

## Monitoring Parents: Science, evidence, experts and the new parenting culture

University of Kent, September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2011

The Grimond Building: Foyer, Lecture Theatre 3 (LT3), Seminar Room 1 (S1) and Seminar Room 3 (S3)

**Tuesday 13 September**

Coffee/Registration	9-10am	Foyer
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Session 1	10am-11.45am	LT3
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Welcome: Ellie Lee

**Keynote 1: Perspectives on the rise of parenting science**

Chair: Sally Sheldon

Janet Golden, Professor of History, Rutgers University

*The Many Sciences of Parenting*

Stefan Ramaekers, Centre for Philosophy of Education, University of Leuven

*The claims of parenting: Reasons, responsibility, society*

Frank Furedi, Professor of Sociology, University Kent,

*Who is to Judge? The unresolved contradiction of the parenting expert*

Session 2	11.45am-1.15pm
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**Concurrent panels (room details below)**

Lunch	1.15-2.30pm	Foyer
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Session 3	2.30-4pm
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**Concurrent panels (room details below)**

Session 4	4-5.30pm	LT3
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**Keynote 2: Parenting and the 'new phrenology'**

Chair/introduction: Ellie Lee, *Prejudice masquerading as research: brain science and British social policy*

Glenda Wall, Associate Professor Sociology, Wilfred Laurier University, Canada

*'Powerful cognitive engineers: The social positioning of mothers through brain development discourse'*

Discussants: Joan Wolf, Texas A&M University and Frank Furedi, University of Kent

5.45-7pm	drinks	Foyer
7pm	dinner	Gulbenkian café

## Wednesday 14 September

Coffee/registration 9-9.30am Foyer

Session 5 9.30-11am

**Concurrent panels (room details below)**

Session 6 11am-12.45pm LT3

### **Keynote 3**

Chair: Jan Macvarish

John T. Bruer, President of the James S. McDonnell Foundation in St. Louis

*Lecture: The Myth of the First Three Years* (pre-recorded)

Stuart Derbyshire, Senior Lecturer in Psychology, University of Birmingham

*The Problem of Infant Neurodeterminism*

Lunch 12.45-2pm Foyer

Session 7 2-3.30pm

**Concurrent panels (room details below)**

Session 8 3.30-4.45pm LT3

### **Keynote 4**

Chair: Jan Macvarish

Raymond Tallis, doctor, retired clinical scientist and philosopher, author

*Aping Mankind: Neuromania, Darwinitis and the Misrepresentation of Mankind*

## Concurrent panels

### **Session 2**

**11.45am-1.15pm (Tuesday)**

#### **Panel 1 (S1)**

**Adrienne Evans**, Coventry University, *Keeping it in the Family: Sexualization and Figurations of the Responsible Liberal Parent*

**Jan Macvarish**, Kent University, *Sexualised children or infantilized adults?*

**Sara Bragg**, Research Fellow, Child and Youth Studies, Childhood Development and Learning, The Open University *"Blame the moronic mothers": parenting and the 'sexualisation of childhood' debate*

#### **Panel 2 (LT3)**

**Tracey Jensen**, King's College London, *Does parental warmth matter more than parental wealth?*

**Dmitra Hartas**, University of Warwick, *Inequality and the home learning environment: predictions about 7-year olds' language and literacy*

**Hanne Knudsen**, Department of Learning, Aarhus University, Copenhagen NV, *Playful responsibility*

#### **Panel 3 (S3)**

**Charlotte Faircloth**, University of Kent, *'What science says is best': Full-term breastfeeding, scientific authority and maternal identity work*

**Maria Jansson**, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, *Different worlds: breastfeeding, motherhood and HIV in the World Health Organization's policies on infant feeding*

