ERC PROJECT - BAR2LEGAB

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Women travelling to seek abortion care in Europe:
The impact of barriers to legal abortion on women living in countries with
ostensibly liberal abortion laws

FINAL DISSEMINATION CONFERENCE

Date: June 22nd- 23rd, 2022

Location: University of Barcelona, c. Montalegre 6, 08001, Barcelona

Facultat de Geografia i Història, 4th floor, Sala Jane Addams.

Participants: BAR2LEGAB research project's team members

Directors of the clinics where the study was carried out in France, Italy, and Spain.

Abortion providers, advocates, policy-makers from different countries in Europe as well as representatives of international organisations such as the WHO, IPPF, CRR, and Women

Help Women.

Format: Hybrid - in person and remote (via zoom).

Languages: The project will offer simultaneous translation in these languages: English-Catalan-Spanish-

French-Italian. Participants must have a smart phone or laptop with earphones and use

Zoom for acceding the translation service.

Registration: Please, register to the conference <u>using this link</u>.











CONFERENCE PROGRAMME Day 1. 22nd June 2022

Welcome and introduction to BAR2LEGAB study (research team, objectives, methodology,

9.30-10.00 phases), and main topics of the Conference – Silvia de Zordo, Principal Investigator (PI) Session 1. Barriers to legal abortion and in-country travel for abortion care in Italy and Spain: main results from the BAR2LEGAB project. Chair: Giulia Zanini (BAR2LEGAB research team) Anastasia Martino and David Palma (BAR2LEGAB research team) "The search for abortion 10.00-11.30 care in Italy: struggling with procedural barriers and limited access to medical abortion". Giulia Colavolpe Severi, David Palma and Clàudia Pallisé Perelló (BAR2LEGAB research team). "Barriers to abortion care and abortion travel in Spain: between legal frame and procedural issues".

Round Table 1 - Conscientious refusal of care. Chair: Silvia De Zordo (PI)

- Italy: Elena Caruso University of Kent; Silvana Agatone LAIGA (Italian Association of Gynaecologists for the Application of the abortion law); Eleonora Mizzoni & Marina Sportelli – Obiezione Respinta (transfeminist and intersectional project that maps conscientious objection in Italy).
- Spain: Rosana Triviño Universidad Complutense de Madrid; Antonia Morillas Instituto de la Muier.
- France: Lisa Carayon Université Sorbonne Paris Nord ; Albane Gaillot MP.

Lunch break

Session 2. Barriers to accessing abortion care and in-country travel for abortion care in France: main results from the BAR2LEGAB project. Chair: Giulia Colavolpe Severi (BAR2LEGAB research team)

Laura Rahm (BAR2LEGAB research team). "Barriers to accessing legal abortion in France: motivations and experiences of French residents with cross-departmental versus crossborder abortion travel".

Round Table 2 - Lack of information on abortion services/legislation and other procedural barriers: how to improve access. Chair: Anastasia Martino (BAR2LEGAB research team)

- France: Marianne Niosi Planning Familial
- Spain: Sílvia Aldavert L'associació (Catalan family planning association).
- Italy: Lisa Canitano Vitadidonna (Association for the protection of women's health and rights); Eleonora Cirant & Roberta Lazzeri – Prochoice (Italian network of abortion providers, prochoice associations, and researchers working on abortion; Liliana La Sala - Ministry of Health.

11.30-11.45

Break

11.45- 13.30

13.30- 15.00

15.00- 15.45

15.45-16.45

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16.45- 17.00 Break

> Session 3. Innovations in abortion access and care: international perspectives on self-managed medical abortion, telehealth, and surgical services in the 1st and 2nd **trimester.** Chair: Joanna Mishtal (BAR2LEGAB research team)

- Patricia Lohr (Bpas, British Pregnancy Advisory Service, UK) "Best practice in surgical abortion".
- Santiago Barambio (Tutor médica- Clínica d'Ara, Barcelona-Spain) "Lack of training in 17.00-18.30 instrumental abortion: the case of Spain".
 - Caitlin Gerdts (Ibis Reproductive Health, US) "Expanding Abortion Access: understanding the evidence on and people's experiences with self-managed abortion".
 - Lucía Berro Pizzarossa (WHW, Women Help Women) & Rishita Nandagiri (LSE, London School of Economics and Political Science) "Constellations, crisis and care: the role of Women Help Women in COVID19s abortion trajectories".

