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Sex Selection: Changes in Australian Policy

This workshop is jointly hosted by

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Date: Friday 9 June 2017

Venue: Robert Menzies College, Macquarie University ([U24 on campus map](#))

Should sex selection for non-medical reasons be allowed in Australia? The National Health and Medical Research Council recently released its revision of the Ethical Guidelines on the Use of Assisted Reproductive Technology in Clinical Practice and Research. This workshop will discuss the revised Guidelines with respect to sex selection. We will explore the regulation of sex selection using in vitro fertilisation from feminist legal perspectives, interrogate the ethics of the use of prenatal sex selection for "family balancing", discuss the implications of prenatal diagnosis for children with intersex variations and explore the question of whether "gender disappointment" is a mental disorder. The main aim of the workshop is to facilitate discussion around the subject of using assisted reproductive technologies for sex selection for non-medical reasons in Australia.

Program

10:00 - 10:10: Tereza Hendl (Sydney) and Wendy Rogers (Macquarie), Opening Remarks

10:10 - 10:30: Wendy Rogers (Macquarie), "The 2017 NHMRC ART guidelines: what's changed since 2007?"

10:30 - 11:15: Sascha Callaghan (Sydney Law School), "Sex selection - the regulatory framework and its ethical implications"

11:15 - 11:45: *Morning tea*

11:45 - 12:30: Tereza Hendl (Sydney), "The ART guidelines, sex selection and gender essentialism"

12:30 - 13:15: Kate Gleeson (Macquarie Law School), "The Trojan horse of sex selection for anti-choice agendas"

13:15 - 14:00: *Lunch*

14:00 - 14:45: Morgan Carpenter (Organisation Intersex International Australia), "Prenatal diagnosis and the elimination of intersex variations"

14:45 - 15:30: Tamara Kayali Browne (Deakin), "Is gender disappointment a mental disorder?"

15:30 - 16:00: Panel discussion

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