

Monitoring parents: Childrearing in the age of 'intensive parenting'

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd May, 2007

Darwin Conference Centre and Darwin College, University of Kent at Canterbury

Draft Programme

Monday May 21st 2007

9 - 10am **Registration and tea and coffee**

10 - 10.15am **Welcome and comments on background to 'Monitoring Parents': Infant feeding in a culture of intensive parenting**
Speaker: Ellie Lee

10.15 - 11.30am **Plenary session**
Understanding 'parenting culture'
Speakers: Susan Douglas / Frank Furedi
Chair: Ellie Lee

11.30am – 1pm **Paper sessions**
Mothering in the early days and weeks
Chair: Stephanie Knaak
Liz Gale, An Uneven Playing Field? The medicalisation of pregnancy and the 'risk management' of postnatal support
Kristin Klingaman, Maternal satisfaction on the postnatal ward after caesarean section delivery
Elizabeth Murphy, Dealing with Deviance: mothers' accounts of their infant feeding practices

Teenage Parenthood in Britain

Chair: Jan Macvarish

Helen Holgate, 'I wish they would ask instead of just judging' – Young Mothers' Experiences

Suzanne Cater, 'Planned' teenage pregnancy: Perspectives of young women from disadvantaged backgrounds in England

Clare Seamark, Positive experiences of teenage motherhood

Shifting constructions of parenting

Chair: Stuart Waiton

Carol Vincent, Living, working and mothering in the inner city

Jan Webb, Managing the risk of parenting

Dave Clements, The State of Parenting

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Monday May 21st 2007 (cont)

1 - 2.15pm

Lunch

2.15 - 4.15pm

Paper sessions

Intensive mothering: mothers' experiences

Chair: Elizabeth Murphy

Charlotte Faircloth, Marginal mothers: the case of 'full term' breastfeeding

Glenda Wall, Mothers' experiences with intensive parenting and new brain research

Helen Bowcock, 'Just the One?' Experiences of mothers who have only one child

Intensive parenting and disability

Chair: Susan Douglas

Christine Rogers, Regulating parenting: blame and problematic diagnosis in parenting 'disabled' children

Emma Clavering and Janice McLaughlin, Intensive parenting or intensive caring? The narratives and experiences of parents of disabled babies and infants

Fran Wright, Compulsory intensive mothering: caring for a child with a disability

Naomi Narramore, Meeting expectations? The emotional management of parents who give birth to a child with a disability or critical illness

The Politics of Teenage Parenthood

Chair: Ellie Lee

Lesley Hoggart, Teenage Motherhood and the construction of 'alternative' moral agendas

Pam Aldred, What's Important to Whom? Young Mothers Challenging Policy Assumptions

Jan Macvarish, Why is Teenage Parenthood Problematised?

Maud Perrier, Performing Intensive Mothering: The Influence of Class on 'Motherwork' Accounts

4.15 - 4.30

Tea and Coffee

4.30 - 5.45pm

Plenary session

Philosophical and sociological perspectives on intensive motherhood

Rebecca Kukla / Stephanie Knaak

Chair: Frank Furedi

Discussants: Elizabeth Murphy, Sally Sheldon

6.15 - 8.15pm

Buffet and wine reception

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Tuesday May 22nd 2007

8.30 - 9am

Tea and Coffee

9 - 11am

Paper sessions

Mediating intensive parenting

Chair: Susan Douglas

Mary Ann Kanieski, Best Be the Ties That Bind: Discourse and Discipline in Bonding Research

Jo Haigh, Too Posh To Push: Elective Caesarean Sections and Moral Panics

Timo Heimerdinger, Infant feeding decisions in Germany 1950-2000. Historical-ethnographic perspectives on the popular discourse

Denise Ferris, Regarding the Familiar: The Anxiety and Necessity of the Imaged Public Child

Tensions in parenting policy

Chair: Kate O'Brien

Jane Reeves, Absence makes the professional try harder? Meeting the needs of socially excluded young men who become fathers

Val Gillies, 'Tell them what they want to hear and then do what works': navigating the contemporary politics of parenting

Harriet Churchill, Constructions of responsible parenting: New Labour and maternal perspectives and concerns contrasted

Amanda Holt, Parenting Orders, Youth Justice Policy and the discursive shaping of subjectivity

Gender and parenting culture

Chair: Frank Furedi

Ara Francis, Understanding the gendered nature of intensive parenting: The importance of action and interaction

Suzanne Symthe, The Good Mother: Literary advice to Canadian mothers in the 20th Century

Jemimah Bailey, Fathers and Breastfeeding in Ireland

Lisa Symth, Gendered spaces and Intimate citizenship: the case of breastfeeding

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11.15am -
12.45pm

Paper sessions

Health promotion and feeding children

Chair: Rebecca Kukla

Robin Mackenzie, Sacrificing the fatted calves and childhood obesity

Julia Keenan et al, Feeding the family and regulating a healthy balance: women anticipating first time motherhood

Therese Andrews, Implications of infant feeding policy on infant feeding practices - the case of Norway

Child protection

Chair: Frank Furedi

Polly Radcliffe, Monitoring Substance Misusing Parents

Anneke Meyer, Parenting in a climate of fear: the case of paedophilia

Parenting culture and the problem of sleep

Chair: Sarah Earle

Helen Ball, Reducing risk, promoting health; the implications of competing strategies aimed at influencing the practices of parents regarding infant feeding and sleeping

Emma Head, Dangerous sleep? An analysis of sleep advice aimed at new parents

Stephanie Knaak, Sleep deprivation as a problem of entitlement: The influence of contemporary mothering ideology on mothers' personal wellbeing

12.45 - 2.15pm

Lunch / informal discussion on conference outputs

2.15 - 3.45pm

Paper sessions

Health professionals and their role

Chair: Mary Fewtrell

Alison Wall, What Choice in Infant Feeding Methods?

Ros Delaney, Sex Talk? Overcoming barriers about sex and contraception after childbirth

Sue Battersby, Midwives dilemmas with mothers' choices of infant feeding

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Law and parenting

Chair: Rob Mackenzie

Grace James, Law's Response to Pregnancy/Workplace Conflicts: A Critique.

Helen Reece, The Changing Meaning of Parental Responsibility

Sally Sheldon, Reconceiving Fathers: Shifting Discourses of Fatherhood and
Reproduction

Analysing family life

Chair: Helen Bowcock

Stefano Ba', Between play and ritual: Family life with children

Ann Rich, Grandparents and parenting: towards a theory of Grandparenthood.

Esther Goh, Powerful or powerless? The experience of single children being
raised on 4-2-1 families in Xiamen, China.

3.45pm

Conference close