Round Table 3 - Improving access to abortion methods and expanding the range of abortion providers in Spain, France, and Italy. Chair: Giulia Zanini (BAR2LEGAB research team)

- France: Emmanuelle Lhomme ANCIC (National Association of Abortion and Contraception Providers); Philippe Faucher, REVHO (network of abortion providers promoting medical abortion).
- Spain: Eva Armario Rodriguez ACAI (Spanish Association of Abortion Clinics); Cristina Martínez – ICS (Catalan Institute of Health), Generalitat de Catalunya.
- Italy: Elsa Viora AOGOI (Association of Italian Ostetrician-Gynaecologists working in public hospitals, including abortion providers); Anna Pompili – AMICA (Association of Italian Physicians providing Contraception and Abortion); Gabriella Pacini Vitadidonna - Association for the protection of women's health and rights and il Melograno (Information Centre on Motherhood and Birth).

20.00 Dinner

18.30-20.00

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME Day 2. 23rd June 2022

9.30-11.45	 Session 1. Cross-border travel for abortion care in Europe. Chair: Caitlin Gerdts (BAR2LEGAB research team) Silvia De Zordo, Joanna Mishtal, Giulia Zanini, Caitlin Gerdts (BAR2LEGAB research team). "Traveling abroad from countries where abortion is legal: the social-economic costs of GA restrictions and the perspectives of travellers on abortion rights". Giulia Zanini, Joanna Mishtal, Silvia De Zordo, Caitlin Gerdts (BAR2LEGAB research team). "Abortion information governance and women's travels across European borders".
	- Joanna Mishtal (BAR2LEGAB research team). "The liberalization of the abortion law in Ireland: lessons from a WHO policy implementation study".
11.45-12.00	Break
12.00-13.00	Round Table 1 - Liberalizing the law, decriminalizing abortion, extending gestational age limits, and improving access in the main origin countries of cross-border travel for abortion care. Chair: Silvia De Zordo (PI) - France: Albane Gaillot – MP. - Italy: Lia Quartapelle – MP; Mirella Parachini – Fondazione Luca Coscioni (Association for
	 Italy. Lia Quartapelle – MP, Millella Parachilli – Polidazione Luca Coscioni (Association for civil liberties and freedom of scientific research). Germany: Stephanie Schlitt – Pro Familia (German Family Planning Association). Republic of Ireland: Maeve Taylor – IFPA (Irish Family Planning Federation).
13.30-14.30	Lunch break
14.30-15.45	 Round Table 2 - Legal restrictions, abortion travels and barriers to accessing abortion care before and after the pandemic in Europe: looking towards the future. Chair: Joanna Mishtal (BAR2LEGAB research team) Antonella Lavelanet – WHO (World Health Organization). Irene Donadio – IPPF-EN (International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network). Adriana Lamačková – CRR (Center for Reproductive Rights). Marina Davidashvili – EPF (European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights). Mara Clarke - Abortion without borders, Abortion Support Network. Claudia Lam - Council of Europe, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights.
15.45-16.00	Closing remarks by BAR2LEGAB team

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS Team Members & Collaborators

Giulia Colavolpe Severi holds a Master's degree in Social Anthropology from École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris). Her main areas of interest are: medical technology, reproductive rights and health, genetics and prenatal diagnosis, kinship and family life, fieldwork ethics and practices, and qualitative methods. For the project BAR2LEGAB, she was responsible for data collection and analysis on barriers to legal abortion and in-country abortion travel in Spain. She has also worked for AFIN group (Universitat Autónoma de Barcelona) in the project AFIN-A.R.T., winner of the 1st prize at 2021's Edition of WWNA AppliedAnthro awards.

