



'Let's Talk about Sex: Femininities and Masculinities in the Americas'

Call for Papers

14th February 2014, British Library Conference Centre

This half day symposium for postgraduates and early career scholars will provide a space to discuss ongoing work in detail, to receive peer feedback, and promote interdisciplinary and transnational dialogue. Through cultural and socio-historical lenses we will come together to explore the ways in which the embodiment and performance of femininities and masculinities have created and contested our understanding of identities in the Americas. This symposium promotes new thinking about the ways that language and performance have challenged prevailing cultural paradigms and affected change by empowering those who struggle to find a voice.

Please submit an abstract of 250 words to femininitiesandmasculinities@gmail.com

Deadline: 10th December 2013.

Papers will be circulated two weeks in advance. Group panel sessions will allow for a discussion of the themes connecting our work as well as a wider look at ideologies of gender in the Americas.

Students who want to attend as peer reviewers without submitting a paper are also welcome – just drop us an email.

Potential themes for papers include but are not limited to:

- Silence and repression
- Transgressive voices
- LGBT identities
- Censorship and protest
- Public versus private identities
- The gendered history of medicine
- Political voices, ideologies, and rhetoric
- Language (multi-lingualism, education, and cultural identities)
- Literary and poetic voices
- Music and performance
- Gendered voices of migrants and immigrants
- Voices in media, film, television, and radio

We welcome proposals that consider the role of the gendered voice across North, Central, and South America. Please limit papers to 7,500 words. The day will run from around 12 – 5.30pm.

This symposium is supported by the University of East Anglia and the Eccles Centre for American Studies at the British Library, and in association with the Society for the History of Women in the Americas (SHAW).

This event is being organised and run by Eilidh A B Hall and Morwenna Chaffe from the School of American Studies at the University of East Anglia.