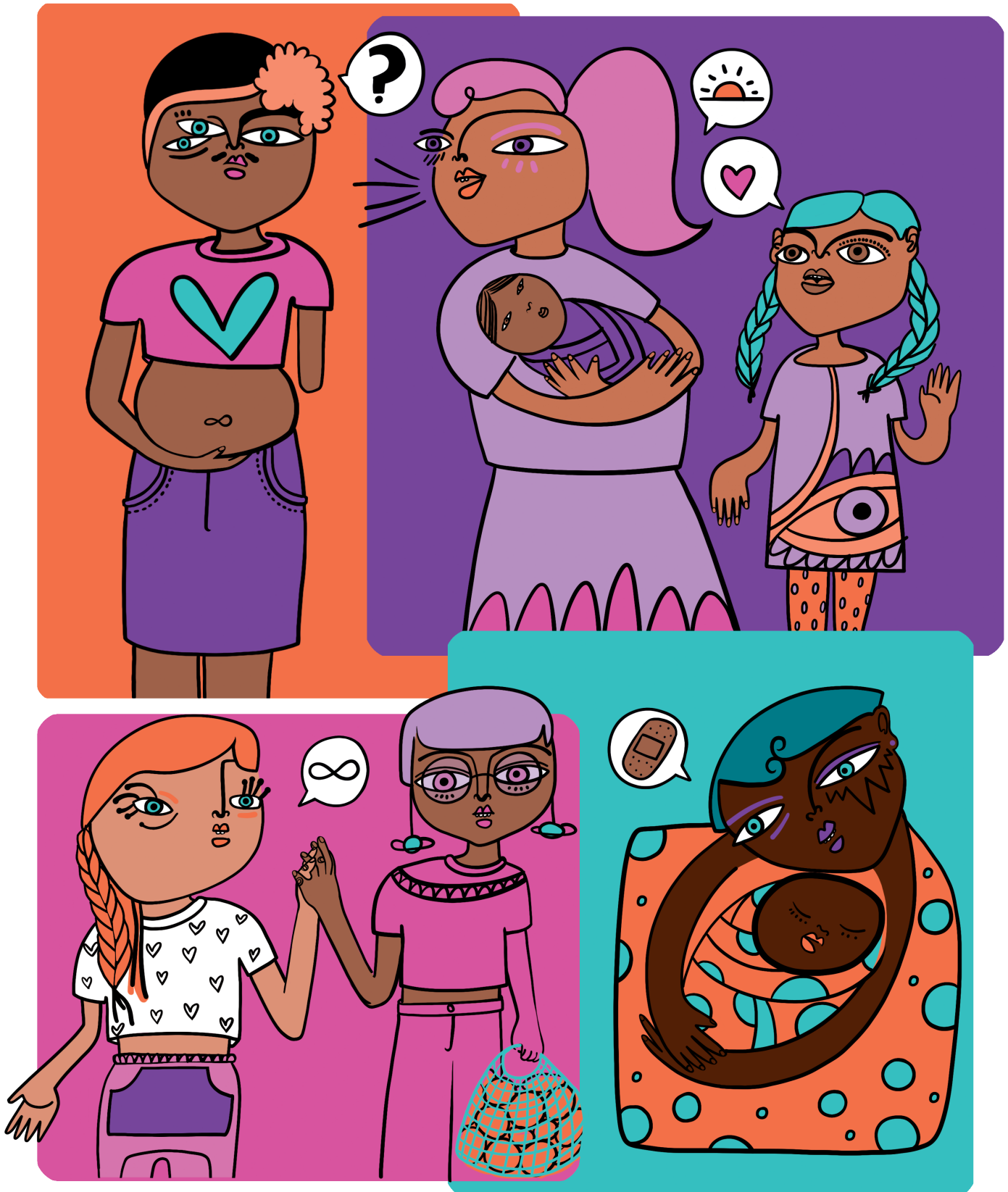


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→ Radcliffe, University of Warwick, 26 April 2024



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### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



8.00 REGISTRATION OPENS · Tea and coffee available

9.00|10.30 WELCOME ADDRESS **Sarah Werner Boada** and **Patricia Hamilton**

**Anna Horn** What I know so far: a Black feminist autoethnographic account of radical mothering

Roundtable: **Lorna Philip-Salma El Hayani-Anna Horn** Doula practice as transformative birth work

