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5. EVROPSKÁ KONFERENCE GEOGRAFÍ SEXUALIT

*Překonání hegemonií a hierarchií: směrem k horizontálnějším a transnacionálnějším
geografiím sexualit.*

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GENERAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS (DEADLINE 15TH APRIL 2019):**Overcoming Hegemonies and Hierarchies: Towards a more Horizontal and Transnational Geographies of Sexualities**

(Czech) Překonání hegemonií a hierarchií: směrem k horizontálnějším a transnacionálnějším geografickým sexualit.

Many authors now recognize existing Anglophone and Eurocentric epistemological hegemonies (Blažek & Rochovská, 2006; Brown & Browne, 2016, Kulpa & Silva, 2016) as well as racial, class and gender privilege in the production of knowledge (Taylor 2013; Johnston 2018). However, we have been less concrete in identifying actual barriers and stayed largely silent about the actual ways, tools and/or courageous visions by which it would be possible to overcome and/or deconstruct these barriers (Kulpa & Silva, 2016; Timár & G.Fekete, 2010; Tlostanova, 2014). Silencing subjects, ridiculing themes and studies, restricting access to resources, and perpetuating language fetishism are only a few examples of how these hierarchies are played out. Despite the acknowledgments, the hegemony of this knowledge production continues to have a substantial impact on

the shape of (not only European) discourses and power relations within feminist, gender, sexuality and queer studies.

If we narrow the broad field of geographies of sexualities to the Anglo-American academia, then we can say that it is established and represents a rich field of inquiry (Bell and Valentine 1995; Browne, Lim, and Brown 2007; Johnston and Longhurst 2008). We have also seen significant advancements of the sub-field in different contexts beyond Anglo-American academia (Sibalis 2004; BASSDA 2006; Ferreira and Salvador 2014; Silva and Vieira 2014). However, it is safe to say that the sexuality scholarship as such remains largely “Western-oriented”, both methodologically and discursively.

Until today, only limited attention has been given to geographies of sexualities in “other”, or rather “othered” contexts and regions such as Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and many more (Kulpa and Mizielińska 2011; Stella 2013; Navickaitė 2014; Szulc 2018). We need to ask ourselves why we are not interested in these contexts that may lay outside of (y)our “interest-zones”, “comfort-zones”, “language-proficiency-zones”, etc. Why do we not seek geographies of sexualities from different vantage points, empowering fellow scholars “elsewhere”? Disempowerment may be based upon various power-relations involving “old” discussions within academia regarding qualitative/quantitative, objective/subjective, essentialist/constructionist that perhaps aim to police disciplinary boundaries, hierarchize the *proper* from *improper* ways of *doing* geography (Browne & Nash 2018). When some scholars feel urged to *seek* and “police” what they believe to be *proper* and/or “true” subject matter of geography. Consequently, questions and discussions regarding *disciplinarity* of geography, *in/appropriateness* or *out-of-placeness* of geographies of sexualities as well as feminist and/or gender geographies should receive more attention. Those who did succeed with their “fight for recognition” are encouraged to share their stories and those who still do need to be empowered by others, regardless the various national or academic boundaries. Learning from each other and seeking new ways in which we can help each other may give birth to new types of collaborations and new types of solidarities. The “old” discussions are not the only obstacles that need to be resisted, we have also experienced the dawn of “new” barriers and “new” strategies by which feminist, queer or sexuality studies are resisted or even threatened. We can see this trend both from within and outside academia, from various academic hoax cases to the recent ban of gender studies, in Hungary, which all pose new challenges that lie in front of all of us.

This conference invites scholars from various and diverse parts of the world to participate including those that have so far felt excluded, disempowered, evened-out or simply ignored – let us come together and find strength and support in mutual learning and exchange!

Abstracts of papers and sessions on, but not restricted to, the following topics are invited for consideration:

- “disciplinarity of geography”, “in/appropriateness” or “out-of-placeness” of geographies of sexualities as well as feminist and/or gender geographies;
- interdisciplinarity, transdisciplinarity, or post-disciplinarity of geographies, center-periphery discursive dynamics, methodological nationalism;
- “othered” regions, vantage points, decolonizing “Western” geographies of sexualities and feminist geographies;
- re-historicizing, re-contextualizing post- and pre-socialist, post- and pre-communist, post- and pre-secular; post/de-colonial;
- language barriers, locating sexualities scholarship “beyond translation”, approaching concepts lost in translation;
- empowering disempowered individuals and groups;
- job insecurity, precarization of scholars, academic transnational mobility;
- intersections between academia and/or activism;
- reactions to heteroactivism, anti-feminism, right-wing populism, extremism;
- new types of collaborations and new types of solidarities;
- queer theories, queer epistemologies;
- intersections of gender and sexualities;
- heteronormativity, heterosexism, homophobia and stigma;
- sexual citizenship, the geopolitics of sexualities, homonationalism(s), LGBT rights and obligations, privileges and traditions;
- queer migrations, queering beyond urban/rural, center/periphery divides;
- queer knowledge beyond the Anglo-American world;
- rainbow family, traditional family, procreation, queer demographics;
- sex work and sex tourism pornographies and sexual imaginations;
- regional traditions of naturism;
- intersections between sexualities, (public) health, illness, and policies;
- sexualities and disabilities;
- queering epidemiology, syndemics of HIV

For all submissions within the general call please follow instructions [here](#).

CONFIRMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Details about all keynote lectures will be announced in the later course of the conference organizing.

Maria Rodó de Zárata, Open University of Catalonia – Spain.



Maria Rodó de Zárata holds a PhD in Geography from the Autonomous University of Barcelona. She is currently post-doctoral fellow in the GENTIC research group of the Open University of Catalonia. Her main research fields are feminist geographies, geographies of sexualities and of youth, with a special focus on intersectionality theory and the development of new methodologies for working on it such as the Relief Maps, now as a digital tool (www.reliefmaps.cat). In 2012 she received the Gender, Place and Culture Award for New and Emerging Scholars.

She has been a visiting research fellow at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (United States), Universidade Estadual de Ponta Grossa (Brazil) and University College Dublin (Ireland).

Judit Timár, Hungarian Academy of Sciences – Hungary.



Judit Timár is a senior research fellow at the Centre for Economic and Regional Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Békéscsaba and an associate professor at the Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest. Her research interest focuses on gentrification/displacement, socio-spatial marginalization and gendered spaces of post-socialism. She has also been working on the peculiarities of knowledge production especially in critical and feminist geographies in East-Central Europe. From 2007 until 2010,

she was a co-editor of European Urban and Regional Studies and serves on several editorial boards (e.g. International E-Journal for Critical Geographies, 2002–2004; Gender, Place and Culture 2006–2010), and as a co-editor of a book series of New Geographies of Europe (Palgrave Macmillan). Judit Timár co-edited the first special issue on feminist and critical geographies in Hungary. She participated in international research groups studying women's representation in local policy-making and in the labour market, regional differences in women's entrepreneurship and gendered

migration processes. From 1997 until 2004, she was an appointed full member of the International Geographical Union, Gender and Geography Committee, and she was a co-organizer of the first international conference held in East-Central Europe under the aegis of this Committee. Judit was a Steering Committee member of the International Group of Critical Geographers (2002–2015) and the local organizer of the 3rd IGCG conference held in 2012 in Békéscsaba, Hungary.

Phil Hubbard, King's College London – The United Kingdom.



Phil Hubbard is Professor of Urban Studies at King's College London. Over 25 years his work has engaged with issues of urban inclusion and exclusion with particular reference to the marginalisation of queer identities in the city. This has been especially evident in a string of publications concerning the urban regulation of sex work in Europe and beyond. His work has hence made important connections between queer and urban theory, showing that such studies of sexuality and space need to encompass examination of heterosexualities in the plural. His publications include 'Sex and the city: geographies of prostitution in the urban West' (Ashgate, 1999, reprinted by Routledge 2019) and 'Cities and Sexualities' (Routledge, 2011).

Alexander Kondakov, University of Helsinki – Finland.



Alexander Kondakov, PhD in Sociology, is a research fellow at the Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki, Finland. He is also a research associate at the Centre for Gender, Feminisms, and Sexualities of the University College Dublin, Ireland. Alexander serves as the deputy editor-in-chief for the Journal of Social Policy Studies published by the Higher School of Economics in Moscow. For a decade, Kondakov's work has primarily focused on law and sexuality studies, more specifically on queer sexualities in Russia. He is the author of a report on hate crimes against LGBTIQ people in Russia that has shown the rise of violence after the adoption of the gay propaganda bill. His publications include articles in *Sexualities*, *Social and Legal Studies*, and *Feminist Legal Studies*, among others.

Joanna Mizielińska, Polish Academy of Sciences – Poland.

