

Over the past decade, a growing yet little understood market of international medically assisted reproduction (IMAR) involving third parties as gamete donors and for surrogacy has been established. From a global perspective, India and Thailand are major arenas for these practices, serving mainly customers from Western societies. Also within Europe, this market seems to flourish due to legislative and socioeconomic differences and asymmetries, such as within the Central and Eastern European (CAEE) region.

Aims of the workshop: (i) to explore the current landscape of third-party IMAR in this region of Europe aiming at better understanding of the situation and substantiating an informed academic discourse; (ii) to contribute to developing a human rights convention for IMAR; (iii) to support cooperation among CAEE members of the International Network of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa) in this field.

Questions we want to explore in this workshop: How are MAR and cross-border medical services regulated in the various countries of the region? Who has access to such services? What do we know about grey markets regarding egg cell donation, embryo donation and surrogacy in the region? Which legal, regulatory and other conditions support the development of IMAR markets?

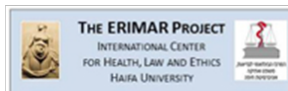
Symposium participation is free and also open for students.

For organizational reasons, we kindly ask you to register until 30 April 2015 via e-mail at [ethucation@i-med.ac.at](mailto:ethucation@i-med.ac.at)

Should you be unable to attend despite registration please let us know.

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## Workshop on International Medically Assisted Reproduction (IMAR) –

### A Central and Eastern European Perspective

Medical University Innsbruck, Austria

6-8 May 2015

#### Organized by:

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**Date and Venue:**  
**6 – 8 May 2015**

CCB, Medical University of Innsbruck  
Innrain 80/82, Innsbruck, Austria

## Wednesday, 6 May 2015

### Lecture Hall M01.470, CCB, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**4 pm** Opening remarks by **Carmel Shalev**

**4.30 - 6 pm**

#### **Session 1 – Economic and socio-cultural settings**

Moderation: Gabriele Werner-Felmayer

**Sheela Saravanan** (Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany)

*Socio-ethical and regulatory challenges of global reproductive technologies in Europe and Asia (including a short film)*

**Andreas Exenberger** (Institute for Theory, Politics and History of Economics, University of Innsbruck, Austria)

*Globalization revisited: Economic inequality in Europe and freedom of choice*

Discussion

## Thursday, 7 May 2015

### Seminar Room M01.392, CCB, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**9 – 10:30 am**

#### **Session 2 – IMAR and the European regulatory landscape**

Moderation: Tomáš Doležal

**Magdalena Flatscher-Thöni** (Department of Public Health and HTA, UMIT, Hall, Austria)

*Recent developments in the Austrian Reproductive Medicine Act: Does liberalisation really help?*

**Radmila Hrevtsova** (Department of Administrative Law, University of Kiev, Ukraine)

*IMAR in Ukraine: Ethical, legal and social issues*

**Caroline Voithofer** (Institute of Civil Law, University of Innsbruck, Austria)

*Medically assisted reproduction in Europe: Is there a need for legal harmonization?*

Discussion

**10:30-11 am** Coffee Break

**11 am – 12:30 pm**

#### **Session 3 – IMAR in practice**

Moderation: Magdalena Flatscher-Thöni

**Bettina Böttcher** (Clinics for Gynecological Endocrinology and Reproductive Medicine, University Clinics Innsbruck, Austria)

*Egg donation in daily routine: Present situation in Austria*

**Tomáš Doležal** (Department of Public Law, Institute of State and Law, Academy of Science, Prague, Czech Republic)

*IMAR in the Czech Republic: Legal framework and ethical issues*

**Sanja Jovanovska** (UN political affairs officer Kosovo & Faculty of Law, Niš, Serbia)

*Sex selective abortion: The new wave*

Discussion

**12:30 – 2 pm** Lunch Break

**2 – 3 pm**

#### **Session 4 – IMAR and human rights issues**

Moderation: Marie-Luisa Frick (Institute of Philosophy, University of Innsbruck, Austria)

**Markus Frischhut** (EU Law, Management Center Innsbruck, Austria)

*Some reflections on current European Court of Justice cases in the field of assisted reproduction*

**Darko Polsek** (Department of Anthropology, University of Zagreb, Croatia)

*Is Europe ready for a really liberal legislation on medically assisted reproduction?*

Discussion

**3 – 4 pm**

#### **Session 5 – IMAR in CAEE: Ways forward**

Summary: Carmel Shalev

Discussion

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**Management Center Innsbruck, MCI I, Universitätsstraße 15, Innsbruck**

**6 – 7:30 pm**

#### **BEST PRACTICE LECTURE**

**Vojin Rakic** (Center for the Study of Bioethics, University of Belgrade, Serbia)

*Bioethics at work: The debate on enhancing humans*

## Friday, 8 May 2015

### Seminar Room M01.392, CCB, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor:

**9 am – 1 pm**

**CAEE member meeting**,\* International Network, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa)

*Brainstorming, joint project and other activities*

\* Colleagues interested in collaboration are welcome