Feminist studies trail blazed a path of change in academic research on reproduction during the late twentieth century. However, much of this work focused on women's lives to the exclusion of men's. Men's experiences were not seen as dynamic and changing in response to feminism and women's changing lives. In this talk, Dr. Lohan will explore how the rise of the study of masculinities and post-structuralist theory within feminism invites a re-conceptualisation of fertility and reproduction in inter-relational terms. She will demonstrate how concepts from these feminist informed approaches can be used to theorise men's experiences of reproduction and parenting in ways which do not re-exclude women's.

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The central questions running through Dr. Lohan's research are: How are men's lives changing in the contemporary world? How do men think about their bodies and their health? Especially, how do men understand their fertility and what are their approaches to avoiding or becoming a parent? Is there a feminist wave apparent in men's lives?