



sexgen is a collaborative interdisciplinary network bringing together gender and sexuality based research centres around the North of England. We aim to bring academic research, writing and thinking on gender and sexuality into conversation with the ideas, cultural expressions and knowledges of community groups, cultural sites and activist organisations. Series organising contacts are: Sally Hines, Centre for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies, University of Leeds: s.hines@leeds.ac.uk and Surya Monro, Centre for Research in Social Sciences, University of Huddersfield: s.monro@hud.ac.uk. The other Universities belonging to the Network are Durham, Lancaster, Manchester, Newcastle, Sheffield and York. <http://sexgennorthernnetwork.wordpress.com/>

In 2014-2015 **sexgen** will hold a series of free seminars, details of which will be forthcoming:

Seminar 1: February 28th 2014, 2.00-6.00pm: Gender and Sexuality Research Group, University of Huddersfield:

Compulsory Sexualities

This seminar provides space for us to explore different forms of erotic imperative and their effects. It links debates about the commodification of sexuality with analysis of the ways in which compulsory sexualities are embraced, celebrated, avoided, and resisted. Why is active, partnered sexual expression so valorised in Anglophone societies? In what ways are we, as subjects, influenced by dominant discourses about 'healthy' sexualities? How do these discourses impact on different social groups, in terms of gender, ethnicity, ability, age, and sexual identities, as well as other social characteristics? What alternative sexed identities (for example asexuality) are emerging in marginal social spaces, and where are marginal social spaces imbued with non-normative compulsory sexualities?

Speakers:

Mark Carrigan (University of Warwick): **Asexuality**

Surya Monro (University of Huddersfield): **Biphobia and the hypersexualisation of bisexuality**

Christina Richards (Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Gender Clinic and at West London Mental Health NHS Trust (Charing Cross) Gender Clinic): **Trans sexualisation/trans sexualities**

Eleanor Wilkinson (University of Leeds): **Compulsory coupledom**

Jo Woodiwiss (University of Huddersfield): **Compulsory sexuality and therapeutic discourse**

Sharon Wray: (University of Huddersfield): **Aging, ethnicity, and compulsory sexualities**

<http://tinyurl.com/sexgenseminar>. To register please email A.Holmes@hud.ac.uk For enquiries please contact s.monro@hud.ac.uk

