

16:00 Third Section: Breastfeeding(s) and Religions as Real Experience. Chair: Kaja Kojder (University of Warsaw).

16:00 Saddik Darai and Hasna Abbaoui (Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah University, Fez, Morocco), The Impact of Islamic Religiosity on the Perception of Breastfeeding among Moroccan Mothers: A Comparative Study between two Generations

16:20 Florence Pasche Guignard (Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada), Breastfeeding, Ethics, Morality, and Motherhood as Religion: An Analysis of Lactivist Discourses in Natural Parenting in European Francophone Contexts

16:40: Discussion

17:10 Final Discussion. Respondent: Elisa Groff (University of Exeter, UK)

18:00 Presentation and discussion of the book „The Dance of Nurture. Negotiating Infant Feeding“ (Berghahn Books, New York 2017) with Professor Emerita Penny Van Esterik (York University, Canada). Chair: Tanja Visic (University of Erfurt, Germany).

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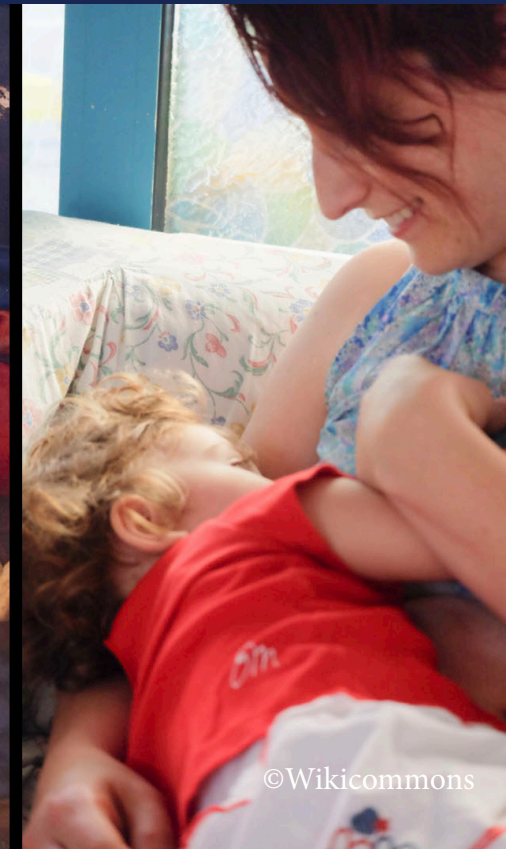
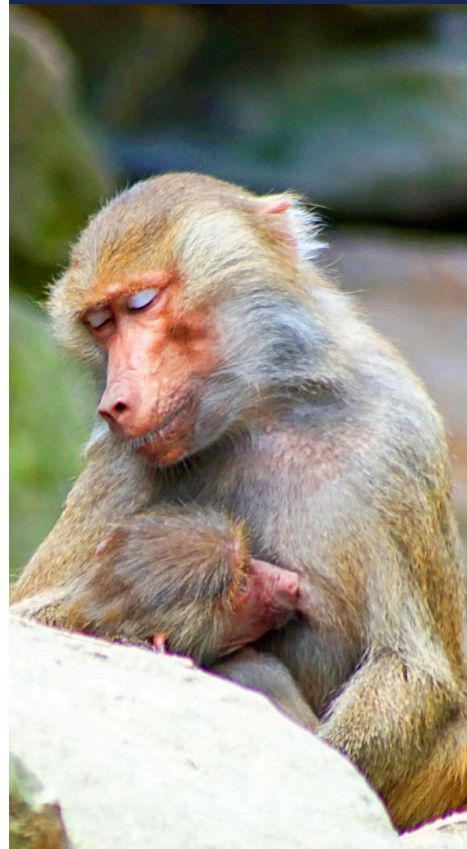
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How do religions deal with breastfeeding? This is the main question we aim to answer.

The goal is to analyze how religious discourses have described and influenced such a natural and strictly female practice. Within a religious discourse, breastfeeding(s) can be biological, spiritual, transgressive (for example, babies breastfed by animals, saints breastfed by the Virgin Mary, old men breastfed by young women). Greek and Roman goddesses, for instance, except in some rare and specific exceptions, do not breastfeed (they avoid biological aspects of motherhood in general), but in the Egyptian narratives breast-milk is notoriously central for Horus (and the Pharaoh). Does a divine child need breast-milk and why? What about other polytheistic systems, past and modern? If we come to monotheisms, breastfeeding is also an important issue. Not only Islamic cultures (milk kinship and the related prohibitions), but also Jewish and Christian traditions develop discourses on breastfeeding (see, most recently, Pope Bergoglio's words on breastfeeding during mass). How can we explain the different attitudes towards breastfeeding in religious discourse? To what extent did/do (male) religious authorities and sacred texts dictate maternal practices in a normative way? To what extent did/do women feel free to transgress without blaming themselves for not being a "good" mother and obedient member of a specific religious tradition? In which way can/could a mother's decision not to breastfeed be perceived as religious individualization and autonomy from social inter-connectedness? Which kinds of rituals do/did women perform in relation to breastfeeding and which deities do/did they appropriate, and eventually alter and re-invent for this purpose?

