

Motherhood and Mothering in Literary, Medical and Media Narratives

An Interdisciplinary Symposium
Uppsala University
14–16 October 2020

The symposium is held on Zoom. Please contact Lisa Grahn (lisa.grahn@littvet.uu.se) for link and more information.

Program

Wednesday October 14

15.00–15.15 **Opening and welcome**

Anna Williams & Margaretha Fahlgren

15.15–17.00 **Keynote presentations**

Chair: Helena Wahlström Henriksson

Elizabeth Podnieks: “The synergy between you”: Mothers, Nannies, and Collaborative Caregiving in Contemporary Matroethnographies

Christian Fiala: Fertility Control: The Eternal Struggle for Self-determination

17.00–17.30 **Break**

17.30–19.00 **Motherhood Imagined and Experienced**

Chair: Anna Williams

Merete Mazzarella: A Mother: Narrating and Narrated

Cilla Naumann: Writing Mother, Writing a Mother

Thursday October 15

9.00–10.30 **Transnational Motherhood: Border-crossing**

Chair: Helena Wahlström Henriksson

Egle Kačkutė: Silence, Voice and Maternal Space in Abla Farhoud’s “Le bonheur a la queue glissante”

Valerie Heffernan: Transnational Matrilineal Narratives in Contemporary German Women’s Writing

10.30–10.50 **Break**

10.50–12.30 **Motherhood and Choice: Rejection, Resistance, Renegotiation**

Chair: Sara Sylvén

Berit Åström: “Never part of my plan”: Rejecting Motherhood in *The Hunger Games* Trilogy

Jenny Björklund: Maternal Abandonment and Queer Resistance in Twenty-First Century Swedish Literature
Christine Hamm: Making Sense of Motherhood: Mothering in Recent Norwegian Fiction

12.30–13.30 Break

13.30–15.00 Not Doing So Well: Psychiatric Illness

Chair: Anna Williams

Milja Ranung: Moderslycka – vart tog glädjen vägen?

Sara Sylvén: Mommy Is Sad: Psychiatric Illness during Pregnancy and after Delivery

Cecilia Pettersson: Bibliotherapy as a Complement to Treatment for Women with Mental Illness after Delivery

15.00–15.15 Break

15.15–17.00 Maternity Care and Maternal Bodies

Chair: Margaretha Fahlgren

Olof Stephansson: Births in Sweden: Trends in Maternity Care During a Half Century

Lina Palmér: Previously Experienced Breastfeeding Difficulties: An Existential Breastfeeding Trauma in Motherhood

Christine Rubertsson & Helena Wahlström Henriksson: Managing the Female Body for the Sake of Gender Equality: Breastfeeding in Twenty-First Century Advice Literature in Sweden

Friday October 16

9.30–11.00 Cross-disciplinary Motherhood Research and Collaboration

Panel discussion

Chair: Anna Williams

Margaretha Fahlgren, Helena Wahlström Henriksson, Cecilia Pettersson, Christine Rubertsson, Sara Sylvén, Anna Williams

11.00 Closing words

Website:

<https://www.littvet.uu.se/motherhood-and-mothering>

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