



AFIN 5th International Congress

The triad in adoption, foster care and assisted reproduction: the birth family's place

25th and 26th, November, 2011

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1st day
Friday, November 25th, 2011

9:00-9:30
Registration

9:30-10:00
Opening

Joan **Bestard**. Professor of the Anthropology Department of the Barcelona University (UB).
Carmen **Gómez Granell**. Director of the Infancy Institute (Instituto de Infancia)
Diana Marre. Principal Researcher of AFIN Research Group (Adoptions, Families and Childhoods) and associate professor of the Social and Cultural Anthropology Department.

10:00-11:30
Symposium: *The birth family in adoption and foster care*

Carmen **López Matheu** (UB-AFIN)
Lila **Parrondo Creste** (Adoptantis-AFIN)
Isabel **Miralles González** (UB)
Peter **Selman** (Newcastle University)

Convenor: Nadja **Monnet** (UAB)

11:30-12:00: Coffee-break

12:00-12:50
1st session

“Open adoption”: more than thirty years between the personal and the professional.

Barbara Yngvesson, (Hampshire College, Massachusetts, EEUU), social anthropologist and adoptive mother of an “open” adoption in United States.

Convenor: Paola **Galbany** (UAB)

12:50-13:40
2nd session

Opening international adoption: experiences of birth mothers and adoptive parents

Riitta Högbacka (Department of Social Research. University of Helsinki, Finland).
Develops a research project with Finnish adoptive families and South African biological mothers that gave their sons/daughters for adoption.

Convenor: Bruna **Álvarez** (UAB)

13:40-15:10
Lunch time

15:10-16:00
3rd session

The birth family: experiences and personal histories.

Nadine Lefaucheur (Université des Antilles et de la Guyane).

Chus Villegas. Spanish biological mother of a boy given for adoption at the beginning of the 70's.

Convenor: Ana **Berástegui Pedro-Viejo** (UPCom)

16:00-16:50
4th session

Between birth and adoption: the foster care families place.

Paloma Gay y Blasco (Department of Social Anthropology. University of Saint Andrews, Scotland, United Kingdom). Anthropologist and adoptive mother "with contact" with the foster care mother of her daughter.

Convenor: Marta **Bertran Tarrès** (UAB-AFIN)

16:50-17:20
Coffee-break

17:20 – 17:50

Presentation of the Scripta Nova special issue " El principio del 'mejor interés' de la niñez: adopción, políticas de acogimiento y otras intervenciones. Perspectivas espaciales y disciplinares comparativas "coordinated by Claudia Fonseca, Diana Marre, Anna Uziel y Adriana Vianna.

Barbara Yngvesson, (Hampshire College, Massachusetts, EEUU)

Anne Cadoret (CNRS)

Convenor: Joan **Bestard** (UB)

17:50- 18:40
5th session

China: the country of origin point of view about birth and foster families of children given for adoption.

Zhang Zhong, Adoptions Chinese Center Ex director and actual director of the China Social Welfare Education Foundation.

Convenor: Vinyet **Mirabent** (FVB)

18:40-20:00

6th session

Adopted children ; fall from the sky? On the rejection of the receiving countries to recognize the existence of biological families

Marlène Hofstetter, responsable of the Secteur Adoption, Fondation Terre des Hommes

Convenor: Elena **Castillo** (UB)

20:00- 20:30: *Discussion*

2nd day
Saturday, November 26th, 2011

09:30-10:30.

Symposium

The genitors' place in surrogacy and assisted reproduction parenthood

Anne Cadoret (CNRS)

Carme Fitó (UB)

Mariana De Lorenzi (specialist lawyer in Family Law and mediator)

Convenor: Mara **Martínez Morant** (BAU, School of Design - center affiliated to the University of Vic)

10:30-12:00

7th session

Motherhood and fatherhood by surrogacy

Naina Patel. Akanksha Infertility Clinic & IVF Hospital director, Anand, Gujarat, India

Caroline O'Flaherty: mother of a girl born through surrogacy.

Hugo Ruiz: father of a boy born through surrogacy

Convenor: Diana **Marre** (UAB-AFIN)

12:00-12:30. Coffee break

12:30-13:20

7th session

Contact with the biological family from United Kingdom's public mental health services

Carmen Pinto. Consultant Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist

Anouk Houdijk. Chartered Clinical Psychologist.

Conduct, Adoption & Fostering Team (CAFT)

Convenor: Natàlia **Barcons** (UAB-AFIN)

13:20-14:50:Lunch Time

14:50-15:40

9th session

About a "closed" domestic adoption that was "opened". Personal experiences.

Kate St. Vincent Vogl: Writer and adoptive daughter who recovered her relationship with her biological mother.

Convenor: Beatriz **San Román Sobrino** (UAB-AFIN)

15:40 – 16:30
10th session

About how a “closed” international adoption can be “opened”: personal experiences.

Sandra Bethencourt López, Adoptive mother of an international adoption in Ethiopia that became “open”.

Convenor: Virginia **Fons** (UAB)

16:30- 17:00: Coffee-break

17:00- 17:40

Presentation of the book “Families, Spanish Society History (S.XII-XXI)” (Familias. Historia de la sociedad española (siglo XIII-XXI) coordinated by Francisco Chacón and Joan Bestard. Editorial Cátedra

Joan **Bestard** (UB)

Dolors **Comas d’Argemir Cendra** (URV-AFIN)

Convenor: Jordi **Grau** (UAB)

17:40-19:20

11th session

From Holland to China and viceversa. Personal experiences.

Wilma Leermakers & James Cristian Kuijper. Adoptive parents of a girl who regained the relationship with the Chinese family of origin.

Convenor: Rosa **Mora** (CRIA-AFIN)

19:20-20:00: Discussion

20:00-20:30: Closing session

Dolors Comas d’Argemir Cendra (URV-AFIN), Professor of Social Anthropology, Universitat Rovira i Virgili

Esther Grau Quintana (CRIA-AFIN), Clinical Psychologist.

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