



European Union Centre of Excellence Lecture Series

Understanding Variation in Caesarean Rates in Europe: Managing Perceptions of Risk in Organisations, Providers & Women & Families

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Hosted by Helga Hallgrimsdottir (Department of Sociology, UVic), Catherine Althaus (School of Public Administration, UVic), and Cecilia Benoit (Sociology, UVic). Dr. Sandall is the keynote speaker for the Ideafest event, *Fear, Risk and Childbirth: Let's Talk about How to Reduce the Number of C-Sections in BC*. For more information go to uvic.ca/ideafest.



Dr. Sandall will provide an overview of variation in caesarean rates in Europe, and discuss the reasons put forward for variation at a policy, organisational, provider and service user level. She will discuss current thinking about appropriate levels of caesarean rates from a global health viewpoint, and provide a brief overview of current evidence regarding reduction of unnecessary caesarean rates from international literature. Dr. Sandall will also discuss some exemplars of guidance around evidence implementation in England, discuss how understanding, and communication of risk and benefit are enacted in practice and some of the current challenges for clinicians, women and planners and managers of services.

