

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**

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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'**

17:00 - 18:30 KEYNOTE

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

19:30 Dinner

16:30 - 17:00 Coffee break



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## Day 2: Thursday, 19 June 2025

9:00-18:30

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9:00 - 10:30	<b>SESSION 2: INSTITUTIONS AND RESISTANCE</b>  <b>Chair: AIDAN RUSSELL</b> Geneva Graduate Institute  <b>NIKOLAOS PAPADOGIANNIS</b> University of Sterling <b>'Sex workers' rights activists and intersectional HIV/AIDS campaigns in West Berlin, 1980s-1990s'</b>  <b>NAOMI SAMAKE-BÄCKERT</b> Geneva Graduate Institute <b>'Sexual and reproductive health programming in Black Women's Centers'</b>  <b>CHRISTELLE GOMIS</b> University of Picardie Jules Verne <b>'Reproductive Justice in a Racialized France: Contraception, Constraints, and the Fight for Autonomy at the Pauline Roland Center'</b>	12:30 - 14:30	Lunch
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break	14:30 - 16:00	<b>SESSION 4: ABORTION</b>  <b>Chair: NIVEDITA JOON</b> Geneva Graduate Institute  <b>SAMUEL YOSEF</b> Kings College <b>MANNA MOSTAGHIM</b> London School of Economics and Political Science <b>'Reproductive Justice (RJ) on Abbey Road: The specific realities of RJ within the UK context'</b>  <b>BIBIA PAVARD</b> University of Paris II Pantheon-Assas <b>'Abortion without borders ? Karman in Bangladesh, menstrual regulation and the redefinition of population control'</b>
11:00 - 12:30	<b>SESSION 3: EMPIRE AND POSTCOLONIAL TRUTHS</b>  <b>Chair: AMALIA RIBIAZ-FORCLAZ</b> Geneva Graduate Institute  <b>MYRIAM PARIS</b> University of Picardie Jules Verne <b>'French Colonial Governmentality and Reproductive Policy in overseas territories: How French Experts Made Population Growth Undesirable in Mayotte (1976-1980)'</b>  <b>SAIMA NASAR</b> University of Bristol <b>'The Asian Mother and Baby Campaign: Community Care and Sexual and Reproductive Rights in 1980s Britain'</b>  <b>CAROLINE RUSTERHOLZ</b> Geneva Graduate Institute <b>'Population, South Asian and Sexual and Reproductive Health in 1980s Britain'</b>	12:30 - 14:30	Coffee break
17:00 - 18:30	<b>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION</b>  <b>Moderator: NAOMI SAMAKE-BÄCKERT</b> Geneva Graduate Institute  <b>EDEM NTUMY</b> Reproductive Justice Initiative (RJI)  <b>JENNY DOUGLAS</b> Open University  <b>CHRISTINA GANOTAKIS</b> NAZ	19:30	Dinner



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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’**