

reframing caesarean births: challenges, transitions, and politics

International closing conference of the SNSF project "Parents' experiences of surgical birth: a socio-anthropological study of C-section culture in Switzerland"

Thursday 5 September

08:30 **Welcome & Introduction**

Caroline Chautems, Irene Maffi, Ainhoa Saenz Morales, (University of Lausanne)

09:00 **Why so much cutting? An exploration of (un) necessary cesareans and obstetric violence**

Vania Smith-Oka, (University of Notre Dame, USA),
Keynote speaker 1

Moderator : Caroline Chautems

10:15 *Coffee break*

Session 1 : An intersectional approach to caesarean births I

Moderator : Gladys Robert, (University of Lausanne)

10:45 **Caesarean in Brazil in intersectional perspective**

Cecilia McCallum (University of Bahia, Brazil), Ana Paula dos Reis (Institute of Collective Health-ISC/ UFBA, Brazil); Mario do Carmo Leal (FIOCRUZ, Brazil)

11:05 **Double-edged sword of caesarean births: traumatic cesarean delivery narratives and the governmental attempts to combat against the cesarean epidemic in Turkey**

Selen Göbelez (EHESS-Marseille, France)

11:25 **Techno-births trends in Italy and France: a comparative study on caesarean section "choice" and Black birthing experiences**

Chiara Quagliariello (EHESS-Paris, France)

11:45 **Why do women choose a caesarean birth? Inquiring from their experiences**

Alicia Murrieta Marquez (Instituto Mora, Mexico)

12:05 Discussion

12:30 *Lunch break*

Session 2: Childbirth experience, traumatic caesareans, and obstetric violence

Moderator : Lucile Quéré (University of Lausanne)

13:45 **Technology failure or obstetric violence? An ethnographic study of non-anesthetized C-section experiences**

Sezin Topçu (CNRS, EHESS, France)

14:05 **'After the caesarean you will always have some problems in life' C-section avoidance practices in North India**

Lucia Gentile (CN2R, Institut Convergences Migration, France)

14:25 **C-section dominance: navigating birth challenges in Bangladesh**

Halima Akhter (Durham University, UK)

14:45 **Exploring high cesarean birth rates in Shanghai: cultural beliefs, economic motives, and policy impacts**

Yuqi Zhuang (University of Florida, USA)

15:05 Discussion

15:30 *Coffee break*

Session 3: An intersectional approach to caesarean births II

Moderator : Ainhoa Saenz Morales (University of Lausanne)

16:00 **Outside the warehouse of risk: caesarean violence, antiblackness, and illegal home birth culture in urban and rural Georgia, USA**

Ayodele Foster-McCray (Stanford University, USA)

16:20 **Medico-legal entanglements: C-sections and ultrasound scans as risk rituals in South Africa**

Nicole Daniels (Cape Town University, South Africa)

16:40 **Peruvian Quechua women against the rise of unnecessary cesarean births since the 90's**

Victoria Gallion Licata (CY Cergy Paris Université, France)

17:00 Discussion

17:30 *Closure of day 1*

Friday 6 September

9:00 **Changing the frame: birth, labour, and the politics of caesareans**

Rachelle Chadwick (University of Bristol, UK),

Keynote speaker 2

Moderator : Irene Maffi

10:15 *Coffee break*

Session 4 (in French) : Hospital protocols, surgical technologies, and parents' experiences

Moderator : Solène Gouilhers (University of Geneva)

10:45 **Grossesse et accouchement chirurgical: trajectoires obstétricales, représentations et expérience vécue de femmes césarisées**

Jean Lukinson, Mislou Dexai, Marc-Félix Civil (State University of Haïti), Kettleine Charles and Marie-Claire Red (Laval University, Canada)

11:05 **Césarienne et stérilisation ; quelle est la place de la chirurgie dans la vie reproductive des Mexicaines nées entre 1962 et 1997 ?**

Carole Brugeilles (Paris Nanterre University, France)

11:25 **Protocoles de types «Happy Césarienne»: qu'en est-il en suites de couches ?**

Priscille Sauvegrain (INSERM, France)

11:45 **Obtenir des taux de césarienne inférieurs à 15%: leçons d'une étude observationnelle utilisant le système de classification de Robson dans un hôpital universitaire tertiaire en France**

Nicolas Mottet (University Hospital of Bezançon, France)

12:05 Discussion

12:30 *Lunch break*

Session 5 : Caesarean births and obstetric culture

Moderator : Patricia Perrenoud (Lausanne School of Health Sciences)

13:45 **Participative cesarean: to go beyond surgery and enhance recovery**

Alexandra Othenin-Girard and Hélène Legardeur (Lausanne University Hospital - CHUV)

14:05 **The political economy behind the increasing rates of cesarean birth**

Rabeya Khatun (University of Alabama, USA)

14:25 **How can we adapt the obstetric culture around surgical birth?**

Caroline Daelemans (Geneva University Hospitals) and Alexandre Farin (Riviera-Chablais Hospital - HRC)

14:45 **The rituals of hospital birth: Caesarean sections as the ultimate technocratic rituals**

Robbie Davis-Floyd (Rice University, USA)

15:05 Discussion

15:30 *Coffee break*

16:00 **Roundtable (in French) with Swiss-based healthcare providers**

Valentine Annen, Julien Flückiger, Antje Horsch (CHUV) and Glwadys Loyot, Cécile Gobert (HRC)
Moderator: Maud Vachette (CHUV)

18:00 **Conference closing**



Registration/Inscription

Free event, registration required

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