

## LLM Law and Reproduction

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Teaching and assessment (2014): Semester 1, Essay - 6,000 words

### Module description:

The module will give students the opportunity to gain knowledge and critical understanding of the relationship between law and reproduction in the United Kingdom and internationally. The course will be grounded in a socio-legal approach; this allows students to think critically and analytically about the historical, cultural, and ethical underpinnings of regulation of reproduction.

At the start of the module the students are introduced to sexual and reproductive health policy and specifically arguments based in reproductive justice. From there we move on to consider specific issues in how we regulate sexual and reproductive health. Although the focus will be on reproduction the course will give students the opportunities to think critically about the interplay between public and private choices and specifically the place of law in regulating intimate activities. Students will spend much of their time critically assessing the concepts of privacy, liberty, and justice as applied in the sphere of reproduction. Advance reading will be provided in advance of each seminar and students will be encouraged to contribute to seminar debates of the topics each week.

### Seminar topics:

- Sem 1: Introduction to Sexual and Reproductive Health Services
- Sem 2: Abortion and the Medical Profession
- Sem 3: Regulating Assisted Reproduction
- Sem 4: Conscientious Refusal to Provide Sexual and Reproductive Health Care
- Sem 5: Criminalising Reproduction
- Sem 6: The Criminal Law and the Pregnant Body
- Sem 7: Issues in Global Maternal Health I
- Sem 8: Issues in Global Maternal Health II
- Sem 9: Regulating Transnational Surrogacy Agreements
- Sem 10: Reproductive Justice for All

### Recommended reading:

There is no recommended textbook. However, the following advance reading is recommended

- Emily Jackson *Medical Law: Text, Case, and Materials*(OUP, 2013) Chapters 13-16
- Ruth Dixon-Mueller *Population Policy & Women's Rights*(Praeger, 1993) **Chapter 1** (<http://info.worldbank.org/etools/docs/library/48442/m1s5dixon.pdf>)