

International Conference

**Representations of Reproductive Justice in the United States:
Past, Present, Future(s)**

Date: July 3–4, 2025

Location: Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Organizer: Dr. Isabel Kalous

Program

July 3, 2025

Universitätsstr. 15, 91054 Erlangen

Room: *Senatssaal im Kollegienhaus* (KH 1.011)

6.00 p.m. Welcome and Introduction

Isabel Kalous (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg) and Ina Batzke (University of Augsburg)

Keynote: “Reproductive Dystopia”

Alys E. Weinbaum (University of Washington, Seattle)

8.00 p.m. Dinner (self-pay)

July 4, 2025

Kochstr. 6a, 91054 Erlangen

Room: 0.015, *Philosophie Seminargebäude* (PSG III)

9.00 a.m. Introduction

9.15 a.m. Panel I

Diana Wagner (University of Stuttgart)

“Death Has Entered into You”: Cotton Mather on Conception, Pregnancy, and Childbirth

Helen Gibson (FU Berlin)

Of Plants and Spirits: Reproductive Justice and the Continuities of Otherwise Worlds

Dani Joslyn (Barnard College)

Before Eugenics: Stirpiculture, Social Reform, and the Eradication of the “Unfit” in Nineteenth-Century Abolitionism

10.45 a.m. Coffee Break

11.15 a.m. Panel II

Małgorzata Olsza (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)

Reproductive Choice Comics in the Contemporary U.S.

Julia Straub (Université de Fribourg)

Why Form Matters in Contemporary Writing About Motherhood

Katharina Gerund (University of Zurich)

Beyond Reproduction? Miranda July and the "Great Perimenopausal Novel"

12.45 p.m. Lunch Break

2.00 p.m. Panel III

Hana Vrdoljak (University of Zurich)

"She Can Grow Right from Her Womb a Family": Representing Pregnant Bodies in US Hip Hop Culture

Elizabeth Kaufmann (LMU Munich)

Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered Are We: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Bodily Autonomy, Power and "The Witch" in Popular Television

Vanessa Vollmann (University of Passau)

Intersectional Reflections on Women of Color's Access to Reproductive Justice: A Critical Race Theory Counter-Dialogue

3.30 p.m. Closing Words / Announcements

4.00 p.m. End of Conference

The conference is funded by the Bavarian American Academy and by state funds of the Free State of Bavaria to support the 'Realization of Equal Opportunities for Women in Research and Teaching.'