



# Reproductive morbidity and poverty

Workshop announcement + Call for papers  
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Poverty reduction is a core target in the international development agenda. Reproductive morbidities include physical disorders such as fistula and infertility, as well as maternal depression and mental ill-health. For every maternal death, there are an estimated twenty women with maternal morbidities. Although these morbidities cause widespread disability and reduce the quality of life, they receive little attention as public health problems. The burden of reproductive health morbidities falls heaviest on the poor who often do not have access to essential health care and services.

This one day multi-disciplinary seminar will bring together public health experts, medical practitioners, social scientists and policy makers to discuss the links between reproductive morbidities and poverty. This is one in a series of four seminars on "Poverty and Sexual and Reproductive Health: Towards Unravelling the Vicious Circle" funded by the ESRC. The seminars bring together a mix of multidisciplinary expertise involving academics and practitioners to synthesise evidence from cutting-edge research in the field and to identify gaps for further scientific research, policy, and practice.

Papers are invited which address one or more of these questions:

1. What are the pathways through which poverty affects reproductive morbidity outcomes?
2. How does reproductive morbidity impact on poverty?

Theoretical, substantive, methodological contributions and case studies are welcomed. Early career researchers and PhD researchers are strongly encouraged to submit abstracts for consideration as papers or posters.

#### How to submit a paper

We invite you to submit a structured abstract containing the title, aims, data & methods, results, conclusions and this should be not more than 2 pages. Please send your submission to [Health.Reproseminar@lse.ac.uk](mailto:Health.Reproseminar@lse.ac.uk) by 31/07/10.

#### How to Register

This workshop is open to all, and there is no charge. However, pre-registration is required ([Health.Reproseminar@lse.ac.uk](mailto:Health.Reproseminar@lse.ac.uk)). Early registration is recommended.

#### Funding

Limited partial funding is available to meet travel and accommodation expenses for those whose abstracts have been selected but have no means of funding. UK-based early career researchers with innovative and high quality abstracts have priority for partial funding. Successful applicants will be sent invitation letters by 16/08/10.

**Seminar series collaborators:** University of Southampton, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, City University, Loughborough University, and University of Warwick.