

13TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF ETHICS IN PERINATOLOGY

Fetal pain, fetal ...?

organized by **Serge VANDEN EIJNDEN**
and **Eric CAVATORTA**

► From 9.30am
to 6.00pm

Thursday 21st of May 2026

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► PRENATAL EVIDENCE OF FETAL PAIN IN
THE LIGHT OF THE DEBATE ON FETAL
CONSCIOUSNESS

Nadja RESSLAND, Professor of Psychology, Durham
University (UK)

► MISINTERPRETATION OF FETAL PAIN AND
ITS RELEVANCE TO ABORTION POLICY

Giandomenico IANNETTI, Professor of Neuroscience,
University College London, UK; Istituto Italiano di
Tecnologia (IT)

► ACADEMIC REPORT ON TERMINATION OF
PREGNANCY PRESENTED TO THE BELGIAN
PARLIAMENT: HOW ACADEMIC EXPERTS
TOOK FETAL DEVELOPMENT INTO
ACCOUNT

Yvon ENGLERT, Honorary Professor of Obstetrics and
Gynecology (ULB), Co-President of the inter-university
committee appointed by the Belgian Parliament to make
recommendations on changes to the law and practices
concerning termination of pregnancy (BE)

► IS THERE EVIDENCE FOR CONSCIOUSNESS
IN FETUSES?

Claudia PASSOS FERREIRA, Professor of Bioethics, New
York University (US)

► THE FORGOTTEN BODY: THE SENSORY
ROOTS OF CONSCIOUS EXPERIENCES IN
EARLY LIFE

Anna CIAUNICA, Senior Researcher, INESC-ID, Group
of AI for People and Society, Instituto Superior Técnico,
University of Lisbon (PT)

► FROM FETAL PERSONHOOD TO PREGNANT
PERSONHOOD: TOWARDS A WOMAN-
CENTRED APPROACH

Heloise ROBINSON, Lecturer in Law, St Hugh's College,
University of Oxford (UK)



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