**Therese Andrews**, Department of Sociology, University of Bergen, Norway and

**Stephanie Knaak**, Alberta, Canada, *Medicalized Mothering: Experiences with Breastfeeding in Canada and Norway*

**Panel 1 (S1)**

**Claire Edwards** and **Etaoine Howlett**, School of Applied Social Studies, University College Cork, Ireland, *The new professionals? 'ADHD parents' and the evaluation of alternative therapeutic regimes*

**Yael Hashiloni-Dolev** and **Shkedi Shiri**, School of Government and Society, The Academic College of Tel-Aviv-Yaffo, *On New Reproductive Technologies and Family Ethics: Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD) for Sibling Donor (SD) in Israel and Germany*

**Diana Marre** and **Beatriz San Román**, Research Group AFIN (Adoptions, Families, Childhoods), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, *Parenting in Adoption*

**Panel 2 (LT3)**

**Amy Murphy**, School of Psychology, University of Kent, *Sexist ideology and the regulation of pregnancy*

**Stephanie Knaak**, Alberta, Canada, *Medical Paternalism, Risk Averse Parenting, and the Moral Straight-jacketing of Maternal Behaviour: Unpacking the 'no drinking during pregnancy' rule*

**Francesca Nicola**, Milano-Bicocca University Milan, *"They are here to teach us": The case of Indigo children as a new parenting culture*

**Panel 3 (S3)**

**Mary Ann Kanieski**, Saint Mary's College, *"They Can't Help It; It's How They Were Raised": Constructing the Ideal Parent*

**Luc Van den Berge**, K.U.Leuven Laboratory for Education and Society, Belgium, *(Neuro)psychology as a basis for parenting support: an impoverished conception of care*

**Heather Piper**, Institute of Education, Manchester Metropolitan University, *Sports coaching or parenting: a contradiction in practice*

**Panel 1 (LT3)**

**Rosalind Edwards**, University of Southampton and **Val Gillies**, London South Bank University, *Who's looking out for your children? Changes and continuities in British mothers and fathers experiences of parenting over half a century*

**Kristina Alexandra Diana John** and **Daniela Grunow**, University of Amsterdam  
*The dynamics between expertise, parenting norms and politics: Media-analytical evidence from six European countries*

**Eleanor Jane Roberts**, Playwork and childcare advisor, *Freedom, moral panics, and parenting*

**Panel 2 (S3)**

**Stefan Ramaekers**, K.U.Leuven, Belgium, *What has happened to parental responsibility? Some philosophical notes*

**Helen Reece**, LSE, *From Authoritative Parenting to Positive Parenting*

**Ciara Smyth**, University of New South Wales, Sydney, *Exploring parental responsibility for children's cognitive development*

**Panel 3 (S1)**

**Judith Suissa**, Institute of Education, London, *Parents, Children and the Science of Happiness*

**Nina L. Powell**, University of Birmingham, *Moral Development*

**Alka Sehgal Cuthbert**, University of Cambridge, *The Brain Is Not Enough - Education versus Neuroscience*

**Panel 1 (LT3)**

**Karen Clarke**, University of Manchester, *Poor parents, poor development and early intervention*

**Joan Wolf**, Texas A&M University, *Constructing Normal: Social Science, Childcare Research, and Maternal Attachment*

**Panel 2 (S3)**

**Erik Löfmarck**, Södertörn University and Uppsala University, Sweden, *Risk and parental feeding practices in everyday life*

**Gillian Hawkes** and **Angela Cassidy**, University of East Anglia, *Feeding baby: How parents negotiate and manage advice around infant and early nutrition*

**Jenny Green**, University of Hull, *Midwifery and infant feeding policy*

**Panel 3 (S1)**

**Pam Lowe**, Aston University and **Geraldine Brady**, Coventry University, ***Empty vessels? Conceptualisation of 'the child' in parenting discourse***

**Martyn Pickersgill**, University of Edinburgh, *Brainy Kids: Education, Social Care, and the Circulation of Neurologic Knowledge*

**Eva Silberschmidt Viala**, University of Aarhus, *Immigrant parents as 'coaches' for their children in the Danish school system*