



Feeding children in the new parenting culture

The British Library Conference Centre, London, Monday 21st March 2011

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- 9.30-10 *Arrivals and Coffee*
- 10 **Welcome, Dr Charlotte Faircloth** (Mildred Blaxter post-doctoral fellow, SSPSSR, University of Kent)
- 10.10** **Dr Polly Russell** (Curator, Social Science Collection: **'Eat your greens': Feeding children of the past – examples from the British Library.**
- 10.30-12.30 **Keynote session 'Is breast really best?'**
- Chair **Dr Charlotte Faircloth**
- 10.30-11.30 **Dr Joan Wolf** (Women and Gender Studies Programme, Texas A and M University), author *'Is Breast Best? Taking on the Breastfeeding Experts and the New High Stakes of Motherhood*
- 11.30-12.00 Discussants: **Professor Elizabeth Murphy** (Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Social Science, University of Leicester), **Dr Mary Fewtrell** (Reader in Childhood Nutrition, Honorary Consultant Paediatrician, Institute of Child Health, UCL) and **Zoe Williams** (Columnist, *The Guardian*)
- 12 - 12.30 Open Discussion
- 12.30-1.30 *Lunch*
- 1.30 -3 **Panel 1: Feeding children in the 'obesity crisis'**
- Chair: **Professor Frank Furedi** (Professor of Sociology, SSPSSR, University of Kent)

Speakers: **Dr Roel Pieterman** (Sociologist of Law, Erasmus University, NL) **From 'overweight' to 'healthy weight': re-framing policy to stop the obesity epidemic among Dutch children."**

Dr Julia Keenan (Research Assistant, University of East Anglia) **'I just want them to eat when they're hungry and I want them to eat well. And I want them not to be hung up really, and I don't want them to be overweight': The impact of obesity discourses on maternal identities, early feeding relationships and parenting practices.**

Dr Emma Rawlins (Research Fellow, Centre for Research into Family and Relationships, University of Edinburgh) **"I've got no choice, I've got children": Understanding family eating practices**

3-3.30

Coffee

3.30 – 5

Panel 2: Food, motherhood and meaning

Chair and closing comments: **Dr. Ellie Lee** (Senior Lecturer, Social Policy, SSPSSR, University of Kent)

Speakers: **Dr. Charlotte Faircloth. Militant Lactivism? Accounting for infant feeding**

Dr. Rebecca O'Connell (Research Officer, Thomas Coram Research Unit, Institute of Education) **Food responsibilities in working families: avoiding maternal blame**

Dr. Emma Head (Lecturer, School of Sociology and Criminology, Keele University) **'Don't rush to mush'? Infants, food and contemporary family practices**

5.30- 7

Wine reception in nearby venue (by invitation)