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

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”
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, Mislor Dexai, Marc-Félix Civil (State University of Haïti), Ketleine 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 Daeleman (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