

WORKING GROUP THREE

New insights into socio-cultural phenomenon that contextualize labour and birth, including marginalized groups and migrant women.

Topic area

New insights into socio-cultural phenomenon that contextualize labour and birth, including the effects of dissonance between dominant cultural social expectations including marginalized groups and migrant women.

Sub-working groups for WG3

The working group is divided into the following sub-groups:

Group One – (experiences) lead Zora Raboteg-Saric - zora.raboteg-saric@pilar.hr

Group Two – (values in health care) lead Sarah Church - churchs@lsbu.ac.uk

Group Three (migrant women) – lead Marie-clare Balaam & Mel Cooper - m.Cooper2@bradford.ac.uk; mbalaam@uclan.ac.uk

Group four – (satisfaction and culture) lead Jo White - jowhite67@yahoo.co.uk

Early career representative for WG3 – Triin Roosalus

Sub-group – Childbirth experience (lead Z. Raboteg-Saric)

Topic 1 : Women's experiences of labour and birth: a review of multidimensional assessment tools (Zora Raboteg-Saric, Gracia Maroto & Camila Higuera)

Progress:

- Draft plan of aims and methodology (search strategy, keywords, inclusion/exclusion criteria) developed
- Literature search completed
- Selection of eligible studies in progress

Outcome: Outcome: paper submitted

Topic 2 : Optimizing childbirth in Croatia – the best things about care (A. Mujkic, Z. Raboteg-Saric & A. Brajsa-Zganec)

Work in progress: finalising the paper

Outcome: paper submitted

Topic 3 – Survey Development

Z. Raboteg-Saric:

- Worked on the development of the new version of BBB survey (July 2015 – January 2016)
- Translation of the new survey to Croatian language (Zora Raboteg-Saric) - finalised
- *Future work/interests:* to explore opportunities to undertake cross-cultural study of women's childbirth experiences based on new BBB survey data

Output – a paper on this data

Group two Values in health care – Sarah Church

Topic 1 - Preparation of publication on 'Conscientious objection and health care professionals' – Flemming et al (paper submitted to Journal of Medical Ethics)

Topic 2 - Church – STSM successful application. Topic: ‘The socio-cultural context of midwifery care in the Czech Republic’. Visit planned for April 4th-8th 2016 to work with Dr Ema Hresanova, Assistant Professor, University of West Bohemia.

- **A critical discussion of values underpinning maternity care across Czech Republic, Turkey, Hungary and the UK** - Sarah Church, Ema Hresanova, Serap Ejder, Ayşe Parlak Gürol and Orsi Hubert– paper progressing well submission anticipated in the next 3 months.
- **The concept of woman-centred care: a comparison of maternity services between the UK and Czech Republic.** Dr Sarah Church & Dr Ema Hresanova - paper in progress based on STSM completed in April 2016. Further research is being planned on the basis of the STSM - proposal being developed and funding being explored at present.

Outcomes – papers and possible grants

Topic 3 - Student midwives' perspective on the ethics of abortions: A qualitative study
The data has been collected data, analysis in progress.

Ayşe Parlak Gürol, Sarah Church and Serap Apay

Outcome – a paper

Group 3 - migrant women – lead Marie-Clare Balaam & Mel Cooper -

Topic 1a - Concept analysis of ‘pregnant migrant women’ followed by work on discourse analysis of terminology used in different discourses.

- Progress/ next steps: Work on going – analysis underway submit paper to journal of Advanced Nursing January 2017

Topic 1 b: Investigation of access policies for migrant women across Europe

- (Marie-Clare, Dineke (has had to withdraw), Mel, Valerie, Alena, Sanja, Triin)
- Progress: template distributed to COST Action – some results in, but agreed to re send to ensure wider coverage
- Next steps – collation of data & initial (descriptive) analysis to be undertaken
- December 2016: Need to identify lead person and establish time plan for this. MCB will send round recap & try to move this on by contacting people who may be interested and writing up a clear description of what we are trying to do, but we need people who will actively take this further. Sanja has indicated that she is interested in working on this area.