Silvia De Zordo, social anthropologist, is Ramón y Cajal Researcher at the University of Barcelona. She received a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris in September 2008. Her research interests encompass reproductive governance, abortion and social/gender inequalities in Latin America and Europe. One of her most recent publications on the topic of abortion is *A Fragmented Landscape: Abortion Governance and Protest Logics in Europe*, edited with Joanna Mishtal and Lorena Anton (http://www.berghahnbooks.com/title/DeZordoFragmented). She is the PI on the ERC-funded BAR2LEGAB project. Besides leading the project, she carried out research on cross-country abortion travel in Spain, and conducted interviews with French travellers recruited in the Netherlands. She also carried out research on barriers to legal abortion and in-country abortion travel in Southern Italy (Bari), and conducted interviews with experts in the main countries of interest of the project.

Caitlin Gerdts serves as the Vice President for Research at Ibis Reproductive Health. Caitlin's research has included clinical and epidemiologic studies on self-managed abortion, abortion accompaniment, the use of technology to increase access to abortion in restrictive legal settings, and novel methods to improve the measurement of abortion incidence and safety. Her methodologic expertise lies in study design and implementation, quantitative bias analysis, impact evaluation, and causal inference methods. She has authored and co-authored over 60 peer-reviewed publications. She received her undergraduate degree in Human Biology from Stanford University; a Masters in Health Sciences in Population, Family, and Reproductive Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; and a Ph.D. in Epidemiology from the University of California, Berkeley. She is a Senior Researcher on the BAR2LEGAB project. She has contributed particularly to the design of the quantitative component of the study, to quantitative data analysis and dissemination.

Anastasia Martino received her Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology from the University of Milano – Bicocca. She has a Master Degree in Medical Anthropology from the University of Rome – La Sapienza. Her main areas of interest are public health and the institutional policies related to health rights, sexual and reproductive rights, feminist and gender studies and social movements studies. She conducted research in Mexico and in Italy. She is also co-funder of Aborto in Pillole, the first newsletter on abortion in Italian.

In the BAR2LEGAB project, she conducted research in Italy on barriers to legal abortion and in-country abortion travel

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Joanna Mishtal is a professor of anthropology at the University of Central Florida, Department of Anthropology. She received her Ph.D. in cultural and medical anthropology in 2006 from the University of Colorado at Boulder. From 2006 to 2008, she held a Postdoctoral Fellowship at Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health. Her research interests are at the intersection of gender and governance; specifically, reproductive rights, health, and policies. She is the author of *The Polictics of Morality: The Church, the State and Reproductive Rights in Postsocialist Poland* (2015), and a co-editor (with S. De Zordo and L. Anton) of *A Fragmented Landscape: Abortion Governance and Protest Logics in Europe*. Her research has been supported by the US Fulbright Program, the European Research Council, and the World Health Organization. She is a Senior Researcher on the BAR2LEGAB research project. She has contributed particularly to the design of the qualitative component of the study, to qualitative data analysis and dissemination.

Clàudia Pallisé Perelló is a researcher and a human biologist. She holds a Master's degree in Bioethics and in Public Health. She has worked as a research assistant at the Dutch NGO Women on Waves, collaborating on a study on self-sourcing of the abortion pill and other sexual and reproductive health medications. Her theoretical work has been exposed in a multidisciplinary art exhibition in Rietveld Academie in Amsterdam. Her main research interests include abortion and the barriers that hinder access to it. Currently, she is finalizing a Master Health Sciences at VU in Amsterdam, for which she is writing a Thesis on barriers to accessing legal abortion in Spain, based on secondary analysis of some of the data collected by the BAR2LEGAB research team.

David Palma is a physician and researcher in the Epidemiology Department of Barcelona's Public Health Agency, with focus in HIV/STI testing services, sexual health and research methodology. Currently he is a Ph.D. Student at Care and Research Public Health Institute (CAPRHI) from Maastricht University and working at Spain's Network Biomedical Research Consortium in Epidemiology and Public Health. Previously he did a Master in Public Health at Universitat Pompeu Fabra/Universitat Autónoma de Barcelona, a Master in Sexuality at Universidad de Santiago de Chile and studied medicine at Universidad Católica de Chile. David has worked on HIV prevention programs and community entities in Chile, as well as advocacy for abortion rights in Chile during 2015-2017. He has worked as a quantitative analyst for the BAR2LEGAB project since November 2021.

