



Law and Practice of Surrogacy

- The legal regime of surrogacy in Europe
- Reframing parenthood?
- Surrogacy and human rights
- Is there a need for action?

Cambridge, 25-26 June 2018



Speakers

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This conference will discuss the legal consequences of the rise in surrogacy arrangements and, in particular, reproductive tourism.

Key topics

- The legal regime of surrogacy in the EU Member States and beyond
- Surrogacy in the context of employment law
- Surrogacy and human rights
- Re-framing parenthood?
- Filiation, ART and surrogacy: what comes next?

Language
English

Event number
118DP100

Organisers

ERA (Dr Angelika Fuchs) in cooperation with Cambridge Family Law, University of Cambridge



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Monday, 25 June 2018

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 **Welcome**

Jens M. Scherpe, CFL
Angelika Fuchs, ERA
Anne-Marie Hutchinson, IAFL

I. THE LEGAL REGIME OF SURROGACY IN EUROPE

Moderator: *Anne-Marie Hutchinson*

09:15 **Restrictive approaches to surrogacy in the light of reproductive tourism**
Anatol Dutta

09:45 **The tolerant approach and its consequences**
Deirdre Fottrell

10:15 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 **Adopting a regulatory scheme: chances and pitfalls**
Eleni Zervogianni

11:45 Discussion

12:00 **Comparative summary**
Claire Fenton-Glynn

12:30 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

Moderator: *Esther Farnós Amorós*

14:00 **Surrogacy in the context of employment law**
Jane Russell

14:30 Discussion

II. REFRAMING PARENTHOOD?

14:45 **Surrogacy families: A contribution from South Africa**
Julia Sloth-Nielsen

15:00 **Surrogacy families from a psychological perspective**
Susan Golombok

15:30 Discussion

15:45 Coffee break

16:15 **ROUND TABLE**
Who is a parent, and who belongs to the “family”?

Moderator: *Jens M. Scherpe*

- *Esther Farnós Amorós*
- *Anatol Dutta*
- *Jane Russell*
- *Julia Sloth-Nielsen*

17:45 End of first seminar day

19:30 Dinner in the Main Hall of Selwyn College

Contents

Over the past 15 years, we have seen the rapid expansion of surrogacy, both in frequency and in geographical scope. Across Europe, there are vast differences in approach, ranging from prohibitive regimes (e.g. France and Germany) to the more tolerant (e.g. England and Wales) and those that adopt a regulatory approach (e.g. Greece). For surrogates, intended parents and children, the situation remains highly complex and fraught with legal difficulties.

This conference will discuss the legal regime of surrogacy in the EU Member States and will also address how such systems operate in the context of employment law. It will discuss questions of parenthood and conflict of laws through the lens of domestic law in European jurisdictions, as well as the case law of the European Court of Human Rights.

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III. SURROGACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Moderator: *Claire Fenton-Glynn*

- 09:00 **Surrogacy in the ECtHR case law**
 Recognition of parent-child relationship as a result of surrogacy?
 Private life considerations: child's best interest vs. parents' intentions?
Katarina Trimmings
- 09:30 Discussion

IV. QUO VADIS SURROGACY?

- 09:45 **The Law Commission and surrogacy**
Nick Hopkins
- 10:00 Discussion
- 10:15 Coffee break
- Moderator: *Velina Todorova*
- 10:45 **Legal parentage and surrogacy: a project of the Hague Conference**
Laura Martínez-Mora
- 11:15 **ROUND TABLE**
**Assisted reproductive technology (ART), surrogacy and filiation:
 Is there a need for action at EU level? Could an international convention
 provide a solution?**
 Moderator: *Velina Todorova*
- *Rose-Marie Drury*
 - *Laura Martínez-Mora*
 - *Katarina Trimmings*
- 12:45 **Closing remarks**
Julia Sloth-Nielsen
- 13:00 End of seminar

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