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## News from the Sexuality RN

### New Board

During the ESA Conference in Geneva in September, the Sexuality RN elected a new Board which will be responsible for increasing the internal communication, co-organizing the Interim Conference and supporting the Chair in administrative and/or scientific tasks. The members of the Board are Raffaella Camoletto (Italy), Daniel Cardoso (Portugal), Katerina Liskova (Czech Republic), Joz Motmans (Belgium), Ana Cristina Santos (Portugal) and Yvette Taylor (UK).

### New vice-chair

Ana Cristina Santos has been elected vice-chair of the ESA Sexuality RN between 2011 and 2013. Cristina has been a member of this network since 2001 and is based at the Centre for Social Studies, University of Coimbra, Portugal. More information available [here](#).

### On this number

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Dear Sexuality Research Network members,

I am delighted to be able to write an introduction to our first network newsletter. It is intended to be a forum for network members to share information, to keep up to date with networks developments and most importantly with sexualities research throughout Europe and beyond. A very big thank you to the editors (Cristina, Yvette and Daniel) for making it happen. If you have any good news, publications, call for papers that you would like to share, then please contact the editors. These are exciting times for our network. We have a newly elected board and vice-chair and are currently in the process of organising a mid-term conference (more details will be forwarded to you soon). Since the network was revitalised by Ann Cronin and myself three years ago we have had two very successful streams at the ESA conferences in Lisbon and Geneva and in total over one hundred papers have been presented. This is my first opportunity to really thank all those who participated, either by presenting a paper or by attending the sessions. We now have over thirty members of the network, but it is always good to have more! Therefore, I would urge you all to be ambassadors for our network. Please feel free to send the newsletter to those you think might be interested and encourage them to join. Finally, if you have any suggestions about the network, things you think we should be doing, then please don't hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,

Andrew

## News from the Sexuality RN—continued

In 2011, **Tam Sanger** organized the Childhood and Youth Research Institute seminar series. The Childhood and Youth Research Institute seminar series is held at Anglia Ruskin University (alternating between the Chelmsford and Cambridge campuses) and showcases the work of internal and external speakers researching in the areas of childhood and youth.

On the 28th October 2011, **Catherine Donovan**, **Ana Cristina Santos** and **Yvette Taylor** were invited to speak at the Conference Domestic Violence and Women, organized by the Centre for Social Studies, University of Coimbra, Portugal. Gathering over 200 participants from Europe, Africa and Latin America, this event offered the opportunity to share experiences about policies and research in the field.

On the 23rd November 2011, **Tam Sanger** was invited to give a talk at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies, University of Leeds, on 'Exploring the ethics of intimacy: trans people's partnerships'. More information available [here](#).

On 3rd Feb. 2012 the **Weeks Centre for Social and Policy Research** (LSBU) held a BSA Families and Relationship study group day conference 'Intersecting Family Lives, Locales and Labours'. Plenary talks by Professor Diane Reay, University of Cambridge and Professor Michele Goodwin, University of Minnesota will soon be available on the [Weeks Centre website](#).

In opening, **Yvette Taylor** told this story of difficult 'intersections'... A young lecturer - with a still frequent emphasis on the young - receives an email from her PhD student: its several pages long and a potential chapter in itself. She realises this could be serious and jumps down the paragraphs trying to find the urgency in her inbox (and there are many urgencies in her inbox). The message is this: the student is going to have a baby, she knows this is a shock, she hopes it won't affect opinions of her or her commitment to work, she questions if this will be recognised, if her funding will continue, her deadline extended, her employability ended... She wonders if her potential is already been recast as a failure and the sense of being in the wrong time (too young to mother, too young to be a successful academic) is transmitted in these exchanges....

Work is done in reading between the lines of emails, policies and funding guidance which speak of equal opportunities, a commitment to diversity, an 'investors in people' status: forms are completed, procedures are followed and pregnancy is declared at the appropriate time - being 'pregnant enough' (for recognition, extension, advice) is stated as 22 weeks, the official time when institutional recognition can begin. 'You're not the first person to have a baby' is the relayed response to the students concerns and questions.

The phone rings - ESRC funding has been received and a research associate vacancy advertised. The potential candidate is ringing to ask is she is still eligible to apply? She's just found out that she is pregnant. The lecturer is thinking equal opps, she's thinking HR. And she's thinking ESRC deadlines. What would you be thinking? Her research associate gives birth, takes time out. She's not entitled to institutional benefits not having served enough time.

Institutional benefits accrue to the young lecturer in the form of promotion, career and geographical mobility: she moves from there to here and seems to fit-in and take up her space. Even this requires an explanation; surely this is too soon? Surely she must be too ambitious, too individualist, too removed from The Family or any cares, able instead to just invest in herself? Does she have children? A partner? Does she have work-life balance or just work too hard? Even successes may be recast as failures in normative measures of fitting-in, moving, achieving and caring and as she considers this, the question of what it means to live out intersecting family lives, locales and labours - as coherence rather than collision - becomes a rather pressing issue.

