The Nordic welfare states are among some of the countries in the world, where the new reproductive technologies are mostly widespread. However, the legal regulation on new reproductive technologies, and the family policies that has been developed due to the implementation of new reproductive technologies, differs between the countries.

We will investigate and compare, how inclusion and exclusion of different types of parenting, children, and family constellations, historically and in current time, has formed the existing policies within the Nordic welfare states. Questions of interest will be: What are the differences and similarities in the use of new reproductive technologies within the different Nordic countries? What is the historical background, for the existing differences? Which influence has the welfare state had on family policies developed, as part of the regulations on the use of new reproductive technologies? And what consequences does the existing policies have on families everyday life?

PROGRAMME

Thursday 26 November
Venue: Faculties of Humanities, Njalsgade 120, room 22.1.47

9.00- 9.15  Welcome by Associate Professor Bente Rosenbeck (Copenhagen University)

9.15- 10.05  PhD Student Nete Schwennesen (Copenhagen University):  
*Informed choice or distributed action? Examples from an ethnography of prenatal decision-making in Denmark*

10.05-10.50  Associate Professor Charlotte Kroløkke (University of Southern Denmark):  
*Biotourist performances: Doing parenting during the ultrasound.*

10.50-11.10  Coffee break

11.10-12.00  PhD Student Michael Nebeling Petersen (Copenhagen University):  
*The consequences of equal rights. Queer theoretical discourse analysis of the Danish Parliament’s proceedings regarding medically assisted insemination*
12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00- 14.00 Post.doc. **Kristin Spilker** (Trondheim University): *Reproductive relations. Production of gendered meanings in the field of reproduction*

14.00- 15.00 Post.doc. **Stine Adrian** (Lund University): *New creation stories on population politics in Denmark and Sweden*

15.00 – 16.00 Discussion

18.30 Dinner in town

**Friday 27 November**
Venue: room 22.2.56 (Rasmus Rask)

9.30 – 12.00 Meeting for NordWel members: Plans for the future

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch and goodbye

The seminar is open for all interested participants.

Participants traveling from abroad can receive some substitution for travel and hotel.

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**Registration deadline: 1 November 2009**

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