

Call for Participants directed to **Early-Career Scholars**

Interdisciplinary workshop on 'Men, Masculinities and Reproduction'

14-16 May 2025, Fondation Brocher, Hermance, Switzerland

This international workshop seeks to explore the often absent and under-researched roles and perspectives of men in reproduction and related expressions of masculinities. Bringing together researchers from diverse fields – including law, public health, sociology, anthropology, philosophy, and psychology – the event aims to promote a multidisciplinary dialogue on the social realities of male reproduction in light of the latest medical developments and the broader opportunities and challenges that men face in the spheres of reproduction and care. Topics of discussion will include gendered experiences of fatherhood, parenting and care work, fertility, contraception, child loss, and queer and alternative family formation.

As noted by Inhorn et al. (2009), men have been relegated to 'the second sex' in social science research on reproduction. Despite a remarkable amount of academic interest in masculinities and the body, men's involvement in reproduction has generally received little attention. Only recently have some scholars felt the need to address issues of 'reproductive masculinity' (Daniels 2006; Inhorn 2020), and a few studies are beginning to highlight the diversity of men's reproductive roles, experiences, and concerns (e.g. Elliot 2016). This growing body of scholarship challenges the assumption that men are disengaged from reproductive issues, and reveals that men have their own reproductive concerns and interests, and are often actively participating and emotionally invested in most dimensions of the reproductive process.

The interdisciplinary workshop will be organised into five thematic sessions. Each session will feature three presentations by internationally renowned scholars, followed by a discussant's remarks and a general discussion on the cross-cutting issues raised by the presenters. As an early-career researcher, you will have the chance to attend all presentations, engage in the discussions, and receive personalised feedback on your work from at least one established scholar in the field.

To participate, please submit an abstract of your current project (max. 500 words) and a short bio to Carole Ammann (carole.ammann@unilu.ch) **by 15 November 2024**.

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