Feeding children in the new parenting culture


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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: Dr. Ellie Lee (Senior Lecturer, Social Policy, 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: **Professor Frank Furedi** (Professor of Sociology, 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)**