The papers will focus on case studies on the theoretical framework outlined, especially but not exclusively for those in which women's responses to religious norms can be traced.

Programme

July 11

13:00 First Section: Breastfeeding(s) and Religions: The Medical Approach Chair: Giulia Pedrucci

13:00 Sandra Jaeggi (University of Fribourg, Switzerland), On Galactagogue Substances Produced in Sanctuaries of Feminine Divinities for Roman Élite Women

13:20 Irene Calà (Institut für Ethik, Theorie und Geschichte der Medizin, LMU München, Germany), Medical and Religious Prescriptions on Breastfeeding in the Byzantine Medical Encyclopaedias.

13:40 Marco Papisidero (University of Messina, Italy), Breastfeeding Diseases and Their Treatment: Miracles, Ritual Practices and Magic in Western Christianity (11th-15th centuries)

14:00 Discussion

14:20 Coffee break

14:40 Second Section: Breastfeeding "as an Institution": Holy Books, Mythological Narratives, Influential Images, and Religious Authorities

14:40 Ancient Polytheisms Chair: Elisa Groff (University of Exeter, UK)

14:40 Sabina Castellaneta (University of Bari, Italy), Mothers and Nurses: The Intimacy of Breastfeeding in Ancient Greek Tragedy

15:00 Giulia Pedrucci (University of Erfurt, Germany), Rethinking Votive Terracottas of Breastfeeding Women (Kouroutrophoi) in Ancient Rome and Latium

15:20 Discussion

15:40 Coffee break

16:00 Buddhism Chair: Priyanka Jha (Ambedkar University, Delhi, India)

16:00 Anna Andreeva (Heidelberg Centre for Transcultural Studies, University of Heidelberg), Breastfeeding in Medieval Japan: Reconstructing a Historical Practice from Buddhist, Medical, and Literary Sources

16:20 Pascale Engelmajer (Carroll University, US), Breast-Milk and Dharma-milk: Mothers as Spiritual Teachers in Pāli Buddhism

16:40 Hinduism

16:40 Gerrit Lange (University of Marburg, Germany), The Mythical Cow as Everyone's Mother: Milky and Mythological Backgrounds of Hinduism's Holy Cows

17:10 Sucharita Sarkar (D.T.S.S. College of Commerce, University of Mumbai), Shifting Motherhood: The Wet Nurse in Hindu Discourse

17:30 Discussion

18:30 Paolo Delaini (University of Bologna, Italy. Pharmacist. Project "FAAM Farmacie Amiche dell'Allattamento Materno", Il Melograno, Verona, Italy), Contemporary Trends in Infant Feeding Research and Presentation of the Project "Breastfeeding Friendly Pharmacy" (with Anna Lihs, Altstadt Apotheke Erfurt)

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10:00 Second Section: Breastfeeding "as an Institution": Holy Books, Mythological Narratives, Influential Images, and Religious Authorities

10:00 Orthodox Church Chair: Tanja Visic (University of Erfurt, Germany)

10:00 David Lorin (Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes-PSL University Research/La Sapienza-Università di Roma), Did Christ's Mother Breastfeed her Son? Nonnus of Panopolis' Representation of the Virgin Mother in the Fifth-Century Egypt

10:20 Olivera Koprivica (University of Erfurt, Germany), Breastfeeding and the Perception of Personhood in the Orthodox Tradition

10:40 Discussion

11:10 Coffee break

11:30 Catholic Church Chair: Olivera Koprivica (University of Erfurt, Germany)

11:30 Rita Mei (Università La Sapienza Roma, Italy), The Iconography of the Madonna del Latte: From the Triumph of the Humanized Motherhood of the 14th Century to the Censorship of an Improper Image in the Post-Tridentine Era until the Present

11:50 Marie-France Morel (Ecole Normale Supérieure in Fontenay-Saint-Cloud, Lyon, France), Religious Lactation Imagery Connected with Saints in Western and Early Modern Visual Culture (14th - 17th Centuries)

12:10 Discussion

12:40 Lunch

14:00 Judaism Chair: Wolfram Aichinger (University of Wien, Austria)

14:00 Claudia Bergmann (University of Erfurt, Germany), Breastfeeding in the Hebrew Bible

14:20 Dvora Lederman Daniely (David Yellin College, Israel), Breastfeeding as the Symbol of the Savior-Heroine in the Biblical Story of Miriam the Prophetess

14:40 Islam

14:40 Ada Prisco (Istituto superiore di scienze religiose, Foggia, Italy), Breastfeeding and Divine Blessing in the Islamic Tradition

15:00 Discussion

15:30 Coffee break