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**ACADEMIC CONFERENCE  
'EXPANDING INTERSEX STUDIES'**

**31 January – 1 February 2024**

Université libre de Bruxelles  
Institut de Sociologie  
Avenue Jeanne, 44  
1050 Bruxelles

**STAKEHOLDER EVENT  
'THE FUTURE OF INTERSEX RIGHTS'**

**1 February 2024, 6 pm**

City Hall of Brussels  
Grand-Place

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31 JANUARY 2024

From 12 pm : Welcome Desk

1 pm - 3 pm : Opening & INIA Workshop Room Lallemand (Building B)

### Introductory Speeches

Marius Gilbert (Vice-Rector for Research, Université libre de Bruxelles)

Surya Monro (Coordinator of the INIA project, University of Huddersfield & Loughborough University)

### Main Results of the INIA Project

Martin Gramc (Universität Zürich)

Tanya Ni Mhuirthile (Dublin City University)

Audrey Aegerter (Université libre de Bruxelles)

Discussants:

Morgan Carpenter (Intersex Human Rights Australia/University of Sydney)

Mauro Cabral Grinspan (Université libre de Bruxelles)

3 pm - 3.30 pm : Coffee & Tea Main Hall (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

3.30 pm - 5.30 pm : PAPER SESSION 1

### Theory

Room Stein Rokkan (12<sup>th</sup> floor)

Chair: Martin Gramc (Universität Zürich)

***Shaping bodies and shaping narratives: epistemic injustice and the responses of medicine and bioethics to intersex human rights demands***

Morgan Carpenter (University of Sydney)

***Intersex people transcendence from enforced invisibility***

Rogena Sterling (University of Waikato)

***Human rights, reflexivity and epistemic justice in research:***

***Contributions from intersex studies***

Ametz Suesch Schwend (Escuela Andaluza de Salud Pública/Universidad de Granada)

***Queer interruption of sex chromosomes:***

***“Wilding” the outmoded tropes “XX” and “XY”***

Margriet van Heesch (Universiteit van Amsterdam)

### Families

Room Henri Janne (15<sup>th</sup> floor)

Chair: Kate Wood (University of Huddersfield)

***The myth of intersex infertility: Exploring legal frameworks for access to parenthood in Quebec and France***

Marie Dry (McGill University & Université Paris Nanterre)

***Do parents just want “normal” children? Parental contestation of surgical “solutions” to intersex traits***

Gijs Hablous (Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen)

***Parents of children with intersex variations/ variations of sex characteristics (VSCs): perspectives on educational and support needs in the healthcare setting***

Kayla Horowitz (McGill University), Kimberly Zayhowski (Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine), Nicole Palmour (McGill University), Darius Haghghat (Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine) & Yann Joly (McGill University)

***"I can't validate the registration if I don't know if your newborn is a girl or a boy": Parents of intersex children confronted with gender categorization***

Gaëlle Larrieu (Sciences Po Paris)

***"Incidental findings"? Prenatal testing for sex chromosome variations and intersex politics in Belgium***

Shana Riethof (Université de Liège)

## **Experiences & Good Practices**

Room Éliane Vogel-Polsky (15<sup>th</sup> floor)

Chair: Marisela Montenegro Martinez (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

***A life course perspective on the sexual development of young intersex people***

Mir Abe Marinus (Nederlandse organisatie voor seksediversiteit) & Marianne Cense (Rutgers)

***Achieving social justice for intersex people through law.***

***Insights from the Equality Law Clinic***

Charly Derave & Isabelle Rorive (Université libre de Bruxelles)

***Social movement spillover: How small ripples can create big waves***

Michael Kreuzer & Katie Garrett

***The first francophone bibliography on intersex studies:***

***Presentation, methodology and ethics***

Pee Rozada (RéFRI), Audrey Aegerter (Université libre de Bruxelles) & Michal Raz (Aix-Marseille Université)

## **Cultural Representations**

Room Arthur Doucy (12<sup>th</sup> floor)

Chair: Macarena Murugarren (Dublin City University)

***Trying not to know is an active process of denial and forgetting, don't forget to forget***

Sharan Bala (Gerrit Rietveld Academie)

***Sports TV broadcasting: a media apparatus at the heart of the emerging controversy regarding the sporting performance of intersex athlete Caster Semenya***