Joanna Mizielińska – she holds DSs (habilitation) in sociology, the University of Warsaw and a PhD in Women's Philosophy, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of Polish Academy of Sciences. She currently works as an Associate Professor at the Institute of Psychology of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Her interests concentrate on queer theory and sociology of gender, sexuality, and families. Her past research centred on the politics of translation of Anglo-American queer theoretical approaches/concepts into other geo-political contexts and the question of exclusion. Her current research focuses on queer kinship and queer families. Recently she was a Principal Investigator of the project "Families of Choice in Poland" (2013-2016; familiesofchoice.pl) which was the first multi-method project on non-heterosexual families in Poland. Currently, she is a Co-Investigator in the research project "Queer(y)ing Kinship in the Baltic Region" [dir. by prof. U. Dahl, Södertörn University, Stockholm] and "Doing Right(s): Innovative tools for professionals working with LGBT families [dir. by prof. F.de Cordova, University of Verona]. She is the author of "Different or ordinary? Families of choice in Poland" (2017), *Sex/Body/Sexuality* (2007) and *(De)Constructions of Femininity* (2004) and co-author of *In different voices. Families of Choice in Poland* (2017) and *Families of choice in Poland. Family life of nonheterosexual persons* (2015). She is co-editor of *De-Centring Western Sexualities: Central and Eastern European Perspective* (Ashgate, 2011). Her most recent writing focuses on critical analysis of discourses on families of choice in Poland (*Journal of Homosexuality*, 2017) and doing research on queer kinship beyond Western queer paradigms (*Sexualities*, 2017).

THEMATIC SESSIONS (CALLS FOR ABSTRACTS) ORGANIZED INDEPENDENTLY (DEADLINES FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS IS 15TH APRIL 2019).

Please send all abstracts to the emails of the session organizers (you will find both the abstracts of the following session calls as well as session organizers emails within the provided links).

1. NON-MONOGAMIES BEYOND THE PROGRESSIVE-VERSUS-NORMATIVE DIVIDE

(Czech) Pohled na ne-monogamie bez opozice progresivního a normativního

Session organizers:

Rahil Roodsaz, postdoctoral researcher, Department of Anthropology, University of Amsterdam – The Netherlands.

Katrien De Graeve, postdoctoral researcher, Centre for Research on Culture and Gender, Ghent University – Belgium.

[Session call on conference websites](#) - [Session call on Facebook](#).

2. RIGHT-WING POLICIES, NEOLIBERALISM AND THE CENSORSHIP OF KNOWLEDGE ON GENDER AND SEXUALITIES IN EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH SPACES

(Portuguese) POLÍTICAS DE EXTREMA DIREITA, NEOLIBERALISMO E A CENSURA AO CONHECIMENTO SOBRE GÊNERO E SEXUALIDADES NOS ESPAÇOS EDUCACIONAIS E DE PESQUISA

(Czech) Pravicová politika, neoliberalismus a cenzura vědění o genderu a sexualitách ve výzkumu i vzdělávání

Session organizers:

Joseli Maria Silva, Universidade Estadual de Ponta Grossa – Brazil.

Marcio Jose Ornat, Universidade Estadual de Ponta Grossa – Brazil.

Eduarda Ferreira, CICS.NOVA Centro Interdisciplinary de Ciências Sociais, Lisboa – Portugal.

[Session call on conference websites](#) - [Session call on Facebook](#).

3. IS QUEER GEOGRAPHY FEMINIST? A DISCUSSION OF DISCIPLINE, CONNECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES

(Czech) Je queer geografie feministická? Diskuze o disciplinárních propojeních i hranicích

Session organizers:

Gilly Hartal, the Gender Studies Program, Bar-Ilan University – Israel.

Valerie De Craene, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, KU Leuven & Cosmopolis, Geography, VUB – Belgium.

[Session call on conference websites](#) - [Session call on Facebook](#).

4. THE FUTURE(S) OF LESBIAN GEOGRAPHIES, SUBJECTIVITIES, AND CITIZENSHIPS: ACKNOWLEDGING A VARIETY OF LOCAL DIMENSIONS OF LESBIAN(-FEMINIST) SCHOLARSHIP, ACTIVISM, AND BEYOND

(Czech) Budoucnost(i) lesbických geografí, subjektivit a občanských příslušností: diskuze rozmanitosti lokálních dimenzí lesbicko-feministického bádání a aktivismu

Session organizer:

Marta Olasik, Avant Project (Centre for Philosophical Research) – Poland.

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5. SEXUALITY, SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE IN DIGITAL SPACES

(Czech) Sexualita, bezpečnost a dohled v digitálních prostorech

Session organizers:

Yossi David, visiting scholar in the Department of Communication, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz – Germany.

Godfried Asante, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies at the Department for the Study of Culture and Society at Drake University – USA.

[Session call on conference websites](#) - [Session call on Facebook](#).

6. QUEERING THE FIELD OF PLANNING: BRINGING SEXUALITY TO URBAN GOVERNANCE AND PLANNERS

(Czech) Zavedení queer rozměru do oboru plánování: problematika sexuality vzhledem k praxi městské správy a plánovačů

Session organizers:

Jesko Meissel, Leibniz-Institute for Research on Society and Space, Technische Universität Berlin (TU Berlin) – Germany.

