

MaMSIE (Mapping Maternal Subjectivities, Identities and Ethics)

2011 Study Day



Motherhood, Servitude and the Delegation of Care

2011 Study Day and Presentation of the winners of the 'Maternal Subjectivities: Care and Labour' Digital Media Competition

Birkbeck, University of London, 9.30am–6pm, Friday 20 May 2011

Keynote: Stella Sandford

Other speakers include: Rosie Cox, Lucy Delap, Alison Light, Mirca Madianou, Daniel Miller, Jenny Mitchell, Kate Pullinger, Rachel Thomson, Imogen Tyler, Helen Wood

MaMSIE is an international network of scholars, artists and activists working in the emerging interdisciplinary field of maternal studies. Our 6th event focuses on the interrelations between labour, capital, care and the maternal. In particular, it will consider the diverse ways 'maternal care' has been, and continues to be delegated and shared, and the implications for our understandings of maternal subjectivities and the labour of care.

The study day will open up 'maternity' as a term that includes the paid and unpaid work of a diverse range of social actors. It aims at generating a dialogue between two rich and substantial bodies of feminist scholarship; work on the social histories of domestic labour, service and servitude and current debates about globalism, migration and the care industries, recasting existing scholarship through the lens of maternal studies.

Key questions

- How do we understand the (maternal) subjectivities of a range of care workers and what might a consideration of such subjectivities contribute to our understandings of the maternal?
- What are the political, economic, affective and subjective effects of sharing maternal labour?
- How do histories of class, servitude, service, gender, 'race', and 'care' interact with contemporary neoliberal patterns of migration?
- What are the potentials for new relations that might emerge from specific constellations of maternal subjectivity and modes of care work?

For more information or to reserve a place please contact mamsie@bbk.ac.uk
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