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EDUCATION

Dissertation project

Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Iran From an Anthropological Perspective: Legal and Jurisprudential Responses and Social Dynamics (Oral examination: September 2014)

Supervisors

Prof. Dr. Willemijn de Jong, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Zurich

Prof. Dr. Thomas Eich, Asien-Afrika-Institut, University of Hamburg

- 2009- 2012** Doctoral fellow and member of the Postgraduate Research Training Programme “**Bioethics: On the Self-Design of Human Beings by Use of Biotechniques**” funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) at the International Centre for Ethics in the Sciences and Humanities (IZEW), under the direction of **Prof. Dr. Eve-Marie Engels** and **Prof. Dr. Thomas Potthast**, University of Tübingen, Germany
- 2011** Visiting PhD fellow at the University of Manchester, School of Social Anthropology, supervised by **Prof. Jeanette Edwards**
- 2008** Lic. Phil. (CH-equivalent to MA), University of Bern, Switzerland
Thesis title: “Sibling Intimacy in the Age of Assisted Reproduction: An Ethnography of New Reproductive Technologies in Iran”, (highest grade) supervised by **Prof. Édouard Conte**
- 2002-2008** Study of Social Anthropology (major), Islamic Studies and General Linguistics (minor subjects), University of Bern, Switzerland
- 2006** Certificate in Cross-Cultural Translation (German-Persian), Bern, Switzerland
- 2001-2002** German as Foreign Language, certificate issued by Goethe Institute (ZOP), Fribourg
- 2000** BA in English Language Translation, Azad University, Tehran Central Branch, Iran
- 1998-1999** Study of Tourism and Travel, Iran Travel and Tourism Organization, Tehran, Iran
- 1994-1995** Study of Acting, Directing and Playwriting, **Hamid Samandarian** Theatre School, Tehran, Iran
- 1991** High School Diploma in Natural Sciences, Tehran, Iran

WORKING EXPERIENCE

- 2013-** Cross-cultural translator, Childbirth Classes, Mamamundo, SRC, Bern, Switzerland
- 2009- 2012** Postgraduate Research Training Programme “Bioethics”, IZEW, University of Tübingen, Germany
- 2005-** Cross-cultural translator, Comprendi, Bern, Switzerland
- 2008** Research Assistant by Prof. Édouard Conte, Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland
- 2005-2008** Tutorial Assistant (Wissenschaftliche Hilfsassistentin), Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland
- 2004-2005** Organizing and leading two students oriented tours to Iran, Bern, Switzerland
- 1999- 2001** Authorized tour guide for foreign tourist groups, Tehran, Iran
- 1991-1998** Acting (Theatre, TV), Tehran, Iran. Samples: The Seven Abodes of Love (Iran 1995, India 1996) directed by **Pari Saberi**, Bijan and Manijeh (Iran, 1996) directed by **Pari Saberi**

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST

Anthropological theories of kinship, human reproduction, and the body, anthropology of secularity, religion, law and morality, historical sociology, assisted reproductive technologies, bioethics (in particular legal and theological contemporary debates in Iran), Shia jurisprudence (*fiqh*) and ethics (*akhlāq*), anthropological studies of contemporary Iranian society, Iranian theatre, kinship and local customs in Switzerland

LANGUAGES

Persian, German, English, Arabic (working knowledge)

MEMBERSHIP

European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), American Anthropological Association (AAA), International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES)

ORGANIZED CONFERENCES, PANELS AND WORKSHOPS

- July-August 2014** Co-convener (together with Sibylle Lustenberger, University of Bern), EASA 2014, (P106) **“Rethinking assisted conception: dynamics of law, morality and religion”**, EASA 2014, Collaboration, Intimacy & Revolution: innovation and continuity in an interconnected world, Tallinn, July 31- August 3.
- May 2014** Co-convener (together with Prof. Jeanette Edwards, University of Manchester) IUAES 2014, (P020) **“Future(s) with/of the human body”**, The Japanese Society of Cultural Anthropology (JASCA) Conference & IUAES Inter-Congress 2014, The Future with/of Anthropologies, Chiba City, Tokyo, May, 15-18.
Chair: Professor Dame Marilyn Strathern (University of Cambridge)
- September 2013** Co-convener and co-organizer of International Conference **“Contesting Fertilities, Families, and Sexualities: Social and Historical Perspectives on Assisted Reproductive Technologies”**, University of Zurich, funding by the UZH-Graduate Campus via a GRC Grant, September, 5-6.
Keynotes:
Prof. Jeanette Edwards (Manchester)
Prof. Enric Porqueres i Gene (EHESS Paris)

