

**Programme for ‘Monitoring Parents: Childrearing in the Age of ‘Intensive Parenthood’’, Darwin College, University of Kent, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2007**

**Monday May 21**

**9-10am Registration/tea and coffee in Darwin College conference centre**

**10-11.30am Darwin College LT1**

**Welcome and comments on background to ‘Monitoring Parents’: Infant feeding in a culture of intensive parenting.** Speaker: Ellie Lee. **Keynote session: Understanding ‘parenting culture’.** Speakers: Susan Douglas / Frank Furedi. Chair: Ellie Lee

**11.30am – 1pm Paper sessions**

**Darwin College conference centre: Mothering in the early days and weeks.** Chair: Stephanie Knaak

Liz Gale, An Uneven Playing Field? The medicalisation of pregnancy and the ‘risk management’ of postnatal support.

Kristin Klingaman, Maternal satisfaction on the postnatal ward after caesarean section delivery

Elizabeth Murphy, Dealing with Deviance: mothers' accounts of their infant feeding practices

**Darwin College LT1: Teenage Parenthood in Britain.** Chair: Jan Macvarish  
Helen Holgate, ‘I wish they would ask instead of just judging’ – Young Mothers’ Experiences

Suzanne Cater, ‘Planned’ teenage pregnancy: Perspectives of young women from disadvantaged backgrounds in England

Clare Seamark, Positive experiences of teenage motherhood

**Darwin College LT2: Shifting constructions of parenting.** Chair: Stuart Waiton

Carol Vincent, Living, Working and Mothering in the inner city

Jan Webb, Managing the risk of parenting

Dave Clements, The State of Parenting

**1-2.15pm Lunch in Darwin College conference centre**

## **2.15-4.15pm Paper sessions**

### **Darwin College conference centre: Intensive mothering: mothers' experiences.** Chair: Elizabeth Murphy

Charlotte Faircloth, Marginal mothers: the case of 'full term' breastfeeding  
Glenda Wall, Mothers' experiences with intensive parenting and new brain research

Helen Bowcock, 'Just the One?' Experiences of mothers who have only one child

### **Darwin College LT1: The Politics of Teenage Parenthood.** Chair: Ellie Lee Lesley Hoggart, Teenage Motherhood and the construction of 'alternative' moral agendas

Pam Alldred, What's Important to Whom? Young Mothers Challenging Policy Assumptions

Jan Macvarish, Why is Teenage Parenthood Problematised?

Maud Perrier, Performing Intensive Mothering: the influence of class on 'motherwork' accounts

### **Darwin College LT2: Intensive parenting and disability.** Chair: Frank Furedi

Christine Rogers, Parenting learning disabled children

Janice McLaughlin, Intensive parenting or intensive caring? The narratives and experiences of parents of disabled babies and infants

Fran Wright, Compulsory intensive mothering: caring for a child with a disability

Naomi Narramore, Meeting expectations? The emotional management of parents who give birth to a child with a disability or critical illness

## **4.15-4.30pm Tea and Coffee**

Darwin College conference centre

## **4.30-5.45pm**

### **Darwin College LT1**

**Keynote session: Philosophical and sociological perspectives on intensive motherhood.** Chair: Frank Furedi. Speakers: Rebecca Kukla / Stephanie Knaak. Discussants: Elizabeth Murphy, Sally Sheldon

## **6.15-8.15pm Buffet and wine reception in Darwin College conference centre**

## Tuesday May 22

**8.30-9am Tea and Coffee in Darwin College conference centre**

### **9-11am Paper sessions**

**Darwin College conference centre: Mediating intensive parenting.**

Chair: Susan Douglas

Mary Ann Kanieski, Best Be the Ties That Bind: Discourse and Discipline in Bonding Research

Jo Haigh, To Push To Push: Elective Caesarean Sections and Moral Panics

Timo Heimerdinger, Infant feeding decisions in Germany 1950-2000.

Historical-ethnographic perspectives on the popular discourse

Denise Ferris, Regarding the Familiar: The Anxiety and Necessity of the Imaged Public Child

**Darwin College LT1: Tensions in parenting policy.** Chair: Kate O'Brien

Jane Reeves, Absence makes the professional try harder? Meeting the needs of socially excluded young men who become fathers.

Val Gillies, 'Tell them what they want to hear and then do what works': navigating the contemporary politics of parenting

Harriet Churchill, Constructions of responsible parenting: New Labour and maternal perspectives and concerns contrasted

Amanda Holt, Parenting Orders, Youth Justice Policy and the discursive shaping of subjectivity

**Darwin College LT2: Gender and parenting culture.** Chair: Mary Evans

Ara Francis, Understanding the gendered nature of intensive parenting: The importance of action and interaction

Suzanne Symthe, The Good Mother: Literacy advice to Canadian mothers in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

Jemimah Bailey, Fathers and Breastfeeding in Ireland

Lisa Symth, Gendered spaces and Intimate citizenship: the case of breastfeeding

**11-11.15am tea and coffee in Darwin College conference centre**

## **11.15am-12.45pm Paper sessions**

### **Darwin College conference centre: Health promotion and feeding children.** Chair: Rebecca Kukla

Robin Mackenzie, Sacrificing the fatted calves and childhood obesity

Julia Keenan, Feeding the family and regulating a healthy balance: women anticipating first time motherhood

Therese Andrews, Implications of infant feeding policy on infant feeding practices – the case of Norway

### **Darwin College LT1: Parenting culture and the problem of sleep**

Chair: Ellie Lee

Helen Ball, Reducing risk, promoting health; the implications of competing strategies aimed at influencing the practices of parents regarding infant feeding and sleeping

Emma Head, Dangerous sleep? An analysis of sleep advice aimed at new parents

Stephanie Knaak, Sleep deprivation as a problem of entitlement: The influence of contemporary mothering ideology on mothers' personal wellbeing

### **Darwin College LT2: Child protection.** Chair: Frank Furedi

Polly Radcliffe, Monitoring Substance Misusing Parents

Anneke Meyer, Parenting in a climate of fear: the case of paedophilia

## **12.45-2.15pm Lunch / informal discussion on conference outputs in Darwin College conference centre**

## **2.15-3.45pm Paper sessions**

### **Darwin College conference centre: Health professionals and their role**

Chair: Mary Fewtrell

Alison Wall, What Choice in Infant Feeding Methods?

Ros Delaney, Sex Talk? Overcoming barriers about sex and contraception after childbirth

Sue Battersby, Midwives' dilemmas with mothers' choices of infant feeding

### **Darwin College LT1: Law and parenting**

Chair: Robin Mackenzie

Grace James, Law's Response to Pregnancy/Workplace Conflicts: A Critique

Helen Reece, The Changing Meaning of Parental Responsibility

Sally Sheldon, Reconceiving Fathers: Shifting Discourses of Fatherhood and Reproduction

### **Darwin College LT2: Analysing family life**

Chair: Helen Bowcock

Stefano Ba', Between play and ritual: Family life with children

Ann Rich, Grandparents and parenting: towards a theory of Grandparenthood

Esther Goh, Powerful or powerless? The experience of single children being raised on 4-2-1 families in Hong Kong.

## **3.45pm Conference close**