Laura Rahm is a Marie Sklodowska-Curie Research Fellow at the Democracy Institute of the Central European University. She received her Ph.D. in Political Sociology and Demography from the Sorbonne University, Paris, and is specialized in global governance, population, and gender policies with a focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights, sex selection, son preference, and harmful practices. She is also an Associate Researcher at the Paris-based Center for Population and Development, a Fellow at the School of Transnational Governance at the European University Institute, the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, and the Sociology Department of the University of Toronto. Previously, she was a Research Fellow at the University of Barcelona in the ERC-funded Europe BAR2LEGAB project, for which she was responsible of data collection and analysis on barriers to legal abortion and abortion travel in France.

Giulia Zanini, Ph.D., is an anthropologist and sociologist in the field of reproduction, health and gender. She has obtained a PhD at the European University Institute and worked at the University of the Aegean, the University of Padua, the University of Barcelona and Queen Mary University in London. She conducted research and published on assisted reproduction, donor conception and transnational reproductive flows in Mediterranean countries, on barriers to access to abortion and abortion travels, and on reproductive trajectories, including permanent childlessness in Italy. In the BAR2LEGAB project, she especially conducted research in the UK and has participated in analysis and writing on cross-country abortion travels. She is one of the funders of Aborto in Pillole, the first newsletter on abortion in Italian.

Silvana Agatone is an obstetrician-gynaecologist, and the former director of the abortion service at Pertini Hospital in Rome, Italy. She is also the President of LAIGA, Libera Associazione Italiana Ginecologi per l'Applicazione legge 194/78 (Free Italian Association of Gynecologists for the Application of 194/78 Law – the abortion law). The LAIGA association was founded in 2008 and its members are gynecologists providing abortion care in hospitals in Italy.

Sílvia Aldavert Garcia is a political scientist and a feminist activist for sexual and reproductive rights, specializing in public policies on gender, migration and international relations, with more than 20 years of experience working for the guarantee of human rights. She was awarded the ASPÀSIA Award 2018 in defense of Gender Equity by the DDIPAS Network and the Third Sector Observatory for outstanding career in women's empowerment. She is the coordinator of the Catalan Sexual and Reproductive Rights Association (L'Associació), a leading organization in the domain of abortion care in Catalunya and Spain, and is the author of the report "Access to voluntary abortion in Spain: main barriers" and a number of other documents on access to abortion and contraception.

Santiago Barambio is an experienced obstetrician gynaecologist who has worked for 45 years in the field of sexual and reproductive health in Catalonia (Spain). He is an abortion provider and the Medical Director of the d'Ara Clinic (Medical Tutor - Barcelona), which has provided more than 60,000 terminations over the last 25 years, including abortions in the second trimester. He is the founder and former President of the Spanish Association of Abortion Clinics (ACAI) and former President of the Catalan Society of Contraception (SCC) of the Academy of Medical Sciences of Catalonia and the Balearic Islands (ACMCiB). He is former member of the Board of the Sexual and Reproductive Rights Association (formerly APFCiB), member of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, and author of a number of scientific studies and articles on issues related to abortion, including several articles on the use of misoprostol for early abortions.

Elisabetta Canitano is an obstetrician-gynaecologist who has worked long-term in the National Health Service in the field of women's health, and has been engaged in the defence of women's rights, particularly the right to contraception and abortion. She is also the President of the association Vitadidonna, which provides information on contraception and abortion via a hotline as well as family planning services. The association is located in the Casa internazionale delle donne, in Rome (Italy).

