

PROGRAMME

THE COUPLE RELATIONSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY		
CONFERENCE DAY 1 – FEBRUARY 7, 2018		
Grandmaster’s Palace, Valletta		
Chairperson: Suzanne Piscopo		
TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER
08:30–09:00	Registration	
09:00–09:20	Welcome speeches	H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca The President of Malta
		Dr Ruth Farrugia Director General, President’s Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society
		Prof Angela Abela NCFR Chairperson
		Dr Anne Berger ICCFR Chairperson
09:20–10:00	Keynote Address: <i>The significance of the couple relationship in the 21st century</i>	Prof Angela Abela
10:00–10:30	Questions from the floor	
10:30–11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-12:15	Panel discussion: <i>Closeness and power in the couple relationship</i> - Arab countries - Asian countries - European countries	Chair: Prof Suzanne Piscopo Speakers: Prof Hoda Rashad Prof Agnes Law Dr Michel Maestre Dr Sue Vella
12:15-12:30	Reactions from other guest speakers	Prof Anne Kyong Sook Øfsti Prof Lina Kashyap Prof Mardeyah Mohammed al-Bardisi
12:30-13:00	Q&A from the floor	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	Panel discussion: <i>The romantic ideal: Changing norms and expectations</i>	Chair: Dr Sue Vella Speakers: Prof Lina Kashyap Prof Anne Kyong Sook Øfsti Prof Mardeyah Mohammed al-Bardisi Prof Mark McCormack Prof Angela Abela Wrap-up by Chair
15:30-15:45	Reactions from other guest speakers	Prof Hoda Rashad Prof Agnes Law Dr Michel Maestre

CONFERENCE DAY 2 – FEBRUARY 8, 2018 Grandmaster's Palace, Valletta		
ATTACHMENT, DIVERSITY AND PARENTING		
Chairperson: Sue Vella		
08:30-09:00	Registration	
09:00-09:10	Welcome address	Hon Michael Falzon Minister for Family, Children's Rights and Social Solidarity
09:10-10:00	Keynote address: Couple Therapy and Attachment Narratives	Prof Arlene Vetere
10:00-10:30	Questions from the floor	
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-12:15	Panel discussion: <i>Diversity across couple relationships and single people</i>	Chair: Dr Clarissa Sammut Scerri Speakers: Prof Suzanne Piscopo Dr David Frost Dr Reenee Singh Prof Lynn Jamieson Wrap-up by Chair
12:15-12:45	Questions from the floor	
12:45-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:45	Keynote address: <i>Parenting and the couple relationship</i>	Prof Carolyn Pape Cowan and Prof Philip Cowan
14:45-15:00	Questions from the floor	
15:00-15:45	Reflections by Guest Observers	Chair: Dr Sharon Attard de Giovanni Dr Neville Calleja Ms Allison Zammit Said Ms Josanne Cassar Mr Mario Gerada Rev Dr Kevin Schembri
15:45-16:00	Closing remarks for Day 2	Chair: Dr Sue Vella
15:45-16:15	Q&A from floor	
16:15-16:30	Closing remarks for Day 1	Chair: Prof Suzanne Piscopo

18:00 Departure by coach to Mdina for participants joining the dinner

CONFERENCE DAY 3 – FEBRUARY 9, 2018 University of Malta, Valletta Campus		
PANEL, DISCUSSION GROUPS AND WORKSHOPS		
Chairperson: Anne Berger		
09:00–09:10	Welcome address	Chair: Dr Anne Berger
09:10–10:30	Panel discussion: <i>How relationships are changing in different parts of the world</i>	Chair: Dr Insa Schoeningh Speakers: Prof Lina Kashyap Prof Agnes Law Prof Mardeyah Mohammed al-Bardisi
10:30–11:00	Coffee break	
11:00–12:00	Discussion groups	Chairs & Rapporteurs: Dr Anita Rodarte Ms Marie de Blic
12:00–13:15	Workshops session 1: > Claire Barnes: <i>Family estrangement: a growing societal problem in developed countries</i> > Heleni-Georgia Andreadi: <i>Using systemic and narrative approaches to re-author the lives and relationships of couples affected by severe mental health difficulties in London 2018</i> > Francesco Belletti: <i>Family and couple relationships on the eve of digital networks: intertwining face-to-face and web-mediated relationships in daily family life</i> > James Netto: <i>International child abduction from a legal practitioner's point of view</i> > Lotta Heiskanen and Anna Salmi: <i>Emotionally focused online course for couples: a Finnish model accessed by 100,000 users</i>	Chairs & Rapporteurs: Prof Francesco Belletti Dr Heli Vaaranen
13:15–14:15	Lunch	
14:00–15:15	Workshops session 2: > Barbara Lombardi and Mirella Cacco, via Rita Roberto: <i>The couple today: fatigue, needs and expectations: a "tailor made" consultation</i> > Robert Simon and Leslie Ellen Shear: <i>Helping parents develop, implement and adapt co-parenting plans</i> > David Walbelder: <i>Evaluating a smartphone app that targets couples who are about to get married</i> > Kathleen Emmerly and Ellen Van Houdenhove: <i>'Thursday, date day': a campaign to motivate couples with young children to spend more time in/on their relationship</i> > Joanna and Julian Sant Fournier: <i>Emotional literacy and conflict resolution skills for couples, families and children</i>	Chairs & Rapporteurs: Mr Sven Iversen Prof Jean-Pierre Vanhee

15:15–15:45	Wrapping up	Dr Insa Schöningh ICCFR Vice-chair
15:45–16:30	Closing addresses	Dr Ruth Farrugia Director General, President's Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society
		Dr Anne Berger ICCFR Chairperson
		Prof Angela Abela NCFR Chairperson
		H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca The President of Malta

16:45 Departure by coach to Birgu for participants joining the social programme