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### REPRODUCTION IN THE CONTEXT OF WORLD RELIGIONS (AN INTERDISCIPLINARY ACADEMIC CONFERENCE)

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**Abstract:** This article reviews the interdisciplinary academic conference *Reproduction in the Context of World Religions: Anthropological and Bioethical Aspects*, held on February 4, 2021, by the Center for Medical Anthropology, Mikluho-Maklai Institute. Summaries of the presentations are discussed, as well as the round-table *Religious Institutions and the Problems of Choosing Reproductive Technologies*. The forum touched upon a wide range of problems of reproductive practices and religious bioethics. Comparison of the positions of various religious systems showed that the attitudes to assisted reproduction within the world religions' are most am-

bivalent. In Buddhism, Islam and Christianity, there are considerable variations in regards to surrogacy, the use of donor's gametes, adoption, IVF, the embryo's status, etc. Research of the nature of these problems seems most relevant today, in a multi-confessional country like Russia.

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