Lisa Carayon is assistant professor of law at Paris Sorbonne-Nord University (France) and member of the research unit Institut de recherche interdisciplinaire sur les enjeux sociaux (IRIS). Her work focuses on the legal status of bodies, on health and reproductive law and on migration law, especially from a gender and intersectional perspective. Her Ph.D. thesis The categorization of bodies. A Study on human beings before birth and after death was published as a book by IRJS éditions.

Elena Caruso is a PhD student in Law at the University of Kent, England. Funded by an ESRC scholarship, she is conducting a socio-legal and historical research on abortion legal reform and the feminist movement in 1970s Italy. Elena has widely published on abortion law in academic journals and blogs. As an abortion activist, she is a co-founder of the Italian Pro-Choice network - Rete Italiana Contraccezione e Aborto and of the first newsletter on abortion in Italian, Aborto in Pillole.

Eleonora Cirant is a journalist, writer, documentalist at Unione Femminile Nazionale (Milano, Italy), feminist activist, and co-founder of Prochoice (Italian network of abortion providers, prochoice associations, and researchers working on abortion). Her expertise is in sexual and reproductive rights and gender history.

Mara Clarke is the founder of Abortion Support Network (ASN), a charity helping people in Europe access safe abortions, either by signposting to providers of telemedicine or by providing the financial and logistical support required to travel abroad for an in-clinic abortion. ASN was the first abortion fund in Europe and has now been joined by a small group others, most of which are part of the Abortion Without Borders/Aborcja Bez Granic initiative - six organisations in four countries working to help people in Poland access abortions. ASN does this work because we think "I can't afford an abortion" should never be the only reason someone has an abortion, and we are here to fill the gap between provision and access, with focus on marginalised and at risk communities.

Marina Davidashvili is the Head of Policy and Research at EPF - European Parliamentary Forum on Sexual and Reproductive Rights (Bruxelles, Belgium). EPF is a network of Members of Parliament throughout Europe who are committed to protecting the sexual and reproductive rights (SRHR) of the world's most vulnerable people, both at home and overseas. The Secretariat is based in Brussels. At EPF, Marina leads the comparative research projects such as the European Contraception Policies Atlas, Abortion Policy Atlas and engages in parliamentary advocacy at European and national level.

Irene Donadio is the Senior Leader of Strategy and Partnership at IPPF European Network. The International Planned Parenthood Federation is the largest NGO for Sexual and Reproductive Rights and Health for all. IPPF is active in over 150 countries worldwide. With 20 years of experience in leading positions, Irene is specialized in advocacy and strategic communication on reproductive rights. She is now leading IPPF outreach program to support social movements, partners and IPPF members to respond to the opposition backlash and develop innovative programs to advance SRHR.

Philippe Faucher is a French obstetrician-gynecologist at the Assistance Publique-Hôpitaux de Paris (France). He is a hospital practitioner at the Armand Trousseau Hospital, responsible for the Functional Unit of Family Planning and abortion. He is also co-founder and vice president of the REVHO association. REVHO is a network in the Île-de-France benefiting from public funds with the aim of implementing new regulations concerning the practice of medical and instrumental abortion outside hospitals and clinics.

Albane Gaillot, French MP elected in 2017, is not currently affiliated with any political party. She dedicated her mandate to gender equality and women's rights policies (including fighting against domestic violence, sexism online, prostitution, the gender pay gap and for political parity, menstrual health). Her biggest achievement is the adoption on February 23, 2022, of an abortion law that extended the time to have access to abortion from 12 to 14 weeks of pregnancy in France, among other measures. She also worked on a law providing solutions linked to menstrual health major issues in both private and public spheres.

Liliana La Sala is a medical doctor, internal medicine specialist, and a medical officer at the Italian Ministry of Health since 1994, in charge of the General Directorate for Prevention since 2008. Former director of the Environmental Hygiene Office and of the Addiction and Mental Health Office, she is now directing the Women's Health Protection and Inequalities Prevention Office, responsible for the annual relation to the Italian Parliament on voluntary interruption of pregnancy.

