



**Comadres, Dais, Sage-femmes
Midwives in a Historical and Transcultural
Perspective**

Program

Friday 18th October 2019 and Saturday 19th October 2019

Organisers: Wolfram Aichinger, Marie Fürnsinn, Marie Radinger;
Research Group *The Interpretation of Childbirth in Early Modern
Spain*

Location: Department of Romance Philology, University of Vienna,
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*A midwife is in the thick of it, she sees it all. Why then does
she remain a shadowy figure, hidden behind the delivery
room door? – Jennifer Worth*

FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2019

Department of Romance Philology, ROM 8

8.30: Welcome

Claudia Leitner, Deputy Head of Department

Brigitte Kutalek-Mitschitzek, Head of Degree Program Midwifery, FH Campus
Wien, University of Applied Sciences

Wolfram Aichinger, Organiser

9.00: Sources, Findings

Moderator: Wolfram Aichinger

9.00-9.30: Sucharita Sarkar, Mumbai: *The Changing Roles and Perceptions of Dais in India*

9.30-9.45: Questions

9.45-10.15: Valerie Worth, Oxford: *Midwives, Surgeons, Accoucheurs, Family and Friends: Evidence of the Range and Evolution of Birthing Scenarios in Early Modern France (c. 1500-1650)*

10.15-10.30: Questions

10.30: Coffee / Tea Break

11.00: Sources, Findings

Moderator: Valerie Worth

11.00-11.30: Diana Pelaz Flores, Santiago de Compostela: *Medieval Court Midwives and Religious Minorities*

11.30-11.45: Questions

11.45-12.15: Jesús M. Usunáriz, Pamplona: *Partos milagrosos y parteras alrededor del mundo en los siglos XVI y XVII / Miraculous Births and Midwives around the World in the 16th and 17th Century*

12.15-12.30: Questions

12.30-13.00: Debate, moderated by Hannah Fischer-Monzón, Vienna

13.00: Lunch

15.30: Sources, Findings

Moderator: Kurt Kriz, Dr. Med., Vienna

15.30-16.00: Abraham Madroñal, Geneva. *La comadre cómica en el entremés; Partos y comicidad en el teatro áureo*

16.00-16.15: Questions

16.15-16.45: Hannah Fischer-Monzón, Vienna: *Comadreas y Comadres. Weasels and Midwives. Appropriation and Embodiment of Ovidian Myth in Early Modern Italy and Spain*

16.45-17.00: Questions

17.00-17.30: Coffee / Tea Break

17.30: Sources, Findings

Moderator: Marija Blaskovic, Vienna

17.30-18.00: Wolfram Aichinger, Vienna: *Midwife-, Tales“ from Mexico, Valencia, Slave-Master-Households and the Casas de Austria. Recurrent Cultural Functions in Changing Settings.*

18.00-18.15: Questions

18.15-19.00: Debate, moderated by Marija Blaskovic

20.00: Dinner

SATURDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2019

Department of Romance Philology, ROM 2

9.30: Round Table - *Open Research Questions*

Moderator: Sucharita Sarkar

10.30: Coffee Break

11.00: Round Table - *Networking, Upcoming Events, Suggestions for an International Conference in Vienna 2020*

Moderator: Jesús M. Usunáriz

12.00: Book Presentation: Cristina Taberero, Jesús M. Usunáriz : *Diccionario de injurias de los siglos XVI y XVII*, Kassel, Reichenberger, 2019

12.30: Lunch

15.00: Guided Cultural Tour, Mag. Katharina Tassi-Fuchshuber

Private Life of the Imperial Family at Schönbrunn Palace

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