

AN INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ORGANISED BY THE RE:SHARE TEAM

# Race and sexual and reproductive health in historical perspectives

**18 - 20 June 2025**

**Geneva Graduate Institute, Auditorium 2**

Maison de la paix, Chemin Eugène-Rigot 2, 1202 Genève



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## Day 1: Wednesday, 18 June 2025

14:30-18:30

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14:30 - 15:00 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

15:00 - 16:30 **SESSION 1: SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE CITIZENSHIP**

**Chair: CLAIRE SOMERVILLE**  
Geneva Graduate Institute

**ALEPH ROSS**  
University of Birmingham  
**'Jewishness, sexual health and race making in 20th century Britain: a relational perspective'**

**ROBERTA BIVINS**  
University of Warwick  
**'Come to Daddy: Genetic profiling and migrating models of paternity'**

**R SÁNCHEZ-RIVERA**  
University of Cambridge  
**'State-Sponsored Population Control Programmes: A New Ph(F)ace of Eugenics in Mexico'**

16:30 - 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 - 18:30 KEYNOTE

**PROF. NICOLE BOURBONNAIS**  
Geneva Graduate Institute  
**'The Gospel of Family Planning: An Intimate Global History'**

19:30 Dinner



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## Day 2: Thursday, 19 June 2025

9:00-18:30

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9:00 - 10:30 SESSION 2: INSTITUTIONS AND RESISTANCE

**Chair: AIDAN RUSSELL**  
Geneva Graduate Institute

**NIKOLAOS PAPAIOGIANNIS**  
University of Sterling  
**'Sex workers' rights activists and intersectional HIV/AIDS campaigns in West Berlin, 1980s-1990s'**

**NAOMI SAMAKE-BÄCKERT**  
Geneva Graduate Institute  
**'Sexual and reproductive health programming in Black Women's Centers'**

**CHRISTELLE GOMIS**  
University of Picardie Jules Verne  
**'Reproductive Justice in a Racialized France: Contraception, Constraints, and the Fight for Autonomy at the Pauline Roland Center'**

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 SESSION 3: EMPIRE AND POSTCOLONIAL TRUTHS

**Chair: AMALIA RIBIAZ-FORCLAZ**  
Geneva Graduate Institute

**MYRIAM PARIS**  
University of Picardie Jules Verne  
**'French Colonial Governmentality and Reproductive Policy in overseas territories: How French Experts Made Population Growth Undesirable in Mayotte (1976-1980)'**

**SAIMA NASAR**  
University of Bristol  
**'The Asian Mother and Baby Campaign: Community Care and Sexual and Reproductive Rights in 1980s Britain'**

**CAROLINE RUSTERHOLZ**  
Geneva Graduate Institute  
**'Population, South Asian and Sexual and Reproductive Health in 1980s Britain'**

12:30 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 16:00 SESSION 4: ABORTION

**Chair: NIVEDITA JOON**  
Geneva Graduate Institute

**SAMUEL YOSEF**  
Kings College  
**MANNA MOSTAGHIM**  
London School of Economics and Political Science  
**'Reproductive Justice (RJ) on Abbey Road: The specific realities of RJ within the UK context'**

**BIBIA PAVARD**  
University of Paris II Pantheon-Assas  
**'Abortion without borders ? Karman in Bangladesh, menstrual regulation and the redefinition of population control'**

12:30 - 14:30 Coffee break

17:00 - 18:30 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

**Moderator: NAOMI SAMAKE-BÄCKERT**  
Geneva Graduate Institute

**EDEM NTUMY**  
Reproductive Justice Initiative (RJI)

**JENNY DOUGLAS**  
Open University

**CHRISTINA GANOTAKIS**  
NAZ

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## Day 3: Friday, 20 June 2025

9:00-13:00

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9:00 - 10:30 **SESSION 5: SRH  
INTERNATIONALISM**

**Chair: DARIA DYAKONOVA**  
Geneva Graduate Institute

**CAROLINA TOPINI**  
University of Glasgow  
**“Fit and forget”. The racial politics of  
Norplant and (trans)national feminist  
responses’**

**BRUNO WALTER TOSCANO**  
Ca’Foscari University of Venice  
**‘In Search of the Path: the Pathfinder  
Fund, the Global South and the  
Fieldworkers Who Shaped the  
Population Control Movement (1952-  
1965)’**

**SOMAK BISWAS**  
University of Cambridge  
**‘Alternate Sexualities’: Naz, Ford  
Foundation and the Production of Sexual  
Knowledge’**

12:30 - 13:00 **CLOSING DISCUSSION**

*with Take-Away lunch for departure*

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 **SESSION 6: RACIALISED  
HIERARCHIES**

**Chair: ADITYA BHARADWAJ**  
Geneva Graduate Institute

**ANNE HANLEY**  
University of Birmingham  
**‘Racism and racial erasure in sexual  
health archives’**

**GEORGE SEVERS**  
Geneva Graduate Institute  
**‘Coordinating and contesting sexual  
health: race, HIV/AIDS and the Health  
Education Authority’**