jewish Views & Practices on Generation, Fertility & Pregnancy**
Carmen Caballero Navas

11:00 *Coffee Break*

Session I - Infertility & Preventing Conception

11:30 **Women's Infertility in the *Kitab al-Malaki* & its Latin Translations**
Anna Gili

12:00 **An Irish Fertility Ritual in Its Insular Context**
Deborah Hayden

12:30 **Menstruation & Fertility in the High Middle Ages**
Rosalie Bernheim

13:00 *Lunch*

Session II - Midwifery, Knowledge of Reproduction & Fertility

14:00 **'The Uterine Liver, or the Foetus's Friend' Medical & Cultural Approaches to the Afterbirth in Early Modern Europe**
Paige Donaghy

14:30 **'For Defawte of Kepyng & of Kunnyng': Reconsidering the Medieval Midwife in Middle English Texts**
Claire Collins

Session III - Maternal Care

15:00 **Fruitful Metaphors: the *Regimen Praegnantium* in Late-Medieval Europe**
Noa Nikolsky

15:30 **Fertility & Mental Health in Late Medieval Southern Europe**
Naama Cohen-Hanegbi

16:00 **'I Would Prove a Pretty Apothecary for You' Lay Male Involvement in Tudor Fertility, Childbirth, & Maternal Care**
Yishu Wang

16:40 *Coffee Break*

17:00 **Fertility on Prescription: Comparing Medieval & Modern Reproductive Medicine**
Regina Toepfer

19:30 *Dinner*

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Session IV - *Remedying Infertility*

- 09:00 **Helping the Childless in Ancient Rome: Roman Fertility Treatments**
Rhian Williams
- 09:30 **Precious Stones as a Tool to Regulate Fertility in the High Middle Ages**
Fiona Harris-Stoertz
- 10:00 **Women's Health in the Spanish Manuscript Books of Secrets**
Maria Muñoz
- 10:30 **'Take by Mouth All the Medicines that Could Help Her Conceive' Jeanne de Bourbon & Catherine de Médicis' Attempts to Remedy Childlessness**
Alexandra Forsyth

11:00 *Coffee Break*

Session V - *Sex & Fertility*

- 11:30 **'Eve & Ecclesia' The Female Reproductive Body in Hildegard of Bingen**
Tatiana Barkovskiy
- 12:00 **Sexual Practices Leading to Infertility in the Middle Ages**
Andreas Prasinos
- 12:30 **The Ottoman Medical Recommendations for Healthy Sexual Practice in the 17th-Century: Ibn Sallum Al-Halabi as a Case Study**
Ayman Yasin Atat
- 13:00 *Lunch*

Session VI - *Age & Fertility*

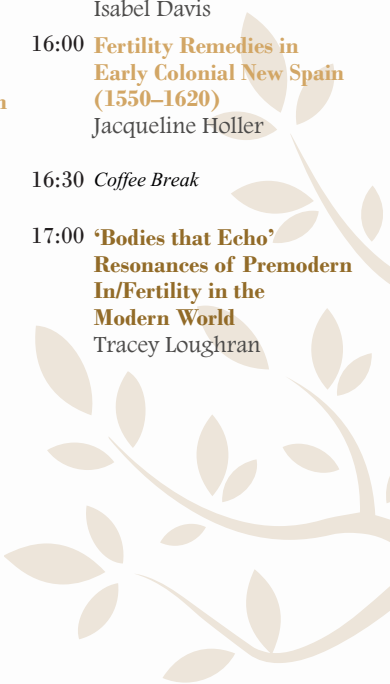
- 14:00 **Minimum Marriageable Age**


in Early Modern Sweden: from Physical Signs & Malleable Ideals to Abstract Concepts & Strict Norms
Maja Bondestam

- 14:30 **'They Are So Ripe They Are Rotten' The Cessation of Terms in Early Modern Culture**
Anna Graham

Session VII - *Fertility in Political & Colonial Contexts*

- 15:00 **The "Narrowness of the Vessels" & Other Obstacles for the Multiplication of the Indigenous Population: Pregnancy, Childcare, & Child Born Rate in Las Casas's Projects**
Paola Uparela
- 15:30 **Windy Fortunes: the Geopolitics of Pregnancy Optimisation in Late Sixteenth-Century Europe**
Isabel Davis
- 16:00 **Fertility Remedies in Early Colonial New Spain (1550–1620)**
Jacqueline Holler
- 16:30 *Coffee Break*
- 17:00 **'Bodies that Echo' Resonances of Premodern In/Fertility in the Modern World**
Tracey Loughran

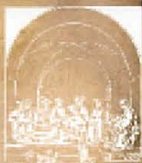




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