

# **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*

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| 9.30–10.00  | Registration  |
| 10.00–10.15 | Welcome: <b>Solveig Jülich</b> (Uppsala University)   |
| 10.15–11.15 | Keynote address: <b>Leslie Reagan</b> (University of Illinois), “Abortion in transit: Refugees for reproductive rights”   |
| 11.15–11.45 | <b>Lena Lennerhed</b> (Södertörn University), “Is there a Nordic history of abortion? Some introductory remarks”  |
| 11.45–13.00 | Lunch at Matikum  |
| 13.00–13.30 | <b>Silja Bára Ómarsdóttir &amp; Steinunn Rögnvaldsdóttir</b> (University of Iceland), “‘I’m just so glad I had the choice’: Women’s experiences of abortion in Iceland” |
| 13.30–14.00 | <b>Miina Keski-Petäjä</b> (University of Helsinki), “The unofficial side of abortion under the 1950 Act”  |
| 14.00–14.30 | <b>Kari Tove Elvbakken</b> (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 | <b>Helga Sól Ólafsdóttir</b> (Landspítali-University Hospital Iceland), “Induced abortion in Iceland”   |
| 15.30–16.00 | <b>Johanne Sundby</b> (University of Oslo), “Abortion: Legal and care issues in Norway”   |
| 16.00–16.30 | <b>Olivia Ekman</b> (Umeå University), “Abortion as a therapy for eclampsia”  |
| 16.30–17.00 | <b>Annika Berg</b> (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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