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International Remote Conference



“Unruly Mothers and Mothering as Lived and Represented”

Zoom: OCTOBER 22 nd to 24 th , 2026

Hosted by the Unruly Scholars Mothers Network and Demeter Press.

Topics include but are not limited to

‘Bad’ mothers and mothering in film, TV, social media, art, photography, and literature; mother outlaws and outlaw mothering; myths and discourses of the good mother; maternal regret, rage, and ambivalence; maternal activism; queer mothers and queering motherhood; empowered mothering; feminist mothering vs. normative motherhood; pagan/witch mothers and mothering; resistant mothers across race, region, ethnicity, sexuality, mothering and age; mothers and daughters; mothers and sons; legal and medical discourses; public policy; religion; matricentric feminism; motherhood studies, and feminist theory.

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A special issue of the Journal of the Motherhood Initiative will be developed from the conference:

<https://journalofmotherhoodinitiative.org/>

**Please send 250 word abstract and 100-word bio by September 1,
2026**

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