Natacha Lapeyroux (Université libre de Bruxelles)

***From erasure to agency: The power and significance of self-created intersex representations***

Sveta Solntseva (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

***Introducing the intersex research corpus: Pathologized innate sex characteristics in biomedical research discourse 1950-2020***

Brian Walter King

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From 9.30 am : Coffee & Tea Main Hall (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

10 am - 12 pm : PAPER SESSION 2

### Law & Human Rights

Room Henri Janne (15<sup>th</sup> floor)

Chair: Tanya Ni Mhúirthile (Dublin City University)

***Working towards convergence of the clinical management of intersex conditions and human rights: reflections on a joint research project***

Pieter Cannoot (Universiteit Gent)

***Treatment-related decision-making by intersex adolescents and adults. First results from a qualitative ethical study***

Elio Clemenz (Universität Göttingen)

***Intersex human rights and their lived experiences in Ireland and Malta: Preliminary findings***

Somya Dixit (Dublin City University)

***Intersex and Transitional Justice***

Benjamin Moron-Puech (Université Lumière Lyon 2)

***Legal perspective on intersex issues: sex assigned at birth and sex/gender registration in Europe***

Martina Molinari (Università di Genova)

### Health & Wellbeing

Room Éliane Vogel-Polsky (15<sup>th</sup> floor)

Chair: Addy Berry (University of Huddersfield)

***Investigation into the medical management of intersex infants: Towards meaningful law reform in the UK***

Eleanor Drover (Durham University)

***Emotional experiences of U.S. intersex activists***

Cynthia Mulit



## **Conducting a survey on the health of intersex people**

Loé Petit (Université Paris 8), Michal Raz (Aix-Marseille Université)  
& Gaëlle Larrieu (Sciences Po Paris)

### **Ethics & Methods**

Room Stein Rokkan (12<sup>th</sup> floor)

Chair: Amets Suess Schwend (Escuela Andaluza de Salud Pública/Universidad de Granada)

### **Laboratory of hope: An analysis of the experiences of a meeting/workshop with intersex children, their mothers and non-surgically intervened intersex adults**

Eva Alcántara, Laura Inter, Mar Is & Frida Flores (Brújula Intersexual)

### **Intersex in the USA's best-selling undergraduate psychology textbooks: Uneven critique in an ongoing scientific and ethical crisis**

Peter Hegarty (Open University) & Sam Vaughan (ICON/Interconnected)

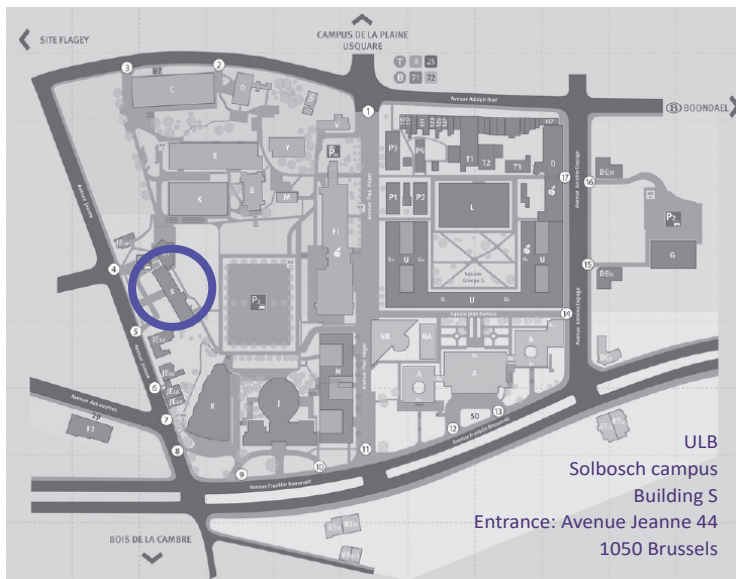
### **Research ethics in intersex studies: Exploring ethical principles for a human rights-based research practice**

Yessica Mestre (Escuela Andaluza de Salud Pública/Universidad de Granada)

### **"No research about us without us": Presentation of the intersex-led study on hate speech against intersex people in Greece**

Vassiliki Vouvaki, Eleni Pateraki, Irene Simeonidou  
& Nikoletta Pikramenou (Intersex Greece)

