

# Gender and Sexuality

## Departmental Seminar

Organised by Prof. Benno Gammerl

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## Seminar description

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Histories of gender, of sexuality and of queerness are crucial, fascinating, and multifaceted. In ten sessions we will encounter and investigate a range of approaches to these fields. Our discussions will highlight interdisciplinary and intersectional perspectives. Based on selected seminar readings we will discuss: persecution and emancipation, the feminist sex wars, issues around reproduction, questions of affect, queer consumer cultures, trans\* histories, and queer temporalities. Along the way we examine visual and textual sources as we encounter figures like Philip Prince Eulenburg or events like the Compton's Cafeteria riot.

Narrating histories of gender, sexuality and queerness is a challenging task. One needs to come to terms with varied identifications, with what appear to be minute differences, with stark injustices and above all, with complex dynamics.

The first two sessions will discuss conceptual questions about the history of gender and of sexuality respectively. Sessions three through nine discuss more specific topics. And in our last session we will look at a variety of sources that researchers can use to write histories of gender and sexuality.

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## 5 October: History of Gender

- Morgan, Sue. "Theorising Feminist History: a thirty-year retrospective." *Women's History Review* 18 (2009): 381-407.
- Crenshaw, Kimberley. "Demarginalizing the Intersection of Race and Sex: A Black Feminist Critique of Antidiscrimination Doctrine, Feminist Theory and Antiracist Politics." *University of Chicago Legal Forum* (1989): article 8.
- Stryker, Susan. "Transgender History, Homonormativity, and Disciplinarity." *Radical History Review* 100 (2008): 144-57.

## **12 October: History of sexuality**

- Rubin, Gayle. "Thinking Sex. Notes for a Radical Theory of the Politics of Sexuality." In *Culture, Society, and Sexuality*, edited by Peter Aggleton and Richard Parker (Los Angeles: Routledge, 2006 [1984]): 143-78.
- Kunzel, Regina. "The Power of Queer History." *The American Historical Review* 123 (2018): 1560-82.
- Wiegman, Robyn, and Elizabeth A. Wilson. "Introduction: Antinormativity's queer conventions." *differences* 26 (2015): 1-25.

## **19 October: Law, discrimination and persecution**

- Marhoefer, Laurie. "Lesbianism, Transvestitism, and the Nazi State. A Microhistory of a Gestapo Investigation, 1939-1943." *American Historical Review* 121, no. 4 (2016): 1167-95.
- Healey, Dan. "Comrades, Queers, and 'Oddballs': Sodomy, Masculinity, and Gendered Violence in Leningrad Province of the 1950s". *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 21 (2012): 496-522.
- McCormick, Leanne. "'No Sense of Wrongdoing': Abortion in Belfast 1917–1967." *Journal of Social History* 49 (2015): 125-48.

## **26 October: Media, scandals and societal attitudes**

- Domeier, Norman. "The Homosexual Scare and the Masculinization of German Politics before World War I." *Central European History* 47 (2014): 737-59.
- Kurimay, Anita. "Peepholes and 'Sprouts'. A Lesbian Scandal." In *Eadem: Queer Budapest* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2020): 119-52. (Hard copy available at the EUI Library)
- Crook, Sarah. "The Labour Party, Feminism and Maureen Colquhoun's Scandals in 1970s Britain." *Contemporary British History* 34 (2020): 71-94.

## **2 November: Imperialism, colonialism, racism**

- Johnson, Marilyn S. "Gender, Race, and Rumours: Re-examining the 1943 Race Riots." *Gender & History* 10 (1998): 252-77.
- Shepard, Todd. "'Something Notably Erotic': Politics, 'Arab Men,' and Sexual Revolution in Post-decolonization France, 1962–1974." *Journal of Modern History* 84 (2012): 80-115.
- Massad, Josph. "Re-Orienting Desire. The Gay International and the Arab World." *Public Culture* 14 (2002): 361-85.

## **9 November: Space**

- Flather, Amanda J. "Space, Place, and Gender: The Sexual and Spatial Division of Labor in the Early Modern Household." *History and Theory* 52 (2013): 344-60.
- Cook, Matt. "'Gay Times': Identity, Locality, Memory, and the Brixton Squats in 1970's London." *Twentieth Century British History* 24 (2013): 84-109.
- Puar, Jasbir. "Circuits of Queer Mobility: Tourism, Travel, and Globalization." *GLQ* 8 (2002): 101-37.

## **16 November: Affect and Emotion**

- Ahmed, Sara. "Killing Joy: Feminism and the History of Happiness." *Signs* 35 (2010): 571-94.
- Gould, Deborah B. "On Affect and Protest." In: *Political Emotions. New Agendas in Communication*, edited by Janet Staiger, Ann Cvetkovich und Ann Reynolds (London: Routledge, 2010): 18-44.
- Cifor, Marika. "Presence, Absence, and Victoria's Hair. Examining Affect and Embodiment in Trans Archives." *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly* 2 (2015): 645-49.

## **23 November: Economy and capitalism**

- Duffy, Mignon. "Doing the Dirty Work. Gender, Race, and Reproductive Labor in Historical Perspective." *Gender & Society* 21 (2007): 313-36.
- Tinsman, Heidi. "Politics of Gender and Consumption in Authoritarian Chile, 1973-1990: Women Agricultural Workers in the Fruit-Export Industry." *Latin American Research Review* 41 (2006): 7-31.
- Woltersdorff, Volker. "Paradoxes of Precarious Sexualities. Sexual subcultures under neo-liberalism." *Cultural Studies* 25 (2011): 164-82.

## **30 November: Memory and queer temporalities**

- Arondekar, Anjali. "In the Absence of Reliable Ghosts: Sexuality, Historiography, South Asia." *differences* 25 (2015): 98-122.
- Dinshaw, Carolyn. "In the Now. Margery Kempe, Hope Emily Allen, and Me." Eadem: *How Soon Is Now? Medieval Texts, Amateur Readers, and the Queerness of Time* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2012): 105-127.
- Plaster, Joseph. "Safe for Whom? And Whose Families? Narrative, Urban Neoliberalism, and Queer Oral History on San Francisco's Polk Street." *Public Historian* 42 (2020): 86-113.

## **7 December: Primary sources for writing histories of gender and sexuality**