Claudia Lam is Deputy to the Director at the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe (Strasbourg, France). Claudia studied law at the College of Europe in Bruges and holds a PhD degree in Public Law from Strasbourg University. She started to work in 2001 in the Council of Europe first in the Secretariat of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), then in the Secretariat of the Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings. She joined the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights in 2014 first as Adviser to the Commissioner including on women's rights and gender equality issues and since 2020 as Deputy to the Director of the Office.

Adriana Lamačková leads the Center for Reproductive Rights legal advocacy work in Central and Eastern Europe. The Center is a global human rights organization that works to ensure reproductive rights are protected in law as fundamental human rights. Adriana has 20 years of experience in the elaboration of human rights and feminist strategies towards transformative legal and policy change in the area of reproductive rights. Before joining the Center in 2010, Adriana worked with Freedom of Choice (Slovakia), the European Roma Rights Centre, and as a legal advisor at the Office of the Slovak Government. She received a law degree from the University of P. J. Šafárik in Slovakia. She also holds an LL.M. from the University of Toronto, where she was a Reproductive Health Law Scholar, and a Ph.D. in International Law and Constitutional Law from Charles University in Prague.

Antonella Lavelanet is a medical officer in the Prevention of Unsafe Abortion Unit at the World Health Organization, in the Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research (Genève, Switzerland). Before coming to the WHO, Dr Lavelanet worked primarily as a second trimester abortion provider, advocate and family planning specialist in Massachusetts. Dr Lavelanet also has a law and policy background and her interests include laws, policies and human rights related to quality abortion care, as well as clinical and policy implementation research.

Roberta Lazzeri is a longtime feminist activist in Italy and member of Prochoice (Italian network of abortion providers, prochoice associations, and researchers working on abortion).

Emmanuelle Lhomme is a French general practitioner, hospital practitioner and medical director of the Planning and Abortion Functional Unit at the Cochin Port-Royal Hospital, Assistance Publique-Hôpitaux de Paris (France). She is a member of the Board of Directors of ANCIC (National Association of Abortion and Contraception Centers), which brings together professionals from contraception and abortion centers and anyone involved in the defense of women's rights, reflection and theoretical and practical research on sexuality, control of reproduction and sex education.

Patricia Lohr is Medical Director of British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) and leads BPAS' Centre for Reproductive Research & Communication (London, UK). She is widely published on abortion and contraception and has contributed to evidence-based guidelines from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG), World Health Organization, National Institute of Health and Care Excellence, and Society of Family Planning. She serves as an Associate Editor *for BMJ Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare*, chairs the British Society of Abortion Care Providers' Education and Training Committee, and sits on advisory panels for Abortion Talk and the RCOG's Making Abortion Safe programme.

Cristina Martínez Bueno is a midwife and pedagogue. She holds a Master of Science in Nursing and a PhD from the University of Barcelona, where she is Professor in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. She is also responsable for the management of the Sexual and Reproductive Health Services in Catalonia, Catalan Institute of Health and is a member of the Advisory Council of the Department of Health. She currently is part of the Primary Care Council. Author of a number of national and international scientific articles and documents on sexual and reproductive health, she is a feminist militant involved in the consolidation of sexual and reproductive rights within the public health System in Catalonia.

Eleonora Mizzoni & Marina Sportelli are two activists of Obiezione Respinta, a transfeminist and intersectional project that maps conscientious objection in Italy. Obiezione Respinta is a network made up of students, midwives, doctors and activists, women, and people who have and have not necessarily faced the stigma of abortion and conscientious objection in their lives. Since 2017, they have been building a map on https://obiezionerespinta.info and also providing active support, abortion accompaniment and outreach about sexual and reproductive health on their social media.

Maria Antonia Morillas is Director of the Institute of Women, an autonomous body attached to the Spanish Ministry of Equality. Born in Torredonjimeno (Jaén), she holds a Degree in Audiovisual Communication and is a university expert in planning participatory processes from the Madrid Complutense University. She has extensive experience in the field of democratic innovation, citizen participation and new forms of institutional governance. From 2016 until she was appointed Director, she was Deputy Director at a social entity specialized in the design, development and evaluation of innovative participatory processes in the public sphere. A feminist and active member of the feminist movement in Andalusia, she is member of Izquierda Unida and the Andalusian Communist Party and has held public office as Councillor of the Malaga City Council and as provincial deputy, from 2011 to 2015.

