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The conference is part of a series of events on surrogacy jointly organised by the Protestant Academy Berlin, the Protestant Academy Tutzing and the Centre for Health Care Ethics at the Protestant Academy Loccum. For more information, click [here](#).

## Registration



Participation is free of charge, but registration is required. Please visit our [website](#) and fill in the form.

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The conference will be held online via Zoom. The invite link will be sent to registered participants a couple of days before the conference.

# JUSTICE IN SURROGACY RELATIONS

## International Perspectives

**Wednesday, 29 May 2024**  
**Online conference**

**T**he discourse and practices surrounding surrogacy differ greatly internationally. Countries with more liberal regulatory approaches in Europe and elsewhere have become popular destinations for transnational surrogacy arrangements in recent years. Other countries seek to confine surrogacy within their own borders and to prevent the commercialisation of such practices. Our conference aims to provide an opportunity to engage with experiences from a variety of contexts to foster a fruitful, informed and diverse ethical debate in Germany. We will place a particular focus on the question of justice in surrogacy relationships.

The conference is aimed at researchers, infertility and family counsellors, policy makers as well as the general public.

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## Wednesday, 29 May 2024

- 14.00 Welcome and introduction**  
Ruth Denkhaus, Julia Inthorn
- Part I: Legal regulations and practical experiences**
- 14.30 Surrogacy in Russia and the Ukraine: on ethical labor in contested markets**  
Veronika Siegl (Vienna)
- 15.00 Breakout session**
- 15.20 Surrogacy in the USA and the UK: thinkability, affects and economics**  
Marcin Smietana (Cambridge)
- 15.50 Breakout session**
- 16.05 Plenary discussion**
- 16.35 Break**
- Part II: Systematic perspectives**
- 16.55 Transnational surrogacy biomarkers in India: the question of reproductive justice**  
Sheela Suryanarayanan (Hyderabad)
- 17.25 Breakout session**
- 17.45 Towards a relational approach to reproductive justice in the context of surrogacy**  
Jenny Gunnarsson Payne (Stockholm)
- 18.15 Breakout session**
- 18.30 Plenary discussion**
- 19.00 End of conference**

All times are CEST.

The conference language is English, but there will be an opportunity to ask questions in German during the breakout sessions and in the chat.

## Speakers

**Dr. Jenny Gunnarsson Payne**  
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**Dr. Veronika Siegl**  
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