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**Name of the course: JDDO308XA0 Reproductive rights as development tendencies of personal rights**

**The aim of the program:**

The course covers the fundamantal legal aspects of reproductive freedom and analyses the legal regulations of Hungary, Germany, England and the United States. There are a lot of questions which need explanation, for example: Do embryos in vitro represent human life? Where are the limits of permissible methods such as commercial based sperm or egg donation? What accounts for sperm donor search on the internet where search can be made by a wide range of internal and external features of the perfect donors? Have we entered the cyberprocreation era? And how could the law deal with happenings when this donor sperm or egg transmits a serious genetic disease to the offspring? Is it to be wished that within the confines of a „baby-design”, we could choose the sex of our child, or maybe it’s genetic features with some embrionic interventions? Could parties agree about parental status by the means of a surrogacy agreement? Should surrogate be paid expences only or should it be allowed to pay her more for this „reproductive service”? What should happen when the surrogate is reluctant to give up the child, could the contract be executed under the law? Who drive the commerce of „baby business” at all? Furthermore, should parliaments give the green light for human embryonic stem cell research? Is it possible to clone humans?

**Topics:**

1. Medical, historical and ideological background of assisted human reproductive technologies

2. The legal environment – The reality of webshops. The legal status of egg and sperm.

3. The frozen embryo cases – The legal status of embryo in vitro

4. Donor anonymity and conception post mortem

5. The phenomenon of surrogacy – Postmodern slavery?

6. Surrogacy agreements – „Made in India”

7. Parentage and family in the mirror of assisted reproductive technologies. The reproductive tourism.

8. Preimplantation genetic diagnosis – „Baby design?”

9. Problems of legal regulation of embryonic stem cell research and therapeutic cloning

10. The „embryo war” in the United States

11. The legal status of chimera embryos – The Island of Dr. Moreau?

12. Legal challenges of human reproductive cloning

**Reading:**

Navratyil, Zoltán: *A varázsló eltöri pálcáját? – A jogi szabályozás vonulata az asszisztált humán reprodukciótól a reproduktív klónozásig.* [Does the Sorcerer Break His Staff? – The Lines of Legal Regulation from Assisted Human Reproduction to Human Reproductive Cloning] Gondolat, Budapest, 2012.