

**RN23 Sexuality  
Biennial Report (October 2019 to September 2021)**

**1. Elected Coordinators and Board, term 2019-2021**

Coordinators

- Isabel Crowhurst, University of Essex, UK
- Sebastian Mohr, Karlstad University, Sweden

Board members

- Daniel Cardoso, Universidade Lusófona de Humanidades e Tecnologias, Portugal
- Eleanor Formby, Sheffield Hallam University, UK
- Christian Klesse, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK
- Stefan Ossmann, University of Vienna, Austria
- Mara Pieri, University of Coimbra, Portugal

**2. Elected Coordinators and Board, term 2021-2023**

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Board Members

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**3. Mid-term Conference and Seminar Series**

After careful consideration, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the ESA RN23 board decided to cancel the mid-term conference which had been planned for September 2020 at the University of Coimbra, Portugal. We had already issued a call for papers with the theme 'Making a Difference: the hope and promise of sexuality studies', and we had received just over 100 abstracts, but the circumstances made it impossible to proceed with the original plan.

The RN23 board decided to take advantage of the rapid development and expanded usage of virtual meetings and organised a Seminar Series that ran successfully from January 2021 to May 2021. The five seminars organised were:

### **Sexuality and Disability, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Julia Bahner (Lund University, Sweden) – Challenging academic rights and wrongs: Lessons learned from an international comparative study of sexual citizenship and disability

Andrea García-Santesmases Fernández (Open University of Catalonia, Spain) – “Yes, we fuck!”: An ethnographic approach to the potentialities and challenges of the queer-crip alliances in the Spanish context

### **Sexuality and Regimes of Mobility, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Kate Pincock (Overseas Development Institute) – Containment and coloniality in European LGBT asylum policies

Yiu-Tung Suen (Chinese University of Hong Kong) – Sexuality and (im)mobility: Lesbian and gay professionals living abroad in an era of unequal lesbian and gay rights development across the globe

### **Sex workers and academic alliances: perspectives from Brazil and Portugal, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Thaddeus Blanchette (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro) and Mara Clemente (University Institute of Lisbon) – Sex worker and academic alliances in Brazil and Portugal

### **Sexuality and Politics, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Stevi Jackson (University of York, UK), Petula Sik-Ying Ho (University of Hong Kong) – The Politics of Sexuality in China

Billy Holzberg (King's College, London) – The Sexual Politics of Right-Wing Terrorism

### **Beyond pleasure seeking and 'bad sex', 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Christian A. Eichert, Jack Coffin, Shona M. Bettany – The Marketisation Of HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) In The United Kingdom: An Exploratory Consumer Culture Inquiry

Laurie James-Hawkins (University of Essex) – Strategic Silence: College Men and Hegemonic Masculinity in Contraceptive Decision Making

#### 4. ESA Conference 2021

RN23 featured very strongly in the ESA 2021 conference programme with:

- 15 regular sessions;
- 6 sessions co-organized jointly with 4 other RNs (RN 18 Sociology of Communications and Media Research, RN03 Biographical Perspectives on European Societies, RN9 Economic Sociology and RN 34 Sociology of Religion);
- One Semi-Plenary on 'Radical Sexual Politics – Envisioning Alternative Futures in Political Action, Activism, and People's Lives', which included two presentations: 'Between Citizenship and Governance: Reimagining Sexual Democracy from the South' by Stephen D Seely, Newcastle University, UK; and 'Looking for a different kind of abolitionism: sex work, migration and the politics of care' by Niina Vuolajarvi, The New School of Social Research, US;
- One fringe event with the presentation of the book *The Tenacity of the Couple Norm* (Roseneil, Crowhurst, Hellesund, Santos and Stoilova)

#### 5. Website and Social Media

In addition to our space on the ESA website (<https://www.europeansociology.org/research-networks/rn23-sexuality>), RN23 has an active **email list** (it can be joined here: <https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?A0=ESA-SEXUALITY-RESEARCH-NETWORK>), a **Twitter account** 'ESA\_RN23 Sexuality' and a **Facebook page**: <https://de-de.facebook.com/esarn23/>. We are in the process of setting up a Facebook group to be able to manage this social media interface more easily.

#### 6. Membership

The RN23 network counts over 70 members (as of 2021), and in 2021 it was able to offer ESA memberships to three PhD students from Band 2 countries. We remain committed to expanding our membership and to ensuring active participation of PhD students and early career researchers.

#### 7. Future Activities

The RN23 board plans to organize another seminar series in 2022 and a mid-term conference, most likely in 2023.