Topic 2: Using existing BBB data, examine the current data on migrant women

Topic 2 a: General migrant data from survey (MC, MCB, Naseerah)

- Data obtained and cleaned by Jenny, Tomasina (with support from Marina), next steps analysis of data and consideration of whole data set which is now available, although we do not have ethics from the use the later data set) Dineke, Tomasina and Jenny are no longer involved in the work we are hoping to ask our colleague Naseerah to support us with this)
- Data set produced and initial analysis work done on this by Mel Cooper’s daughter – report produced.
- December 2016: Colleague of Mel at Bradford University will take this forwards beginning January 2017

Topic 2 b: Use BBB data to focus on the Czech Republic

Czech women giving birth abroad and non Czech women giving birth in the CR & identify and map the movement from east to west or reversely. (Alena)

- December 2016: project progressing article will be published in Czech language publication.

Group 4 - Sub-group – satisfaction – led Jo White

Aim - To conduct a critical review of existing literature on measuring women's satisfaction and publish a paper based on this review

- tasks: preparing search terms (translating terms, agreeing) agree databases, carry out searches

- searches carried out and data analysed November 2016

Outcome – paper to be submitted May 2017

Outputs

2015

Book:

Takács, L., Sobotková, D., Šulová, L. (Eds.) (2015) *Psychology in perinatal care. Practical issues and challenging situations*. Praha: Grada. 250 p.

Papers

Takács, L., Seidlerová, J., Šulová, L., Horáková Hoskovcová, S. (2015) Social psychological predictors of satisfaction with intrapartum and postpartum care – what matters to women in Czech maternity hospitals? *Open Medicine*, 10(1), 119-127

Takács, L., Mlíková Seidlerová, J., Smolík, F., Hoskovcová, S., Antonín, P., Vařáková, J., Valová, A., Svoboda, T., Dočkalová, J. (2015). Satisfaction with perinatal care in Vysočina Region in the period between October 2013 and September 2014. *Czech Gynaecology*, 80(6), 426 – 435.

Brailey, S., Jarrett P., Luyben, A., Poat, A. (2015) Swimming against the tide: Women's experience of choosing a homebirth in Switzerland. *British Journal of Midwifery* 23(11), pp 780–788 10.12968/bjom.2015.23.11.780

König- Bachmann, M., Ederer, Chr., Romano, I., Knobloch, R., Luyben, A., Gruber, P., Schwarz, Chr., Zenzmaier, Chr. (2015) Fälle-für Alle: Auf dem Weg zu einer konstruktiven Fehlerkultur (Cases-For-All; on the way towards a constructive safety culture). *Die Hebamme* 28; pp 180- 185

Presentations

Balaam, M.C., Luyben, A., Santos, M., & Stancheva, Y. (2015) Country coordinators' views and experiences. Babies Born Better (B3) Survey, design, set up and development. Downe, S. Normal Birth Conference, June 2015, Grange-over-Sands

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2016

Publications

Takács L., Smolík F., Mlíková Seidlerová J., Čepický P., Horáková Hoskovcová S. (2016) Postpartum blues – a Czech adaptation of the Maternity Blues Questionnaire. *Czech Gynaecology*, 81(5), 355-368.

Sadeghi, L., Kamber, R., Sieber, Chr., Rotunno, F., & Luyben, A. (2016) Increasing men's interest in family planning centers: Lessons learned from Switzerland. *Medical Science Review* 3, 100-109. Doi: 10.12659/MSRev.898874

Bharj, K., Luyben, A., Avery, M.D., Johnson, P.G., O'Connell, R., Barger, M.K., & Bick, D. (2016) An agenda for midwifery education: Advancing the state of the world's midwifery. *Midwifery*, 33, 3-6

Fleming, V., & Luyben, A. (2016). Establishing a Master's for Europe – A transnational model for higher education. *Midwifery*, 33, 52-54.

