

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?

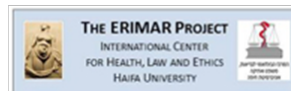
Symposium participation is free and also open for students.

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

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

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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, 1st 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, 1st 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

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, 1st 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

Thursday, 7th May 2015, 18:00–19:30 Uhr, MCI I, Universitätsstraße 15

Bioethics at Work: The debate on enhancing humans

PROF. VOJIN RAKIC, PHD

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The talk will give an insight into the establishment, management and activities of the Center for the Study of Bioethics (CBS) which runs representative offices at universities and clinics in Europe and the US. One of CBS' major fields of expertise is enhancement. The philosophical debate on enhancement, its practical implications as well as possible conceptualization of eventual policies regarding enhancement practices will be explored.

Please register with janine.prokesch@mci.edu.