

Criminalising Surrogacy

21 October 2024, 9:00am – 6:10pm; 22 October 2024, 9:00am – 1:45pm

The University of Hong Kong & Zoom

21 October 2024 – Day 1

8:45 – 9:00am Registration

9:00 – 9:30am Welcome address
Daisy Cheung, Lene Wacher Lentz, Jens M. Scherpe

9:30 – 9:50am **Surrogacy and Criminal Law: a theoretical and practical examination of domestic criminal offences prohibiting surrogacy-related behaviour**
Molly O'Donoghue
Solicitor, Brodies LLP Solicitors, United Kingdom

9:50 – 11:10am **Panel 1 – Europe 1**

Chair: **Azan Marwah**, Pantheon Chambers, Hong Kong and 36 Group, London, United Kingdom

France: **Prof Lukas Rass-Masson**
Professor, Faculty of Law, the University of Toulouse, France

Spain: **Prof Esther Farnós Amorós**
Associate Professor, Department of Law, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Catalonia Spain

Prof Raquel Montaner Fernández
Associate Professor, Department of Criminal Law, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

Portugal: **Prof Rute Teixeira Pedro**
Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Porto, Portugal

Discussion

11:10 – 11:30am **Break**

11:30 – 12:30pm **Panel 2 – Europe 2**

Chair: **Joshua Baker**, Prince's Chambers, Hong Kong

Denmark: **Prof Lene Wacher Lentz**
Associate Professor, Department of Law, Aalborg University, Denmark

Finland: **Dr Salla Silvola**
Adjunct Professor, Medical and Bio Law, University of Helsinki, Finland

Prof Katja Karjalainen
Professor of Law and Welfare, University of Lapland, Finland

Discussion

12:30 – 1:30pm **Lunch**

1:30 – 3:10pm **Panel 3 – Europe 3**

Chair: **Jonathan Mok**, Karas So LLP in Association with Mishcon de Reya, Hong Kong

The Netherlands: **Ms Laureen Hu**
Lecturer, School of Law, Utrecht University, Netherlands

Belgium: **Dr Nishat Hyder-Rahman**
Postdoctoral researcher, Faculty of the Law and Criminology, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

United Kingdom: **Dr Zaina Mahmoud**
Lecturer, School of Law, University of Liverpool, England, UK

Law Reform in the United Kingdom **Prof Nick Hopkins**
Law Commissioner, Law Commission of England and Wales

Mr Spencer Clarke
Lawyer, Property, Family and Trust Law Team, Law Commission of England and Wales

Discussion

3:10 – 3:30pm **Break**

3:30 – 4:30pm **Panel 4 – Europe 4**

Chair: **Tim Parker**, Temple Chambers, Hong Kong, and Blackstone Chambers, London, United Kingdom

Ireland: **Dr Claire O'Connell**
Board Member, LGBT Ireland

Italy: **Dr Marco Poli**
Postdoctoral researcher, Faculty of Law, University of Turin, Italy

Discussion

4:30 – 4:50pm **Break**

4:50 – 6:10pm **Panel 5 – Africa**

Chair: **Prof Nick Hopkins**, Law Commissioner, Law Commission of England and Wales

Kenya: **Ms Gladys Mirugi-Mukundi**
Researcher, University of the Western Cape, South Africa

Nigeria: **Prof Maria Usang Assim**
Associate Professor, University of the Western Cape, South Africa

South Africa: **Prof Julia Sloth Nielsen**
Professor, University of the Western Cape, South Africa

Discussion

6:10pm **End of Day 1**

22 October 2024 – Day 2

8:45 – 9:00am Registration

9:00 – 10:00am **Panel 6 – Asia 1**

Chair: **Joanne Brown**, *Tanner de Witt Solicitors, Hong Kong*
India: **Ms Sanskriti Sanghi**
Independent researcher, London
Thailand: **Mr Shaati Chandramour**
Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Thammasat University, Thailand
Discussion

10:00 – 11:20am **Panel 7 – Asia 2**

Chair: **Lisa Wong**, *Charles Russell Speechlys LLP, Hong Kong*
Hong Kong SAR: **Prof Daisy Cheung**
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law; Deputy Director and Research Fellow, Centre for Medical Ethics and Law, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Ms Yuxin Tian
Undergraduate Student, Faculty of Law, the University of Tokyo, Tokyo
Singapore: **Ms Hillary Chua**
Sheridan Fellow, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, Singapore
Malaysia: **Dr Kuek Chee Ying**
Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Malaya, Malaysia
Discussion

11:20 – 11:40am **Break**

11:40 – 1:00pm **Panel 8 – USA and Oceania**

Chair: **Mr Spencer Clarke**
Lawyer, Property, Family and Trust Law Team, Law Commission of England and Wales
USA: **Prof Courtney Joslin**
Martin Luther King Jr. Professor of Law, School of Law, University of California, USA
Australia: **Prof Claire Fenton-Glynn**
Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Monash, Australia
New Zealand: **Prof Debra Wilson**
Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Canterbury, New Zealand
Discussion

1:00 – 1:30pm **General Panel Discussion**

Chair:

Prof Jens M. Scherpe

*Professor, Department of Law, Aalborg University, Denmark
and Director, Nordic Centre for Comparative and
International Family Law*

Discussants:

Prof Nick Hopkins

Law Commissioner, Law Commission of England and Wales

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Prof Daisy Cheung

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Research Fellow, Centre for Medical Ethics and Law, The
University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong*

1:30pm – 1:45pm **Conclusion**