# Workshop on Pregnancy and the Law to be held September 2023

The Stefan Cross Centre for Women, Equality and the Law will be holding a workshop on the theme of ‘Pregnancy and the Law’ in September 2023, bringing together academics and others working in this field to discuss pregnancy and women’s rights from the perspectives of equality law, medical law and human rights.

Confirmed speakers and organisations include [Professor Beverley Clough](https://essl.leeds.ac.uk/law/staff/185/dr-beverley-clough) (Manchester Meropolitan University, formerly Leeds), [Dr Camilla Pickles](https://www.durham.ac.uk/staff/camilla-m-pickles/) (Durham University), [Dr Fiona K Bloomer](https://www.ulster.ac.uk/staff/fk-bloomer) (Ulster University), [Dr Elsa Montgomery](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/people/elsa-montgomery) (King's College London), [Professor Sally Sheldon](https://www.bristol.ac.uk/people/person/Sally-Sheldon-ecde2716-c893-479c-b274-2e7857a5c1fd/) (University of Bristol), [Dr Michelle Weldon-Johns](https://rke.abertay.ac.uk/en/persons/michelle-weldon-johns) (Abertay University), [Dr Claire Lougarre](https://www.ulster.ac.uk/staff/c-lougarre) (Ulster University), [Dr Natasha Hammond-Browning](https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/people/view/1709309-hammond-browning-natasha) (Cardiff University), representatives from [Birthrights](https://www.birthrights.org.uk/), [Maternity Action](https://maternityaction.org.uk/), as well as University of Southampton Law School, Business School, Philosophy, Social Sciences, Nursing and Midwifery.

## Call for Papers

The call for papers is now open for submissions. Speakers can address the theme of the workshop from any discipline or perspective including:

* Discrimination and equality in employment: how do we make existing rights effective?
* Work life balance rights and pregnancy
* Providing dignity and appropriate care during pregnancy and childbirth
* Medical law and issues of consent
* Abortion rights and reproductive autonomy
* New developments in reproductive technology: ethical or human rights perspectives

Please submit a title and abstract of no more than 300 words to [scclaw@soton.ac.uk](mailto:scclaw@soton.ac.uk) by **1 June 2023**.

This will be a hybrid event, taking place online and at the University of Southampton. When submitting your abstract, please indicate which attendance option you would prefer.

We have funding available for travel and accommodation expenses for those who do not have funding from their own institution. If you would like to apply for this, please state this when submitting your abstract.

The Stefan Cross Centre for Women, Equality and the Law was founded in 2018 to understand the issues associated with gender discrimination, raise awareness, and find effective ways to address it.

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