Yvette Taylor, Head of the Weeks Centre for Social and Policy Research, co-convenor (with Val Gillies) of the Families and Relationship BSA study Group. To join the group email Yvette: [taylor@lsbu.ac.uk](mailto:taylor@lsbu.ac.uk)

**Andrew King**, Kingston University, London has just completed a twelve month knowledge-exchange project, funded by the UK's Economic and Social Research Council. The 'Putting Policy into Practice (PPIP) Project' built on existing research undertaken by Andrew, together with **Ann Cronin**, formerly University of Surrey, which explored the lives of LGBT people over the age of fifty living and working in East London. The PPIP Project was run in collaboration with the Scrutiny and Equalities Team at Tower Hamlets Borough Council, East London, and raised awareness about the needs and experiences of older LGBT services users amongst service providers, local government authorities and third-sector organisations.

The project entailed a sequence of events, a dissemination day-conference, two knowledge exchange workshops and a final showcase conference that was attended by over one hundred delegates. The project aimed to empower local practitioners, service providers and other stakeholders; to encourage them to think about their delivery of services and to create their own ways of improving these for older LGBT adults.

Development of policy is ongoing, but as part of the dissemination process Andrew was interviewed by 'Pink Paper' and Gaydar FM and will present a paper about the work at the forthcoming British Sociological Association conference in Leeds, UK. Andrew and Ann are currently finishing off a book (to be published by Ashgate, 2013) about older LGBT adults' lives. Further research in this area is planned.

**Yvette Taylor** and **Ria Snowdon**, Weeks Centre for Social and Policy Research, have recently produced a newsletter on their ESRC funded project 'Making Space for Queer Identifying Religious Youth'. You can access the newsletter and further project information [here](#).

**Katerina Liskova** was awarded a Marie Curie People International Outgoing Fellowship with her Project Constructing Sexuality and Gender in Czechoslovak Sexological Discourses during Communism (1948-1989). This is under Seventh Framework Programme (FP7), between 2012-2014. She will also be Visiting Scholar at the Institute for Research on Women and Gender at Columbia University, New York, USA, in 2012-2013.



## The Sexuality RN in Pictures



A conference at the University of Coimbra, Portugal, on domestic violence, with the participation of **Ana Cristina Santos**, **Catherine Donovan** and **Yvette Taylor** (October 2011).

# Publications, Calls for Papers and Conferences

## New book out

Yvette Taylor (2012) *Fitting Into Place? Class and Gender Geographies and Temporalities*. Ashgate. 'Fitting into Place? is a major contribution to our understanding of gender and social class inequalities in the twenty-first century. Strongly theorised, yet powerfully grounded in a range of voices across social difference, its rich tapestry of qualitative research weaves together space and place with actions, attitudes and the affective. The book is "a must-read" for anyone interested in contemporary class and gender formation.' Diane Reay, University of Cambridge, UK.

## CFPs for a book

*Porno-graphics and porno-tactics: desire, affect and representation in pornography*. We solicit contributions from academics, artists, activists and practitioners (in whatever combination). Articles (in English, Greek, French, Spanish, Italian) should not exceed 1500-2000 words. Please send your contributions to:

guesteditors@re-public.gr.

Deadline: **28 February 2012**. More information [here](#).

## Upcoming Conferences

**Sociology in an Age of Austerity**, BSA 2012 Annual Conference, Leeds University, UK, 11-13 April 2012. More information [here](#).

**Sexual Cultures Conference**, co-hosted by the Onsenity Research Network and Brunel University. Brunel University, London, UK, April 20-22. More information [here](#).

**Forbidden Fruits, Forbidden Histories**, a postgraduate conference exploring LGBT in the Arts and Humanities. Cardiff School of European Studies, Cardiff University, UK, 11 July 2012.

**Gender in Times of Heightened Economic Crises**, Conference of the Swiss Association for Gender Studies SGGF, Bern, Switzerland, 7-8 September 2012. Submission deadline: 16 April 2012. More information [here](#).

**2nd Global Conference Gender and Love**, Mansfield College, Oxford, UK, 25-27 September 2012. 300 word abstracts should be submitted by 16 March 2012. More information [here](#).

**The Women, Gender and Sexuality Network of the Social Science History Association**, 2012 SSHA conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, 1-4 November 2012. Deadline: 1 March 2012. More information [here](#).

**Conference Intersecting Feminisms: Theory, Politics and Activism**, University of Łódź, Poland, 16 - 18 November 2012. Deadline: 30 April 2012. Please send your abstracts and all queries to the [genderlodz2012@gmail.com](mailto:genderlodz2012@gmail.com).

**Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities Conference**, organised by the Sexualities section of ASA. More information [here](#).



Thank you for reading...

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### How to contribute to the Newsletter

Please contribute to the newsletter by sending us your comments, news and suggestions!

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### Forthcoming

Halsaa, Beatrice; Roseneil, Sasha; Sümer, Sevil (eds.) (2012, forthcoming), *Remaking Citizenship in Multicultural Europe: Women's Movements, Gender and Diversity*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. More information [here](#).

Hines, Sally, and Taylor, Yvette (eds.) (2012, forthcoming), *Sexualities: Reflections and Futures*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Sanger, Tam and Taylor, Y. (eds.) (2013, forthcoming) *Mapping Intimacies: Relations, Exchanges, Affects*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Santos, Ana Cristina (2012, forthcoming), *Sexual Citizenship and Social Movements in Southern Europe*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.