Lephard E, **Haith-Cooper M**, Pregnant and seeking asylum; exploring experiences 'from booking to baby' (2016) *British Journal of Midwifery*, 24, 2, 130-136

Haith-Cooper M & McCarthy R (2015) Striving for excellence in maternity care: The Maternity Stream of the City of Sanctuary. *British Journal of Midwifery*, 23(9) 648-652

Marie-Claire, Dineke, Mel and Charles have completed a chapter Asylum seekers & refugees: A cross European perspective in a forthcoming Routledge book *Psychosocial Resilience and Risk in the Perinatal Period: Implications and Guidance for Professionals*

Balaam et al. 'We make them feel special': the experiences of voluntary sector workers supporting asylum seeking and refugee women during pregnancy and early motherhood *Midwifery* DOI: 10.1016/j.midw.2015.12.003

Marina Weckend Reflections of a midwife in a German refugee camp *The Practising Midwife* November 2016 <http://www.practisingmidwife.co.uk/tpmindex.php>
Abstract

In response to the Syrian war and other conflicts, a large number of refugees arrived in Germany in summer 2015. Unprepared for the arrivals, many communities had to set up emergency accommodation to bridge the time between their arrival and the allocation of permanent housing. In a remote camp with up to 1,700 residents, Marina Weckend set up a midwifery service to reach out directly to women and their families. The service was facilitated by the German Asylum Seekers' Benefit Act, which states that all maternity care, including referrals and prescriptions have to be accessible and free of charge for asylum seekers. In this article, Marina recounts the stories of three families whose experiences highlight the meaning and importance of health care access, acceptability and equity, particularly for women and families with a background of displacement.

Firth A, **Haith-Cooper M**, Egan D (2016) [Do psychosocial interventions have an impact on maternal perception of perinatal depression?](#) *British Journal of Midwifery* (24), 12, 855-866

Grants

Ema Hresanova and Alena Parizkova 'Migration and maternal health: pregnancy, birth and early parenting', Czech Science Foundation, three year project 2661000 CZK - £77,855.

Flemming grant with Claudia Meier Magistretti to advance our joint research in Dying at life's beginning.

Conferences

- Haith-Cooper M, McCarthy R (2016) Meeting the mental health needs of asylum seeking and refugee women. Maternal mental Health Conference- Manchester
Invited Speaker
- Haith-Cooper M, McCarthy R (2015) Engaging asylum seeking and refugee (AS&R) women in midwifery education, Innovation in Midwifery Conference – Bournemouth
- Haith-Cooper M, McCarthy R, Balaam, Marie-Clare (2015) Peer volunteering; an innovative approach to striving towards achieving normal childbirth in asylum seeking and refugee women, Symposium presentation Normal Labour and Birth: 10th Research Conference 'Normal birth; into the future' Grange Over Sands, Cumbria
- Haith-Cooper M, McCarthy R (2015) Childbirth in the UK; stories from refugees; an innovative film for midwives, Normal Labour and Birth: 10th Research Conference 'Normal birth; into the future' Grange Over Sands, Cumbria
- McCarthy R, Haith-Cooper M, (2015) Invited speakers to: Improving Access, Experiences and Outcomes of Maternity Services for Vulnerable Migrant Women. Primary Care and Public Health Conference, NEC Birmingham
- Haith-Cooper M, McCarthy R (2015) Building excellence in maternity care; 'The Maternity Stream of the City of Sanctuary' 5th International Nursing and Midwifery Conference, Galway, Ireland

- Weckend MJ. Medical and psycho-social support for refugee women and children [Gesundheitliche und psychosoziale Hilfen bei geflüchteten Frauen und Kindern]. Symposium of the foundation Eine Chance fuer Kinder [Fachtagung der Stiftung Eine Chance für Kinder]. 08.11.2016, Hannover, Germany

