



Roles: Interdisciplinary Gender and Sexuality Postgraduate Colloquium

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Sponsored by the School of Government and Society, the Department of Political Sciences and International Studies, Birmingham Gender and Sexuality Network and the Graduate Centre for Europe, University of Birmingham

Keynote speakers: Professor Lisa Downing (Exeter/Birmingham) and Professor Ann Phoenix (Institute of Education, London)

Issues concerning gender and sexuality continue to hold a prominent place in 21st century research and our everyday lives. The Interdisciplinary Gender and Sexuality Postgraduate Colloquium is the second annual conference that brings together postgraduate researchers in gender and sexuality from a wide range of disciplines.

Please register at <http://groles.wordpress.com/register-for-roles-colloquium/>

Programme

- 9-9.30 **Registration**
- 9.30-10.30 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Ann Phoenix** (IOE, London)
- 10.30-10.45 Coffee Break
- 10.45-12.15 **Parallel panels**

1. Re-presenting the Self: (Auto)biographical, Portrait, and Cultural Envisions

Anne Burns (Loughborough)

Photographic portraiture and the performance of femininity

Claire Largan (Birmingham)

'That's the summit with a flag on top and the sun shining on the flag'; using respondent-generated images to explore the experiences of mature, part-time, female students on a Foundation degree

Holly Pike (Birmingham)

Negotiating Representation: Paratextual Readability in Spanish Women's Prison *Testimonios*

2. Representing the 'Non Binary': Queerness, Alter sex, and Gay Images

Jeremy Bradley (Leicester)

If It Bleeds It Leads: Woolf, Queerness, and Empathy

Jennifer Loh (SOAS)

An Archetypal 'Third Sex'? The Hijras of India

Barbara De Vivo (La Spaienza, Rome)

Bad romance: gay and lesbian national inclusion in contemporary Italy

12.15-1.15 Lunch

1.15-2.15 **Plenary**

3. Gender and Identity in/at War

Rachel Slater (Birmingham)

Gender and Sexuality: Special Court on Sierra Leone and the implications for Refugee Law

Suzanne Dufour (Paris)

Women in the Algerian war and the trouble with identity

2.15-2.30 Coffee Break

2.3-4 **Parallel panels**

4. Presenting the 'Ideal Other': Social and Cultural Images of Identity

Elena Lipsos (Exeter)

Eroticism, Eugenics and the Streamlined Petty Girl in 1930s America

Nadia Siddiqui (Birmingham)

Women's magazines as 'Mental Chocolate' for readers

Nabamita Das (Birmingham)

'Intimate'? Expressions: Narratives of Middle Class Urbanites of Contemporary Bengal, India

5. Writing the 'Other': Literary Representations of Gender

Paul Humphrey (Birmingham)

One Plus One Equals Three: Vodou's sacred marasa twins as a model for moving beyond sexual binaries and reconstituting the self in contemporary Haitian literature

Almudena María Gómez Seoane (Liverpool)

And Elaine became the knight: the unattainable love in Thomas Malory's Morte Darthur

Tracey Morse (Liverpool)

Carlos Vives and the representations of gender in Angeles Mastretta's Arráncame la vida

4-4.15 Coffee break

4.30-5.30 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Lisa Downing** (Exeter/Birmingham)

5.30 Wine reception

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