

PAULS STRADIŅŠ MEDICINE HISTORY MUSEUM

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH IN FRAGILE DEMOCRACIES

SYMPOSIUM 2026

JUNE 8

8.30
REGISTRATION, COFFEE

9.00
SYMPOSIUM OPENING
ANNA ŽABICKA, Researcher and
Kaspars Vanags, Director of the Museum

9.30 – 10.30
KEYNOTE SPEECH
AGNIESZKA KOŚCIAŃSKA,
Uniwersytet Warszawski
*'I'm not leaving the Church, it's
the Church that is leaving me':
Polish private and public deliberations
on reproductive rights, Catholicism
and the state*

Chair:
ANNA ŽABICKA,
Pauls Stradiņš Medicine
History Museum

10.45 – 12.00
PANEL 1
REPRODUCTIVE
GOVERNANCE AND THE
POLITICS OF INCLUSION

DIĀNA KIŠČENKO,
Riga Stradiņš University

SIMONA AGINSKAITĒ,
Vilnius University

GARIMA YADAV and
SANDRA BÄRNREUTHER,
University of Lucerne

KASIA WOLINSKA,
Central European University

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IEVA SALNA,
Pauls Stradiņš Medicine
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12.00 – 13.00
BREAK

13.15 – 14.30
PANEL 2
INTIMATE GOVERNANCE:
CARE AND EVERYDAY
PRACTICES

ADHVIK SHETTY (online),
University of Oxford

JYOTIRUPA DAS,
University of Edinburgh

EYLEM MERCIMEK GÖĞÜŞ,
Åbo Akademi University

JULIA MAZURKIEWICZ,
Central European University

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IGORS GUBENKO,
University of Latvia

14.30 – 15.00
COFFEE BREAK

15.00 – 16.15
PANEL 3
LAW, RIGHTS, AND
REPRODUCTIVE
JUSTICE

JĀNIS NEIMANIS,
Riga Stradiņš University

SIGNE MEŽINSKA,
University of Latvia

SALOMĒJA
FERNANDEZ
MONTJOJO,
Vilnius University

ARIANNA TESCARI,
University of Bologna

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DIĀNA KIŠČENKO,
Riga Stradiņš University

16.30 - 17.45 PANEL 4
QUEERING
REPRODUCTION:
NORMS, BODIES,
AND BELONGING

IEVA SALNA,
Pauls Stradiņš Medicine
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CAROLINE CHAUTEMS (online),
University of Lausanne

EMME EDMUNDS (online),
Independent PhD researcher
(Cornell University, New York,
USA), midwife

LĪ AŠMĀNE (online),
Sciences Po Paris and
University of Toronto

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