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2014** **University of Hamburg**, Germany, “The Iranian Embryo Donation Law and Surrogacy Act”, Workshop “The social politics of Islamic bioethics”, organized by Prof. Dr. Thomas Eich, Jenny Schreiber and Morgan Clarke, January 9-11.
- 2013** **University of Zurich**, Switzerland, “Shia concepts of motherhood in the context of egg donation and surrogacy in Iran: towards an ontology of kinship”, (co-convener and co-organizer) International Conference *“Contesting Fertilities, Families, and Sexualities: Social and Historical Perspectives on Assisted Reproductive Technologies”*, University of Zurich, September 5-6.
- 2013** **University of Tübingen**, Germany, “The birth of embryo donation and surrogacy in Iran: purity and legitimacy”, workshop of the Research Training Group *“Bioethik – Zur Selbstgestaltung des Menschen durch Biotechniken”*, the results of the second and third phase (2007-2012), ‘Fürstenzimmer’ of the castle Hohentübingen, February 7-8.
- 2012** **University of Zurich**, Switzerland, “The Birth of embryo donation and surrogacy in Iran”, Seminar Lecture Series, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, October 10.
- 2012** **University of Hamburg**, Germany, “The Birth of embryo donation and surrogacy in Iran”, International Conference *“Health Related Issues and Islamic Normativity”*, Asian-Africa Institute, June 20-23.
- 2012** **University of Tübingen**, Germany, “Entstehung von Verwandtschaft: Ein Beitrag zur Debatte über die Eizellenspende”, International Centre for Ethics in the Sciences and Humanities (IZEW), January 31.
- 2012** **University of Tübingen**, Germany, *“If you were not my pesar-khāleh (mother’s sister’s son), I swear to God, I had already divorced you: Cousin marriage, siblingship and assisted reproductive technologies in Iran”*, at

the invitation of Prof. Dr. Roland Hardenberg, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Ethnology, January 17.

- 2011 **University of Lucerne**, Switzerland, "Kinship and assisted reproductive technology in Iran", at the invitation of Prof. Dr. Bettina Beer and Dr. Don Gardner, Institute of Cultural and Social Anthropology, November 11.
- 2011 **University of Manchester**, UK, "Regulation of assisted reproductive technologies in Iran: from the question of filiation to the law of embryo donation", Senior Seminar Series, Institute for Science, Ethics and Innovation, March 30.
- 2011 **University of Manchester**, UK, "M like mother": the enigma of assisted reproduction in Iranian infertility clinics, Institute of Social Anthropology, March 23.
- 2010 **University of Oxford**, UK, "Changes in the concept of childhood? Kinship and reproduction in the contemporary Shiite Iran", Seminar on *Reproduction, Family and Changing Concepts of Childhood*, Fertility and Reproductive Studies Group, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, November 15.
- 2010 **Shahid Sadughi University of Medical Sciences and Health Services**, Yazd, Iran, "Ethics of assisted reproduction (in Persian)". Research and Clinical Centre for Infertility, September 26.
- 2010 **University of Cambridge**, UK, "M like mother: a social grammar of assisted reproduction in Iranian infertility clinics", Cambridge Interdisciplinary Reproduction Forum (CIRF), April 27.
- 2010 **Aix-en-Provence**, France, "Surrogacy and the notion of assisted reproduction in Shiite Islam", *Muslim and Jewish Women in the Mediterranean: religion, gender, and identity*, Organized by the Institute of Mediterranean, European and Comparative Ethnology (IDEMEC), Ramsès and the MMSH, March 24-25.
- 2009 **Yale University**, USA, "Ovum, uterus and maternal relatedness in Shiite thought and practice: gestational surrogacy in Iran", *Islam and the Biotechnologies of Human Life*, sponsored by Council on Middle East Studies at the Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale University in affiliation with the University of Oxford, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Fertility and Reproduction Studies Group, September 18-20.
- 2009 **University of Zurich**, Switzerland, "Ovum, uterus and maternal relatedness in Shiite thought: egg Donation, surrogacy and assisted reproduction in Iran", Institute of Biomedical Ethics, April 30.
- 2007 **Shahid Beheshti University**, Tehran, Iran, "Rethinking kinship: debating surrogate uterus in Iran (in Persian)", at the invitation of Dr. Mehdi Akhondi for the *Interdisciplinary Conference on Surrogacy* organised by Avicenna Research Institute in association with the Faculty of Law and Political Science of **Al-lameh Tabatabaei University**, October 24-25.
- 2007 **University of Hamburg**, Germany "Verwandtschaft zwischen Unfruchtbarkeit und Religion: Assistierte Reproduktionstechnologien in Iran", at the invitation of Prof. Dr. Raoul Motika for the Conference "*Bioethische und gesundheitliche Herausforderungen für die islamische Welt: Aids, Drogen, Reproduktionsmedizin und Klonen*", Asian-Africa Institute, June 22.
- 2007 **University of Zurich**, Switzerland, "Assisted reproductive technologies in Iran", at the invitation of Prof. Willemijn de Jong, seminar on Body and Technology, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, May 9.

