



Call for Papers

Special Issue International Perspectives on the Baby Trade: Surrogacy, Adoptions, Abductions

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The aim of this special issue is to consider, in a global context, the state of the baby trade. What makes some cases of 'baby acquisition' licit and others illicit? Whose interests are being served by the baby trade? What are some of the implications of the baby trade, both immediate and long-range?

We invite submissions on all aspects of this general topic. Issues of particular interest include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Papers that provide empirical backing for normative assumptions or claims regarding the baby trade within specific nations.
- ◆ Papers that discuss nation- or culture-specific ethical issues raised by the baby trade.
- ◆ Papers that probe nations' restrictive or permissive attitudes towards international adoptions, surrogacy, and gamete donations, and how those nations' interests are potentially affected by international adoptions.
- ◆ Papers on preferences for open versus closed adoptions, on returning "difficult-to-handle" children to orphanages, and on policies that make it more difficult to be an adopting parent than a biological parent.
- ◆ Papers on issues of gender, race, ethnicity, age or economic equity in surrogacy and adoption.
- ◆ Papers on pressuring birth mothers to give up their natural children for adoption or papers on returning stolen or abducted children to biological parents.
- ◆ Papers on regulated versus black-market surrogacy and adoption.
- ◆ Papers on reproductive freedom and the right to procreate related to adoption and surrogacy.
- ◆ Papers that focus on family issues related to adoption and surrogacy.
- ◆ Papers that focus on children's rights in the context of adoption and surrogacy.
- ◆ Papers that discuss individuals' motives for entering into surrogacy or adoption arrangements, or for seeking to buy, sell, steal, or kidnap a child.

Submission Deadline 1st November 2009

The editors welcome early discussion of brief proposals and/or abstracts by email to lasmuss@uncc.edu and rotong@uncc.edu

For further submission requirements, including format and referencing style, please refer to the Author Guidelines on the Bioethics website www.blackwellpublishing.com/submit.asp?ref=0269-702&site=1

You should submit your manuscripts to Bioethics online at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/biot>

Please ensure that you select manuscript type 'Special Issue' and state that it is for the "International Perspectives on the Baby Trade", Special Issue when prompted.

Upon submission authors should include full contact details (especially e-mail address), a brief abstract (250 words), and a few lines of biographical information, all in a single electronic file. We discourage papers of more than 5000 words.