

Abortion in the Nordic Countries: New Historical Perspectives, Approaches and Issues

An international workshop at Uppsala University, Sweden, October 27–28, 2015

Location: The Rausing Room, Department of History of Science and Ideas, Uppsala University, Centre for the Humanities, Building 6 (visiting address: Thunbergsvägen 3 P).

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, October 27

- 9.30–10.00 Registration
- 10.00–10.15 Welcome: **Solveig Jülich** (Uppsala University)
- 10.15–11.15 Keynote address: **Leslie Reagan** (University of Illinois), “Abortion in transit: Refugees for reproductive rights”
- 11.15–11.45 **Lena Lennerhed** (Södertörn University), “Is there a Nordic history of abortion? Some introductory remarks”
- 11.45–13.00 Lunch at Matikum
- 13.00–13.30 **Silja Bára Ómarsdóttir & Steinunn Rögnvaldsdóttir** (University of Iceland), “‘I’m just so glad I had the choice’: Women’s experiences of abortion in Iceland”
- 13.30–14.00 **Miina Keski-Petäjä** (University of Helsinki), “The unofficial side of abortion under the 1950 Act”
- 14.00–14.30 **Kari Tove Elvbakken** (University of Bergen), “Decriminalizing abortion in the Scandinavian countries: Actors and international networks 1910–1960”
- 14.30–15.00 Coffee and refreshments
- 15.00–15.30 **Helga Sól Ólafsdóttir** (Landspítali-University Hospital Iceland), “Induced abortion in Iceland”
- 15.30–16.00 **Johanne Sundby** (University of Oslo), “Abortion: Legal and care issues in Norway”
- 16.00–16.30 **Olivia Ekman** (Umeå University), “Abortion as a therapy for eclampsia”
- 16.30–17.00 **Annika Berg** (Stockholm University), “Medicalizing abortionists: Connections between illegal abortion and psychopathy in interwar Sweden”
- 19.00– Conference dinner at Aaltos

Wednesday, October 28

- 9.00–9.30 **Merle Wessel** (University of Helsinki), “The abortion question and eugenic feminism in the Nordic countries, 1890–1939”
- 9.30–10.00 **Lena Lennerhed** (Södertörn University), “Abortion and feminism: A complicated history”
- 10.00–10.30 Coffee and refreshments
- 10.30–11.00 **Pia Levin** (Uppsala University), “The male as subject and object: Constructing masculinity in Finnish abortion history”
- 11.00–11.30 **Sniff Andersen Nexø** (University of Copenhagen), “Reproductive capacities: Bodies and persons in Danish abortion politics in the 1930s and 1970s”
- 11.30–12.00 **Kari Hernæs Nordberg** (Buskerud and Vestfold University College), “A new anti-abortion strategy? The AAN organization in Norway 1978–1990”
- 12.00–13.00 Lunch at Matikum
- 13.00–13.30 **Solveig Jülich** (Uppsala University), “The rise and fall of the fetoplacental empire: Human fetal research in Sweden, ca. 1950–1970”
- 13.30–14.00 Coffee and refreshments
- 14.00–14.30 Discussant’s commentaries: **Leslie Reagan** (University of Illinois)
- 14.30–15.00 Concluding discussion: “Historical perspectives on abortion in the Nordic countries”

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