

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

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

Nadja REISSLAND, *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?**

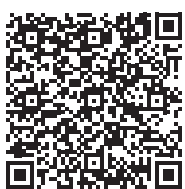
Claudia PASSOS FERREIRA, *Professor of Bioethics, New
York University (US)*

► **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 Tecnico,
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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