



Workshop programme

Son preference and prenatal sex-selection against females: Evidence, causes and implications

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Venue:

The Nuffield Foundation

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Welcome & coffee: 9.30 -10am

Programme

Session 1 (Chair Dr Sylvie Dubuc)

10- 10.20 Introductory plenary: **Dr. Sylvie Dubuc** (University of Oxford)

'Son preference and prenatal sex-selection'

10.20-10.30 Presentation of the film *'From the Beginning'*

by Rani Bilkhu (Jeena International)

10.30-11.00 **Prof. Maya Unnithan** (University of Sussex):

'Son preference, sex selection and women's agency in Northwest India.'

11.00 – 11.30 **Dr. Christophe Guilmoto** (IRD, CEPED) & **Dr. Geraldine Duthe** (INED):

'Masculinization of birth in Caucasian and Eastern Europe'. **Dr Arjan Gonjca** (LSE) discussant.

Tea break: 11.30 – 11.50

Session 2 (Chair Dr Christophe Guilmoto)

11.50 – 12.10 **Dr. Melanie Frost** (University of Oxford)

'The Manifestation of Son Preference in Pakistan, 1990-2013'

12.10 -12.40 **Prof. Naila Kabeer** (London School of Economics)

'Diverging stories of 'missing women' in South Asia: is son preference weakening in Bangladesh?'

12.40- 1pm **Dr. Stuart Basten** (University of Oxford)

'Loopholes in the Chinese Family Planning Restrictions and Preferences for a Second-born Male: New Evidence from Sex Ratios in Hong Kong'. with **Dr. Georgia Verropoulou** (Piraeus University).

Lunch: 1- 2 pm

Session 3 (Chair Prof. Heather Widdows)

2 – 2.30 **Dr. Sylvie Dubuc**: *'Evidence of son preference and prenatal sex-selection in Asia and the Asian Diasporas: what do the numbers mean?'*

2.30 – 2.50 **Prof. Tom Baldwin** 'What's wrong with sex selection?' (University of York, former Chair HFEA)

2.50 – 3.20 **Dr. Agomoni Ganguli Mitra** (University of Zurich): '*Sex-selection and global gender justice*'

Tea break 3.20 – 3.40

Panel discussion

3.40 – 5 pm (**Chair: Dr Aisha K. Gill**, University of Roehampton).

Discussion on the factors and implications of son preference and prenatal sex-selection against females

Panel members: Prof. Maya Unnithan (University of Sussex),

Dr Sheelagh McGuinness (University of Birmingham),

Dr. Agomoni Ganguli Mitra, (University of Zurich),

Dr. Navtej Pureval (SOAS, University of London),

Dr. Jagbir Johal (University of Birmingham),

Rani Bilkhu (Jeena International),

Prof Patricia Jeffery (University of Edinburgh),

Dr Sylvie Dubuc (University of Oxford),

Dr. Christophe Guilmoto (IRD, CEPED)

Additional participants and contributors to the discussions includes:

Prof. Heather Widdows (University of Birmingham),

Mike Batley, Analyst Director, Department of Health

Prof Françoise Shenfield (Clinical Lecturer, UCL)

Prof Tom Baldwin (University of York, former Chair HFEA)

Doris Stump, Former MP of the Council of Europe

Dr Lynn Chitty at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London

Laura Hurley, Youth Access, Gender, and Rights Officer, IPPF