



CALL FOR PAPERS

In celebration and commemoration of the recent launching of the Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement (MIRCI) and its first conference in Europe and the 35th Anniversary of Adrienne Rich's *Of Woman Born: Motherhood as Experience and Institution*

MIRCI with CRIA - Centre for Research in Anthropology, Portugal – (inter-institutional centre based in four universities - ISCTE, FCSH-UNL, FCT-UC, UM) are hosting an international conference on:

Mothing and Motherhood in the 21st Century: Research and Activism February 18-19, 2011, Lisbon, Portugal.

We welcome submissions from scholars, students, activists, and workers, artists, mothers and others who work or research in this area. Cross-cultural, historical and comparative work is encouraged. We encourage a variety of types of submissions including academic papers from all disciplines, workshops, creative submissions, performances, storytelling, visual arts and other alternative formats.

Building upon the Rich's crucial distinction between mothing and motherhood the conference will explore how scholars and activists challenge normative motherhood and develop new experiences, practices, identities, meanings, activism, ideologies and policies for empowered mothing.

Topics may include but are not restricted to:

Normative discourses/ideologies of Motherhood; New Momism; Intensive Mothering; Empowered Mothering; Maternal Empowerment; Maternal Activism; Feminism and Motherhood; Feminist Mothering; 21st Century Motherhood Movement; Mother Outlaws/Outlaw Mothering; Mothering from the Margins; Good/Bad Mothers; Transnational Mothering; Mothering and Migration: Latina/Chicana Mothering; Mother Artists/Writers; Young Mothers, Motherhood-Mothering in Film, Literature, Popular Culture and the Arts; Adoption; Hybrid Mothering; Maternal Resistance; Maternal Thinking; Maternal Practice: Mothering and Work/Mothering as Work; Maternal Sexuality; Public and Social Policy and Motherhood; Maternal Health; Mothers and Daughters; Mothers and Sons; Mothering, Violence, Militarism and War; Mothering and Social Justice; Motherhood Studies; Mothering in the Academe; Pregnancy, Childbirth and Breastfeeding; Othermothering/Community Mothering; Queer Mothers/Mothering; LGBT Mothering; Aboriginal Mothering; Motherhood Memoirs: Mothers and the Internet; Mommy Blogs; African and African American Mothering; South Asian Mothering; Asian Mothering; Mothering; Race, Ethnicity, Culture and Class; Maternal Identity: Becoming a Mother; Identity Politics of Motherhood and Mothering; Mothering and Gender Relations; Fathers/Fathering; Maternal Theories; Mothering/Motherhood and Philosophy; Reproductive Technologies, Mothers/Mothering and the Law; Mothers and Poverty, Mothering and Globalization; Maternal Wellbeing, Mothering and Social Movements; Myth and Motherhood/Mothering; Mothering and the Environment/Environmentalism, Family, Maternal Pedagogies; Mothering/Mothers and Education; Mothers/Motherhood and Sociology; Midwifery; Histories of Motherhood and Mothering; Marginalized Motherhoods/Mothering; Mothering/Mothers and Disability; Mothering/Mothers and Music; Teaching Motherhood; Nationalism and Motherhood; Motherlines; Children; Mothers/Motherhood and Anthropology; Mothering/Mothers and Science; Mothers/Motherhood and Psychology; Maternal Memoirs, Biographies, Narratives, and Autobiographies

If you are interested in being considered as a presenter, please send a 250 word abstract and a 50 word bio by January 15, 2011 to: info@motherhoodinitiative.org

*One must be a member of Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement (MIRCI) to submit an abstract for this conference. Memberships begin May 1, 2010.

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