Thomas Wimark, Department of Human Geography, Stockholm University – Sweden.

[Session call on conference websites](#) - [Session call on Facebook](#).

7. EMPOWERING EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES FOR TACKLING HIV INFECTION: OVERCOMING BARRIERS, SEEKING SOLUTIONS

(Czech) Posilování přístupů založených na důkazech v boji proti infekci HIV: překonávání bariér, hledání řešení

Session organizers:

Michal Pitoňák, Queer Geography, z. s. – Czechia.

Kateřina Kolářová, Department of Gender Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Charles University – Czechia.

[Session call on conference websites](#) - [Session call on Facebook](#).

8. PROVINCIALISING EUROPE: NEW DIRECTIONS IN RESEARCH ON SEXUALITIES, GENDER AND MIGRATION

(Czech) Jak provincializovat Evropu: nové směry ve výzkumu sexualit, genderu a migrace

Session organizers:

Francesca Stella, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow – The United Kingdom.

Jon Binnie, School of Science and Environment, Manchester Metropolitan University – The United Kingdom.

Calogero Giametta, Laboratoire Méditerranéen de Sociologie Aix-Marseilles University – France.

[Session call on conference websites](#) - [Session call on Facebook](#).

9. TRANSNATIONAL GEOGRAPHIES OF OPPOSITION TO SEXUALITY STUDIES, GENDER, AND WOMEN'S AND LGBT RIGHTS: HEGEMONY OR HORIZONTAL COLLABORATION ON THE RIGHT?

(Czech) Transnacionalizace opozice vůči studiím sexualit, genderu, a práv žen a LGBT lidí: hegemonie nebo horizontální spolupráce v pravicové politice?

Session organizers:

Kevin Moss, Jean Thomson Fulton Professor of Modern Languages & Literature, Middlebury College – USA.

Mónica Cornejo-Valle, Associate Professor, Complutense University of Madrid – Spain.

Ignacio Pichardo, Associate Professor, Complutense University of Madrid – Spain.

[Session call on conference websites](#) - [Session call on Facebook](#).

10. MARRIAGE EQUALITY AND QUEER ACTIVISM

(Czech) Rovnost manželství a queer aktivismus

Session organizer:

Andrew McCartan, Maynooth University – Ireland.

[Session call on conference websites](#) - [Session call on Facebook](#).

11. SEXUAL AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION – THE MANUALS OF LOVE, SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS TO EVERYBODY

(Czech) Sexuální výchova – návody na lásku, sex a mezilidské vztahy pro všechny

Session organizers:

Veronika Valkovičová, IESIR Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences - Comenius University in Bratislava – Slovakia.

Gabriel Weibl, IESIR Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences - Comenius University in Bratislava – Slovakia.

[Session call on conference websites](#) - [Session call on Facebook](#).

12. QUEER URBAN CIRCULATIONS

(Czech) Queer pohyby a proudění v prostoru města

Session organizers:

Max Andrucki, Geography & Urban Studies, Temple University – USA.

Diego García, Centre for Multidisciplinary & Intercultural Inquiry, University College London – UK.

[Session call on conference websites](#) - [Session call on Facebook](#).

13. FEMINIST AND LGBTQ+ POLITICS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE: EMPOWERING LOCAL PERSPECTIVES

(Czech) Feministické a LGBTQ+ politiky ve střední a východní Evropě: snaha o posílení lokálních perspektiv

Session organizers:

Radzhana Buyantueva, University of Newcastle – The United Kingdom.

Michal Pitoňák, Queer Geography, z. s. – Czechia.

[Session call on conference websites](#) - [Session call on Facebook](#).

14. MAKING SPACE FOR QUEER YOUTH IN HETERONORMATIVE LEISURE SPACES

(Czech) Vytváření prostoru pro queer mládež ve volnočasových heteronormativních prostorech

Session organizers:

Marjan Moris, Expeditions vzw/Leuven University – Belgium.

Thomas Wimark, Department of Human Geography, Stockholm University – Sweden.

Maarten Loopmans, Division of Geography and Tourism, KU Leuven – Belgium.

Xin Pan, Expeditions vzw/Division of Geography and Tourism, KU Leuven – Belgium.

Enrico Rossetti, Venice International University – Italy.

[Session call on conference websites](#) - [Session call on Facebook](#).

15. FRUSTRATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: REFLECTING ON POSITIONALITIES IN ACADEMIA

(Czech) Frustrace a odpovědnosti: reflexe pozicionalit v akademickém prostředí

Session organizers:

Alessandro Bousalem, Newcastle University; **Giulia Melis**, Università di Milano Bicocca; **Cecilia Nessi**, Université de Liege & Università di Milano Bicocca; **Noemi Novello**, Università di Milano Bicocca

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