Rishita Nandagiri is a Fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). In 2020-2021, she was an ESRC Postdoctoral Fellow at the LSE. Her research focuses on abortion and reproduction in the Global South. In a previous life, she worked/ consulted for the Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights, UNFPA, and the FRIDA Fund, amongst others.

Marianne Niosi is the executive director of the Mouvement français pour le Planning familial, a feminist and grassroots organization providing abortion, contraception and comprehensive sexual education services across the country, through its more than 70 member associations. The Planning familial advocates for women's rights and has played a leading role in lobbying for the extension of the legal delay for abortion in France. Marianne has a background in journalism and holds Master's degrees in political science and in public health.

Mirella Parachini is an obstetrician-gynaecologist who has always been engaged in the field of reproductive health. Former president of FIAPAC (International Federation of Abortion and Contraception Professionals), she is a co-founder of AMICA (Associazione Medici Italiani Contracecezione e Aborto), an italian association for reproductive rights and for the training of contraception and abortion providers. She is the vice-president of Associazione Luca Coscioni per la Libertà di Ricerca Scientifica.

Lucía Berro Pizzarossa is a project coordinator at Women Help Women.

She holds a Ph.D. in International Law from the University of Groningen, an MJur from the University of Oxford, and an LLB from the Universidad de la República in Uruguay. She has consulted for Ipas, UNFPA, RSFU, inroads and others.

Anna Pompili is an obstetrician-gynaecologist and currently directs the abortion service of the Center for Woman's Health Sant'Anna (Centro per la Salute della Donna Sant'Anna), in Rome. Former vice-president of LAIGA, after leaving it she founded with other colleagues, AMICA (Associazione Medici Italiani Contracecezione e Aborto), an association at the forefront of the battle for reproductive rights and in the training of contraception and abortion providers. She is a member of the General Council of Associazione Luca Coscioni per la Libertà di Ricerca Scientifica and of Consulta di Bioetica onlus.

Lia Quartapelle is an Italian member of Parliament, where she is member of the Foreign Affairs Committee. She is the international secretary of Partito Democratico (PD). She is member of the Italian board of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), and chairs the advisory board of WIIS Italy (Women in International Security).

Before being elected, she worked as a research fellow of ISPI (Istituto per gli studi di politica internazionale). She holds a Master from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London, and a PhD in Economics from the University of Pavia. She is the author of two academic books, several articles and papers.

Eva Rodríguez Armario is a general practitioner, specializing in sexual and reproductive health, graduated from the University of Seville. She is the medical director of Ginesur Sevilla, center of gynecology and obstetrics specialized and concerted for voluntary abortion. She is a feminist activist, founding member of ACAI (Spanish Association of Abortion Clinics) and currently vice president of the association. She also is the co-author of the ACAI abortion protocols.

Stephanie Schlitt is a board member of Pro Familia (the German IPPF member association), co-author of a CEDAW shadow report on abortion, contraception and sex education and co-organiser of a seminal conference on 150 years of abortion criminalisation in Germany. Currently a researcher on women's health and medical ethics for a Green Party MP and chairperson of Germany's parliamentary health committee, she has previously worked for Amnesty International's International Secretariat on gender and reproductive rights and for WHO on the Global Abortion Policies Database.

Maeve Taylor is the Director of Advocacy and Communications of the Irish Family Planning Association (IFPA), where she leads the IFPA's human rights and development advocacy and its national sexual and reproductive health and rights advocacy work. Maeve joined the IFPA in 2011. She has a background in human rights law and adult education. Her peer reviewed work on abortion law reform includes articles in Best Practice & Research Clinical Obstetrics & Gynaecology, 2019, the International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics in 2021 and in 2015; the Abortion Papers, Vol II 2016.