CONFERENCE TALKS

- 2013 **AAA Chicago 2013 Meeting**, "The Moral Status of the in vitro Human Embryo: The Iranian Context", Invited Session, "A Four Field Anthropology of Fetuses", Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL, November 22-24.
- 2010 **IUAES 2010, Antalya**, Turkey, "The social functions of bioethics in Iran: A web of secular and religious correlation in action", 2010 IUAES Inter-Congress "From the Crossroads of Civilizations: Understanding Cultural Diversity to Connect Societies", October 3-6.
- 2009 **Yale University**, USA, "Gestational surrogacy in Iran", Medical Anthropology at the Intersections: Celebrating 50 Years of Interdisciplinarity, An international conference of the Society for Medical Anthropology of the American Anthropological Association, September 24-27.
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PARTICIPATED CONFERENCES

- 2012 Symposium of the Research Training Group Bioethics '**Biotechnologie - Ethik - Gesellschaft**', in the Fürstenzimmer of the castle Hohentübingen, Germany, February 9-11.
- 2011 International Conference '**New Reproductive Techniques, Gender and Parenting**', Lyon, France, November 14-15.
- 2011 "**Global Health, Global Goods, and International Community**", Public Lecture and Two-Day Conference, Institute for Science, Ethics and Innovation, University of Manchester, Great Britain, June 1-3.
- 2010 Royan International Twin Congress, **11th Congress on Reproductive Biomedicine and 6th Congress on Stem Cell Biology and Technology**, Tehran, Iran, September 15-17.
- 2010 Workshop of the Research Training Group '**Bioethik - Zur Selbstgestaltung des Menschen durch Biotechniken**' the results of the second phase (2007-2010), IZEW, Tübingen, Germany, July 16-17.

PUBLICATIONS

Garmaroudi Naef, Shirin (Manuscript in revision). "**The Iranian Embryo Donation Law and Surrogacy Act: Intersection of Religion, Law and Ethics**", based on the paper presented at the workshop "The social politics of Islamic bioethics", organized by Prof. Dr. Thomas Eich, Jenny Schreiber and Morgan Clarke, University of Hamburg, 9-11 January 2014, to be submitted to the Journal of *Die Welt des Islams. International Journal for the Study of Modern Islam*. (peer reviewed)

Garmaroudi Naef, Shirin. 2014. "**Modern Reproductive Technologies and Traditional Ontologies: An Anthropological Reflection on Assisted Reproduction in Iran**", in Ranisch, Robert; Schuol, Sebastian and Rockoff, Marcus (eds.), *Selbstgestaltung des Menschen durch Biotechniken*, Tübingen: Francke (forthcoming)

Garmaroudi Naef, Shirin, 2013. "**The Birth of Embryo Donation and Surrogacy in Iran**", in Schreiber, Jenny; Eich, Thomas and Clarke, Morgan (eds), *Conference Proceedings of the International Conference: Health Related Issues and Islamic Normativity*, pp. 102-116, Halle: Universitäts- und Landesbibliothek Sachsen-Anhalt.

Garmaroudi Naef, Shirin, 2012. "**Gestational Surrogacy in Iran: Uterine Kinship in Shia Thought and Practice**", in Inhorn, Marcia C. and Tremayne, Soraya (eds), *Islam and Assisted Reproductive Technologies: Sunni and Shia Perspectives*, pp. 157-193, New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books. (peer reviewed)

Garmaroudi, Shirin, 2008. **Gestational surrogacy in Iran (in Persian)**. *Medical Journal of Reproduction and Infertility* 9 (1): 50-64. (peer reviewed)

Garmaroudi, Shirin, 2008. "**Verwandtschaft zwischen Unfruchtbarkeit und Religion. Assistierte Reproduktionstechnologien in Iran**", in Motika, Raoul und Christian H. Meier (Hg), *Bioethische und gesundheitliche Herausforderungen für die islamische Welt: AIDS, Drogen und Reproduktionsmedizin*, pp. 63-80, Beiträge eines wissenschaftlichen Kolloquiums am Asien-Afrika-Institut der Universität Hamburg, 22. Juni 2007, (http://www.aai.uni-hamburg.de/voror/Material/Bioethik_Tagungsband.pdf)

Garmaroudi, Shirin, 2007. "**Rethinking kinship: Debating Surrogate Uterus in Iran**" (in Persian), in *Medical, legal, Islamic jurisprudential, ethical-philosophical, sociological and psychological aspects of surrogacy*, pp. 301-319, Teheran: Avesina Research Center and Samt Publications.