10.30|12.00 SESSION 1: RECLAIMING BIRTH

**Joana Michel Costa** Freebirth as a radical form of resistance: challenging mothering expectations

**Marina Daniele** Racialised people's access to midwife-led birth settings in the UK

**Gladys Robert** Interpreting as a form of resistance?

**Katy Pilcher and Emmy West** Creating a radical mothering community: Reflections from N2 Mums Speak

12.00|13.00 Lunch

13.00|14.30 SESSION 2: QUEERING CARE, AFFECT, AND AGENCY

**Carolina Tamayo Rojas** Ausländer können Ihre Kinder nicht unter Kontrolle halten/Foreigners can't keep their children under control

**Lucile Richard** What about the "(un-)cared for"? Radical mothering, care receiving, and the subject of feminist politics

**Miranda Armstrong** Young black men raised by single-parent women: myths versus realities

**Elena Vasiliou and Andreas Avgousti** LGBTQ parenting in Cyprus: practical politics and the figure of the child

**Zainab Tolulope X** Single: Parenting, health, and the modern praxis of Polyamory [online]

14.30|16.00 SESSION 3: RESISTING FAR-RIGHT AND WHITE SUPREMACIST IDEOLOGIES

**Courtney Campbell** Raising Anita: A microhistory of transnational radical mothering and anti-fascism in the mid-twentieth century

**Valentine Devulder** Solidarity, agency and collective mothering around the pregnant inmates in the Ravensbrück concentration camp

**Bel Kerkhoff Parnell** The tender talk: Families navigating racist imagery and narratives

**Miranda Iossifidis** Mothering against far right environmental and reproductive futures: An interrogation of populationism in the UK

**Jelena Savic** Ba, de ce este o mamă țigancă?: Selling (out) Roma mothers online [online]

16.00|16.30 Tea and coffee



SESSION 4: MOTHERWORK IN THE CARCERAL STATE

**Monica Thomas** "It was hard work and it is still hard work": Towards a Black feminist typology of Black imprisoned motherwork

**Lucy Lowe** Kin-making as radical mothering: Maternal resistance in the British "hostile environment"

**Gaja Maestri, Bridget Obi and Sarah Taal** Mothering in the UK asylum system: Neoliberalism and resistance

**Giovanna Gilges** Sex-working mothers and their everyday silent resistance [online]

18.00|19.00 RECEPTION AND LOVE STORIES, AN ART INSTALLATION BY CHARLOTTE WARNE THOMAS

The conference is intended to be inclusive and accessible to all. We value children's interruptions and disruptive power and they are welcome in all spaces. A room with a fridge is available in Space 4 for babies, children, and chest/breastfeeding participants. We kindly ask all in-person attendees to refrain from using perfume out of consideration for people with sensory processing sensitivity.

THIS EVENT WAS MADE POSSIBLE WITH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF WOMEN AND GENDER AND THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY, ALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK, THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY (UNIVERSITY OF YORK) AND THE BRITISH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

**Anna Horn** is a certified **doula** and maternal health scholar-activist, currently undertaking a **PhD in anthropology of health** at the Centre for Maternal and Child Health Research at City, University of London. Anna's current research investigates Black and South Asian women's experiences of group antenatal care in the UK through **Black feminist and abolitionist perspectives**, exploring the group care model's potential to disrupt colonial legacies embedded within the maternity care system. Furthermore, Anna holds nearly a decade of experience in the maternal, **infant and HIV/sexual health fields**, ranging from epidemiological surveillance on pregnant women living with HIV to frontline work on a busy National Health Service infant feeding team. Anna has also worked as a maternity service user representative for England's national Maternity Transformation Programme, **co-producing maternal and infant health policies and guidelines**.



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**Anna Horn**

In addition to her doctoral studies, Anna works part-time as an assistant researcher at the University of Sheffield on the **Generation Delta project**, aimed at understanding the experiences and outcomes of Black, Asian and minority ethnic women in postgraduate studies among other race-gender equity initiatives in higher education.



THE RADICAL MOTHERING RESEARCH COLLECTIVE WAS FOUNDED IN 2023 BY SARAH WERNER BOADA AND PATRICIA HAMILTON TO GIVE SPACE TO EVERYDAY ACTS OF MOTHERING WHICH DEFY MODERN/COLONIALITY IN EUROPE. THE COLLECTIVE UNDERSTANDS MOTHERING AS PERFORMED BY A DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF REPRODUCTIVE ROLE OR GENDER IDENTITY