

HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILDBIRTH - INDIA CONFERENCE LINE UP

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*If you don't already know about the upcoming **Human Rights in Childbirth Conference** in Mumbai, here's a chance to get a deeper look at the happenings of the event. Check out this blog to see the amazing speaker lineup and topics to be covered. Please come to be apart of this much needed discussion, advocacy and change!!*

SYNOPSIS OF THE CONFERENCE - Women have a right to survive childbirth, but it is not their **only** human right.

The **Human Rights in Childbirth Global Conference in India** will be held at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai from 2-5 February to 2017.

The event addresses how maternity care can optimize maternal and infant health outcomes in a respectful, culturally sensitive, human rights framework.

The Conference will convene a vibrant and interdisciplinary group of maternity care providers, public health professionals, lawyers, activists, policy makers and reproductive justice advocates and others interested in advancing respectful and evidence-based care.

Collaborators and participants will join the front edge of global efforts to eliminate disrespect and abuse in maternity care and ensure non-discriminatory access to care for every woman and baby.

This Conference will help evolve global maternity care policies and practices from the critical recognition that preventable maternal mortality is a human rights issue, toward recognition of the full spectrum of human rights at stake in childbirth.

Together, attendees will envision maternity care systems that attend to the healthcare needs and human rights of mothers, babies, families, and communities worldwide.

DAY 1 - VOICES OF WOMEN - 2, FEB 2017

Keynote Address

- Aparajita Gogoi (WRAI)

Plenary Panel: Indian Maternity Care Development and Human Rights - is there a connection?

- Dr. Kirti Iyengar (UNFPA)
- Dr. Prakassama (ANSWERS)
- Dr. David Osrin (Paediatrician)
- Kerry McBroom (ICRC Rapporteur)

Panel 1 - Women's Experience of Care - too little too late?

- Unnimaya Kurup (IIT Madras)

- Sohini Chattopadhyaya (Freelance Journalist)
- Asha Kilaru (BBN) & Pushpalatha M.
- Sarita Barpanda (HRLN)

Panel 2 - Non-Discriminatory Access to Maternity Healthcare Services

- Manju Kamarcharya
- Sushma Shende (SNEHA)
- Nalini Visvanatham
- Regina Tames (GIRE)

Panel 3 - Womens' Experience of Care - too much too soon?

- Ibu Eka Maya, Midwife Indonesia (video)
- Subarna Ghosh (Birth India)
- Vijaya Krishnan (Healthy Mother)
- Lina Duncan (Mumbai Midwives)

DAY 2 - SYSTEMS OF CARE - 3, FEB 2017

Lancet: Maternal Health Series (Asia Launch)

- Prof. Suellen Miller, Ob/Gyn (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine)
- Prof. Lynn Freedman (ADMM)

Panel 1 - Organizing healthcare for Improving Quality and Respect

- Prof. Neel Shah (Ariadne Labs)
- Dr. Jishnu Das (Worldbank)
- Prof. Lesley Page (RCOM)

Panel 2 - Supporting Healthy Birth

- Dr. Armida Fernandez (SNEHA)
- Stella Mpanda (Childbirth Survival International Tanzania)
- Maha Al-Musa (EmbodyBirth)
- Amelia Christmas (PRONTO)

Panel 3 - Evidence and Human Rights in Indian Obstetric Medicine

- Dr. Evita Fernandez & Indie Kaur (Fernandez Hospital)
- Dr. Arun Gadhre (SAATHI)
- Dr. Rinku Sengupta (Sitaram Bhartia)

DAY 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY & CHANGE - 4, FEB 2017

Keynote Address - Human Rights in Childbirth - the legal framework in India

- Prof. Asha Bajpai (UNCRC)

Panel 1 - Rethinking the Role of Midwives in the Region

- Frances McConville (WHO)
- Frances Day-Stirk (ICM)
- Lancet Midwifery Series
- Prof. Saraswati Vedam (University of British Columbia)

Panel 2 - Accountability & Advocacy for Change

- Payal Shah (CRR)
- Anubha Rastogi (Advocate, Maharashtra)
- Sarah Malkani (Lawyer, Pakistan)
- Purna Shrestha (Center for Reproductive Rights)
- Sabin Shrestha (FWLD)

Panel 3 - Quality, Progress and Vision in Maternity Care

- Dr. Aruna Uprety (Nepal)
- Prof. Hannah Dahlen (University of Sydney)
- Dr. M S Kamath

Closing Keynote - For Richer and for Poorer - changing the landscape of Indian Maternity Healthcare, one woman at a time

- Bashi Hazard (HRiC)

DAY 4 - COLLABORATION DAY - 5, FEB 2017

This is a day to for attendees and speakers to work together to discuss the most valuable actions to take to ensure we put back the Human Rights in childbirth.

The questions we will be discussing are:

- (a) What are the 5 priority areas that need immediate attention in maternity healthcare in the region?
- (b) How will those identified priorities support and/or protect women's human rights in pregnancy and childbirth?

© If you were in charge, what steps would you take to make these priority areas a reality?

Come be apart of this incredible work at the [**Human Rights in Childbirth Conference in Mumbai India.**](#)

[**Sign this petition**](#) to make it mandatory that Indian hospitals declare their c-section rates!

Check out Human Rights in Childbirth on [**Facebook**](#).

Ask questions, find support and information at [**Birth India's Facebook Support Group**](#).

