

**Call for papers: SLSA funded seminar**  
**‘Law’s Role in Shaping and Responding to Disability and**  
**Motherhood’**  
**University of Reading, 19 March 2025**

This hybrid one day event will be hosted by the School of Law at the University of Reading on **19 March 2025**. The event will explore issues affecting disabled women and mothers in justice systems across family, health, mental capacity and public and administrative law. Ideals of motherhood do not often sit well with law’s response to disability. This seminar brings together academics, practitioners, policy-makers and those with lived experience across different areas of the law and justice system, to consider disabled women’s experiences of, and interactions with, motherhood and the law.

The seminar will explore three key areas for disability and law scholarship, approached from a broad socio-legal perspective: disability and motherhood in family relationships; disability and motherhood in health contexts; and disability and motherhood in public and administrative law. However, we strongly encourage proposals which operate at the intersection of these jurisdictions to understand disabled women’s experiences of law across the life course and in their everyday lives (rather than through courts or formal law).

We plan to publish an edited collection of some of the papers presented at the seminar. Further details will be provided on the day. Confirmed speakers so far include Professor Katy Burch, Beth Tarleton, Professor Beverley Clough, Professor Sheelagh McGuinness, and Dr Ciara Fitzpatrick. We welcome submissions by established academics, postgraduate researchers and those with personal or professional experience of the issues highlighted above.

**How to submit an abstract:**

If you would like to present your work on any of the above themes, please send the following to Dr Jaime Lindsey at [j.lindsey@reading.ac.uk](mailto:j.lindsey@reading.ac.uk) by **6 December 2024**:

- Title of your presentation
- Abstract of no more than 150 words
- Your name and affiliation
- Your career stage/role

Successful applicants will be informed by early January 2025 and will be required to register (for free) for the seminar. Funding from the SLSA is available to support the attendance of a small number of PGRs. Please make it clear in your email whether you will require travel and accommodation to be funded.

**How to register to attend the event:**

**If you would like to register to attend this event, [please do so here](#).** Places are free but are limited and registration is necessary. Due to the limitation on spaces, please let us know if you are no longer able to attend the event so that the space can be offered to someone else. Details regarding in person and online attendance will be emailed to participants in advance of the event.