

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTEOUSNESS SYMPOSIUM

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BIOGRAPHIES



Sonia Corrêa Since the late 1970's Sonia Corrêa has been involved in research and advocacy activities related to gender equality, health and sexuality. Between 1992 and 2009 she was the research coordinator for sexual and reproductive health and rights at DAWN – Development Alternatives with Women for a new Era, a global South feminist network, of which is presently a Board Member.

Since 2002 she is a research associate at the Brazilian Interdisciplinary Association for AIDS, in Rio de Janeiro. In ABIA, with Richard Parker, she co-chairs the Sexuality Policy Watch (SPW) program, a global forum comprised of researchers and activists engaged in the analyses of global trends in sexuality related policy and politics.

She has extensively published in Portuguese and English. This list includes, among other, *Population and Reproductive Rights: Feminist Perspectives from the South* (Zed Books, 1994) and *Sexuality, Health and Human Rights* co-authored with Richard Parker and Rosalind Petchesky (Routledge, 2008), *Development with a Body* (co-authored with Andrea Cornwall and Susan Jolly (Zed Books, 2008) and the E-Books: *Sexuality and Politics: Dialogues from the Global South* (SPW 2014), with Richard Parker and Rafael de la Dehesa (2014) and *Emerging powers, sexuality and human rights: Fumbling around the elephant* (2015), co -authored with akshay khana, as well as the collection *SexPolitics: Trends&Tensions in the 21st Century* (SPW, 2018) co-edited with Richard Parker.

Between 2018 and 2020 she coordinated and edited the final outcomes of regional research on anti-gender politics in Latin America. She has lectured in various academic institutions, more recently (2016-2017) at the Department of Gender Studies of the London School of Economics. She is a member of the Editorial Board of the Palgrave Book Series *Global Queer Politics*.



Risa Cromer (she/her) is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Purdue University, where she is also Affiliate Faculty in the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Critical Disability Studies programs. A specialist in cultural anthropology and science and technology studies, her research focuses on emerging politics concerning reproductive and regenerative technologies in the United States as they intersect with race, religion, and law. Her research appears in *New Genetics & Society*, *Cultural Anthropology*, *Transforming Anthropology*, *Medical Anthropology*, *Journal for the Anthropology of North America*, *Reproductive Biomedicine & Society Online*, *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, and *Somatosphere*. Risa's current book project, "Saving: White Christianity and the Politics of Frozen Embryos," ethnographically examines the practice of embryo adoption, a social movement established by white pro-life evangelicals that melds adoption, assisted reproduction technologies, and antiabortion politics. *Saving* examines how rescuing IVF embryos from freezers aligns with broader political projects for rescuing the possibility of a whiter, righter Christian America. She tweets at @rcromer. www.risacromer.net



Sarah Franklin (she/her) is a Wellcome Trust Senior Investigator and Professor of Sociology at the University of Cambridge, where she directs the Reproductive Sociology Research Group (ReproSoc). Her research addresses the history and culture of UK IVF, the IVF-stem cell interface, cloning, embryo research, and changing understandings of kinship, biology, and technology. She has contributed to the fields of gender theory and science studies as well as the study of animal models and visual culture, including bioart. Her research has been supported by the ESRC, Leverhulme Trust, MRC, Wenner-Gren Foundation, Carnegie Foundation, European Commission, British Academy, Mellon Foundation, Philomathia Foundation, ERC and the Wellcome Trust. Throughout her career she has worked closely with clinicians, patients, scientists and policymakers in an attempt to widen sociological engagement with emerging issues in bioscience and biomedicine. She is a Fellow of Christ's College, the Royal Anthropological Institute, and of The Society of Biology as well as a Smith College Alumnae and Medallist (2011). In addition to directing the Reproductive Sociology Research Group, Franklin is a Wellcome Trust Senior Investigator, a Section Editor of the journal *Reproductive Biomedicine Online*, and Chair of the Anne McLaren Trust.



Andrea Peto (she/her) is a historian and a Professor at the Department of Gender Studies at Central European University, Vienna, Austria, a Research Affiliate of the CEU Democracy Institute, Budapest, and a Doctor of Science of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Her works on gender, politics, Holocaust, and war have been translated into 23 languages. In 2018 she was awarded the 2018 All European Academies (ALLEA) Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values. She is Doctor Honoris Causa of Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden. Recent publications include: *The Women of the Arrow Cross Party. Invisible Hungarian Perpetrators in the Second World War.* Palgrave, Macmillan, 2020. And *Forgotten Massacre: Budapest 1944.* DeGruyter, 2021. She writes op-ed pieces for many international and national media. She tweets at @petoandrea



Dr Akanksha Mehta (she/her) is an educator, researcher, writer, photographer, and organiser. She is a Lecturer in Gender, Race and Cultural Studies and the co-director of the Centre for Feminist Research at Goldsmiths, University of London. She uses abolitionist feminist queer crip and decolonial pedagogies to teach on empire, nationalism, violence, and resistance within and outside the university and also writes on institutions, pedagogy, activism, and care. Her recent research is an ethnographic study of the everyday politics of Hindu nationalist women in India and Israeli Zionist settlers in Palestine and she is interested in mapping transnational connections between settler colonial, nationalist, and right-wing projects and solidarity and resistance to them. She tweets at @ajeebaurat.



Lea Taragin-Zeller (she/her) is an Assistant Professor of Cultural Studies and Public Policy at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and an affiliated scholar at the Reproductive Sociology Research Group (ReproSoc), University of Cambridge. Her work has appeared in *American Anthropologist*, *Anthropology and Education Quarterly* and *Medical Anthropology*. Lea is currently working on her first book “The State of Desire: Reorienting Religion and Reproductive Politics in the Promised Land” . The State of Desire ethnographically analyzes the ways Orthodox Jews reorient conflicting social, religious, and national desires amidst shifting forms in Israel’s reproductive governance. By highlighting cracks in patriarchal family ideals, the State of Desire brings scholarship of religion and reproductive politics into dialogue about their powerful entwinements. She tweets at @leataragin
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