**12 pm - 2 pm : Lunch Main Hall (1<sup>st</sup> floor)**



## 2 pm - 4 pm : PAPER SESSION 3

### Law & Policy

Room Henri Janne (15<sup>th</sup> floor)  
Chair: Somya Dixit (Dublin City University)

***A gold standard in intersex rights? Evaluating law reform in Malta and erasures in Ireland and the UK***  
Fae Garland (University of Manchester) & Mitchell Travis (University of Leeds)

***Intersex equality, diversity and inclusion and social policy: Silences, absences, and erasures in Ireland and the UK***  
Surya Monro (University of Huddersfield & Loughborough University)  
Sean Saifa Wall (University of Huddersfield) & Kate Wood (University of Huddersfield)

***The impact of anti-trans legislation in the U.S. on intersex rights***  
Sharon Preves (Hamline University)

***The inculcation of awareness of intersex in education in Ireland and Sweden***  
Macarena Murugarren (Dublin City University)

### Intersex & the Nation

Room Éliane Vogel-Polsky (15<sup>th</sup> floor)  
Chair: Surya Monro (University of Huddersfield & Loughborough University)

***The third gender and their State, Taiwan***  
Yi-Chien Chen (Shih Hsin University)

***Navigating decision-making in a “culturally conservative” context: Intersex surgeries in Italy through medical and parental perspectives***  
Daniela Crocetti & Marta Prandelli (Dublin City University)

***Negotiating identity and health condition by Czech individuals with variations in sex characteristics***  
Zdeněk Sloboda (Palacky University & Charles University)

***Measuring laypeople’s notions of intersex in the Netherlands and Flanders***  
Jenneke van Ditzhuijzen (Universiteit Utrecht & Universiteit Amsterdam)  
& Joz Motmans (Universiteit Gent)



## Activism

Room Arthur Doucy (12<sup>th</sup> floor)

Chair: David Paternotte (Université libre de Bruxelles)

***Identity negotiation: Intersex, DSD, and navigating terminological risks***

Audrey Aegerter (Université libre de Bruxelles)

***History and future of the intersex movement in Turkey***

Yasemin Bahar (Inter Solidarity Turkey)

***Intersex movement in India: Struggles and successes***

Neeraja Sajan

***Seen but not heard: The early intersex movements in the US and Germany***

Angelika von Wahl (Lafayette College)

## Bodily Diversity

Room Stein Rokkan (12<sup>th</sup> floor)

Chair: Joan Pujol Tarrés (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

***Health and function in intersex embodiment: exploring the connections between intersexuality and disability***

Mireia Garcés De Marcilla Musté (University of Exeter)

***New eugenics: A cripp intersex approach to preimplantation genetic diagnosis***

Celeste E. Orr (University of New Brunswick)

***Experiences related to the body, intimacy and sexuality in intersex individuals***

Sofia Pavanello Decaro, Annalisa Anzani & Antonio Prunas  
(Università degli Studi de Milano-Bicocca)

***Protecting intersex children's conditions for cultivating and exercising sexual autonomy***

Kate Goldie Townsend (University of Exeter)

***Extending the medical gaze: Intersex children, photography and privacy law in Australia***

Aileen Kennedy (University of Technology Sydney)





1 FEBRUARY 2024 - 6 pm

## Stakeholder Event 'The Future of Intersex Rights'

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### Welcoming words

**Marie-Colline Leroy** (Secretary of State for Gender Equality, Equal Opportunities and Diversity, Belgium)

**Silvan Agius** (Cabinet Expert, Cabinet of the Commissioner for Equality, European Commission)

**Graeme Reid** (Independent Expert on protection from violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, United Nations)

**Lydia Mutyebele Ngoi** (Aldwerwoman for Equality, City of Brussels)

### High-level panel 'The Future of Intersex Rights in Europe'

Chair: **David Paternotte** (Université libre de Bruxelles)

**Morgan Carpenter** (Executive Director, Intersex Human Rights Australia; Research Affiliate, University of Sydney)

**Dan Ghattas** (Executive Director, OII Europe)

**Gabriella Calleja** (Senior Policy Advisor, SOGIESC Unit, Council of Europe)

**Surya Monro** (Coordinator of the INIA project, University of Huddersfield & Loughborough University)

**Michael Van Gelderen** (Human Rights Officer, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

### Reception