Rosana Triviño-Caballero is Assistant Professor of Bioethics and Medical Humanities at the Faculty of Medicine of Complutense University of Madrid (UCM). She is also a member of the Ethical Committee of the University Hospital Príncipe de Asturias (Alcalá de Henares, Madrid), and of ESPACyOS network. She has been a predoctoral researcher at the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) and a visiting scholar at: Uehiro Center for Applied Ethics (Oxford), Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, USA), Princeton University, and the Hastings Center (New York). In 2017, she got a research grant on Bioethics from the Grífols Foundation to fund the Project ProtoAccess, related to the access conditions to abortion in the EU.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

Guests

(participant hospitals'/clinics' representatives)

Giulia Caradonna: obstetrician-gynaecologist, currently directs the abortion service of the Center IVG of Di Venere -Fallacara Hospitals in Bari. She is a Member of Puglia Region Commission for IVG (Italy).

Rocío Martínez Blanco: responsible of the reception and accompaniment of patients at Clínica Dator, Madrid (Spain).

Marie Msika Razon: head of the Family Planning and Abortion Department at the Hospital Les Bluets, active member of Mouvement français pour le Planning Familial de Paris, and of REVHO association (France).

Julio Robles Cedamanos: obstetrician-gynaecologist, currently directs the abortion service of Clínica Aragón, Barcelona (Spain).

Giovanna Scassellati: obstetrician-gynaecologist/abortion provider, head of the abortion service of San Camillo Hospital, Rome (Italy).

Stefano Vitali: obstetrician-gynaecologist/abortion provider, San Camillo Hospital, Rome (Italy).

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Information for speakers, guests, and participants

TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION & MEALS (speakers, guests, and Conference participants)

The project will cover the travel (flights/trains) and accommodation expenses of all speakers and guests as well as lunch, dinner and coffee breaks on June 22nd, and lunch and coffee break on June 23rd. Coffee breaks will be open to all Conference participants.

TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO BARCELONA

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT COVER FOR YOUR TRANSPORT COSTS FROM/TO THE AIRPORT.

Barcelona's airport has two terminals (T1 and T2, the latter is smaller). To arrive downtown:

- There is a metro line (L9) that connects both terminals to "Zona Universitaria", where you will be able to connect with other metro lines (connections are indicated in graphics and via sound messages. Torrassa stop connects with L1, Badal with L5, and Zona Universitària with L3). You will need a special ticket to use the metro line from the airport. It is clearly indicated in the ticket selling machines, and costs 4.6 €.
- Train: it leaves from T2, so if you arrive to T1 you should take the shuttle first, and then you will find the train station. It will take you to main stations like "Barcelona Sants" or "Plaça Catalunya", which is the main square in Barcelona.
- Info on train transportation from/to airport available at: http://www.aeropuertobarcelonaelprat.com/ingl/accesos aeropuerto tren4010.htm
- You can take the AEROBUS, which takes you to Plaça Espanya and Plaça Catalunya, among other stops. Cost: 5,90 € http://www.aerobusbcn.com/es/?gclid=CN3H4daX5dMCFUg8GwodkZwM4A
- TAXI is always an option, but it can cost +30 €, depending on your destination (there is a fee for leaving the airport)

TO USE THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM:

You can buy a T-casual card (11,35 €), available at metro stations and stores like kiosks and tobacco shops) which will allow you to travel 10 times and connect bus, metro and train (as long as you don't leave the metropolitan area called "ZONA 1").

FACULTY LOCATION:

The Faculty is located downtown, in a neighbourhood called "Raval". You can arrive using metro lines 1 (RED) Universitat stop, or line 3 (GREEN) Liceu stop.

Our meeting will take place at the 4th floor, Sala Jane Addams (if you come from Montalegre street, entrance is on your right, fourth floor, hallway on your right. We will probably meet there).

USEFUL LINKS

- Metro map: https://www.tmb.cat/documents/20182/96078/PI%C3%A0nol+xarxa+de+Metro+febrer+2016.pdf/f5578f40-5a66-46ba-907c-cf31e0d368c0
- Facultat de Geografia I Història Website: http://www.ub.edu/facgh/queoferim/es/index/arribar.htm