- Weckend MJ. Midwifery care for refugee women and their families [Hebammenhilfe für geflüchtete Frauen und Ihre Familien]. 30th Symposium of the network Women/Girls and Health in Lower Saxony [30. Fachtagung des Netzwerks Frauen/Mädchen und Gesundheit Niedersachsen]. 26th October 2016, Goettingen, Germany

- Weckend MJ. Midwifery care for refugee women and their families [Hebammenhilfe für geflüchtete Frauen und Ihre Familien]. 29. Symposium of the network Women/Girls and Health in Lower Saxony [29. Fachtagung des Netzwerks Frauen/Mädchen und Gesundheit Niedersachsen]. 31st May 2016, Oldenburg, Germany

- 2016, 30th September 1st October. International Conference of the Czech Association for Social Anthropology (CASA) on "Ambiguity". Paper on: "Migration and maternal health. What we already know."
- 2016, 19. – 21. May. ESA RN16 mid-term conference „New Directions in Health Care Work and Organisations“. Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, New University of Lisbon, Portugal. Paper: "Natural childbirth, migrant women and moralities of maternity care in the Czech Republic".

Other activities

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Flemming STSM to Jo White

December 2016; On- line Special Birth Stories Advent Calendar (with Deirdre Munro, Jenny Clarke) with presence on Facebook, Twitter

Deirdre Munro, Dr. Ans Luyben, Jennifer Trifle Clark. "Special Birth Stories"; on-line project. Collaboration with the University of Limerick, Global Village Midwives, Blackpool Hospital and WeMidwife

Related; Midwives@workandperspectives; on-line survey Switzerland and Austria (with Martina König) Dr. Ans Luyben, L. Beijer, M. König-Bachmann, D. Cuquoz.

"midwives@workandperspectives2015": explorative survey on perspectives of young midwives on their work and use of competencies (2015- 2017) Collaboration with fhg, Innsbruck. First result: MSc Thesis (L. Beijer)

Teaching / supervision

RCM I Learn Module 'Understanding asylum seekers and refugees'

Beijer, L. (2016) Was brauchen Hebammen in Oesterreich und der Schweiz, damit sie im Beruf bleiben? (What do midwives need in Austria and Switzerland, to stay in midwifery?) MSc Thesis. fhg, Innsbruck (Supervision: Dr. Ans Luyben)

Ingold, S. (2016) Die Geburt als gesundheitsrelevantes Ereignis für Mutter und Kind. Analyse der Daten aus dem „Babies Born Better- Survey“ aus einer salutogenetischer Perspektive. (Birth as a relevant event for the health of mother and child. Analysis of the data of the Babies Born Better Survey from a salutogenic perspective). BSc Thesis, FH Nordwestschweiz, Olten (practice partner: Dr. Ans Luyben)

B3 work

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2017

STSM

Katarína Greškovičová applied to come from Slovakia to work with Marie-Clare, Mel and Rose on improving maternity care for migrant women. This has been delayed over a technical issue with Slovakia's membership of the Action we hope that this will go ahead next year.

Publications

Viken, B., **Balaam M-C** & Lyberg A , A salutogenic perspective on maternity care for migrant women in Church, S. Firth, L., **Balaam, M.-C.**, Berg, M., Smith, V., van der Walt, C., Downe, S., van Teijlingen, E.(eds.) *New Thinking on Improving Maternity Care: International Perspectives*, London: Pinter & Martin, 2017.ISBN: 978-1-78066-240-4 Web link: <http://www.pinterandmartin.com/new-thinking-on-improving-maternity-care.html>

Dr. Patricia Gillen, Prof. Marlene Sinclair, Prof. Cecily Begley, Prof. George Kernohan, Dr. Ans Luyben. Cochrane Review on prevention of workplace bullying (approval expected early 2017) Collaboration with University of Ulster and Trinity College, Dublin