

# Maternal, Infant and Child Nutrition and Nurture: Relational, Bio-cultural and Spatial Perspectives

## The 5th International Conference on Nutrition and Nurture in Infancy and Childhood

To be held at the  
University of Western Sydney  
(Parramatta campus)

**5–7 November 2014**

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There is growing understanding of the complex interaction between socio-cultural, biological, political and economic influences upon infant and child feeding, eating and nutrition.

For almost a decade, researchers at the University of Western Sydney and the University of Central Lancashire (UK) have collaborated in studying the social and cultural context of infant feeding decisions and experiences and the impact of professional practices, organisational culture and policies on these decisions and experiences.

It is with great pleasure that we come together to host the fifth international conference: Maternal, Infant and Child Nutrition and Nurture: Relational, Bio-cultural and Spatial Perspectives at the University of Western Sydney in November 2014.

## Conference Aim

This conference aims to explore the social, cultural, biological and relational influences on maternal and child nutrition and infant feeding. The conference will also examine:

- » innovations in global, national and local strategies related to maternal and child nutrition including new directions in the BFHI (BFI) and models of peer support for breastfeeding;
- » the impact of contemporary public health messages including those related to maternal nutrition in pregnancy and childhood obesity;
- » the place of culture and relationships in maternal /infant nutrition and feeding practices;
- » how public spaces – in the community and in maternity and neonatal units – enhance closeness and create caring communities.



## Keynote Speakers and Workshop Presenters include

- » **Professor Fiona Dykes** Professor of Maternal and Infant Health, Maternal and Infant Nutrition and Nurture Unit (MAINN), School of Health, University of Central Lancashire, UK.
- » **Dr Gill Thomson** Senior Research Fellow, Maternal and Infant Nutrition and Nurture Unit (MAINN), School of Health, University of Central Lancashire, UK.
- » **Associate Professor Renee Flacking** School of Health and Social Studies, Hogskolan Dalarna / Dalarna University, Sweden and Maternal and Infant Nutrition and Nurture Unit (MAINN), School of Health, UCLan, UK.
- » **Associate Professor Sonia Semenic** Ingram School of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.
- » **Associate Professor Danielle Groleau** FRSQ Senior Research Fellow, Associate Professor, Division of Social & Transcultural Psychiatry, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.
- » **Dr Kajsa Brimdyr** Healthy Children Project Inc. MA, USA.
- » **Dr Karin Cadwell** Healthy Children Project Inc. MA, USA.
- » **Carol Bartle** Health Promoter and Policy Analyst, Te Puawaitanga ki Otautahi Trust and NZ College of Midwives.
- » **Professor Deborah Lupton**, Centenary Research Professor in the Faculty of Arts and Design, University of Canberra

## Participants

Participation and attendance is encouraged from practitioners, academics and students across a spectrum of disciplines to including midwives, child and family health nurses, neonatal nurses, lactation consultants, breastfeeding support and advocacy groups, nutritionists, public health specialists, medical sociologists, anthropologists and psychologists.

Conference Convenor: Professor Virginia Schmied, School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Western Sydney

## Conference Booking and Enquiries

The conference fee is **\$510** for all three days attendance, which includes refreshments, lunch and conference documentation, but not accommodation.

A day rate is also available at **\$170** which includes refreshments, lunch and conference documentation on the day you are attending.

Please see website for information on early bird rates, student registration and conference dinner and accommodation options.

To register for the conference, please go to the conference website: [uws.edu.au/nutritionandnurtureconference](http://uws.edu.au/nutritionandnurtureconference)

Please see web page for nearby accommodation.

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### Important Dates

Registration closes for presenters: 1 August 2014

Early Bird Registration closes: 28 August 2014

