

## **Call for Papers and Panels**

### **Private, Civil and Public SEXUALITIES: XI. International Academic Conference**

Conference date:  
**2 – 4 October 2019**

Conference venue:  
**Prague, Czech Republic**  
Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences

**Deadline for abstract submission:  
20th April 2019**

**Keynote speakers:**  
Prof. **Sasha Roseneil** (University College London)  
Prof. **Roman Kuhar** (University of Ljubljana)  
Dr. **Lucie Jarkovská** (Masaryk University in Brno)

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**Organized by:**  
**Gender & Sociology Department, Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences**

**Together with:**  
Institute for Research in Social Communication, Slovak Academy of Sciences  
&  
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Dep. of General and Applied Ethics

Contemporary society (often called late modern) is characterized by a critical reflection on traditional views towards partner relationships (e.g. Giddens 1999, Bauman 2003), parenthood (Silverstein 1996, Beck & Beck-Gernsheim 2004), and definitions of their relevance. Due to the ongoing processes of individualization and detraditionalization, the boundaries of what is viewed as acceptable in the area of intimacy have been shifting. This is related to weakening normativity as well as a change and loosening of the very concept of sexuality and of gender and sexual identities (Roseneil 2007, etc.).

A crucial aspect of intimacy is sexuality, in all its various shapes and colours, including bodily experiences and self-awareness; romantic or sexual relationships; and the organization of sex and sexuality in the private and public spheres, in institutions, or on a structural societal level. Not only gender but also age, ethnicity, nationality, economic status, religion, (dis)ability, and other individual or structural aspects and characteristics need to be taken into account when trying to understand the complexities of sexualities in today's societies and individual lives.

Three dynamics within the realm of intimate, sexual, partner, and parental identities, interactions, and institutions are of significant interest. The first dynamic is represented by individualization and detraditionalization, but also diversification and temporality. Secondly, we can observe the constitution of new identities, communities, publics, and institutions as well as the transformation of those already existing (or previous). Here new concepts are being discussed — for example, sexual (e.g. Richardson 2018, Weeks 1998) or intimate citizenship (Plummer 2003), among others.

Thirdly, as a counter dynamic to this liberalization and innovation, a re-familialization, re-traditionalization, and construction of so-called traditional identities, values, social formations or institutions is gaining social and political relevance. This dynamic also brings about new phenomena such as homonationalism (e.g. Puhar 2007) or a wider anti-gender ideology movement (e.g. Paternotte and Kuhar 2017).

The 11<sup>th</sup> Sexualities conference calls for interdisciplinary contributions as well as papers from various individual academic disciplines that will apply different theoretical and methodological approaches and diverse paradigmatic frameworks. We are especially interested in single paper or panel (of 3–4 related papers) proposals focused on:

- **Partnership(s) and parenting** — reflecting the diversity of relations and models, as well as the diversity of reproduction strategies;
- **Citizenship(s) and governance** — reflecting private and public sexual, gender, intimate, or bodily identities and politics at both a structural and individual level; and
- **Childhood, adolescence, and socialization** — reflecting forms and spaces of sexual and gender socialization.

As a cross-sectional focus, we welcome contributions on:

- **Medial, digital, and (pop)cultural representation(s), production(s), and audiences** of the above noted topical areas.

Besides these areas, we also welcome academic papers and panels dealing with other topics and agendas within the realm of sexuality/sexualities.

From the beginning, as one of its main goals, the Sexualities conference (organized in Slovakia and Czechia) has always challenged approaches to sexuality/sexualities in the **Central and Eastern European region** by enabling intersectional and multiparadigmatic discussions, academic exchange, and networking. Therefore, contributions with this regional focus (but also transcending its borders) are welcome.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT AND PANEL SUBMISSION:

- **Submission of an abstract of a single-paper** is possible through the [following form](#).
- **Submission of a panel** (with 3–4 papers) is possible through the [following form](#).
- **Abstracts** of up to 300 words should include a note on the paradigmatic framework, the disciplinary anchoring and methodological approach of the paper, as well as 1–3 academic sources with which the paper/analysis operates (with bibliographical references).
- Any questions and queries should be made via email: [sexualities@soc.cas.cz](mailto:sexualities@soc.cas.cz).
- The **deadline for abstracts** of papers and panel proposals (which should include abstracts of the presumed 3–4 contributions) is **20th April 2019**.
- Notification of acceptance of the paper/panel by 31st May 2019

**Preferred language of the conference papers is English.** However, panels constituted of papers in Czech and/or Slovak are more than welcome, as well as single papers which will be subsequently scheduled for particular Czech-Slovak panels.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONFERENCE:

- Depending on the volume of contributions, the conference will presumably start at noon on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and finish early afternoon on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- The **venue** of the conference will be the Academic Conference Centre (AKC) of the Czech Academy of Sciences in Husova 4, Prague – City Centre.

- **Conference fees** apply as follows:

	<b>Early Registration</b> (till 31 June 2019)		<b>Late Registration</b>	
	EUR	CZK	EUR	CZK
<b>academics</b>	80	2000,-	120	3000,-
<b>students &amp; (*)</b>	50	1300,-	80	2000,-

(\*) *Discounted conference fee for academics of [low and low-middle income](#) countries.*

- The conference fee includes: conference organization and materials, refreshments at coffee breaks, and a buffet lunch on Thursday.
- **Registration for the conference will be** online from May to August 2019.
- Also, during this time, a **conference social event** with dinner, a quiz challenge, and a surprise-act will be organized and scheduled for Thursday evening. Registration and tickets will be available via the conference's online registration for 20 € / 500 CZK.
- On Friday afternoon, after the conference's official end, an exciting **walk 'The Gay and Queer Historical Prague'** on historical LGBTQ+ related sights in Prague will be organized. Registration and tickets will be available during the online registration and at the conference's venue for 8 € / 200 CZK (as a donation to the Czech's [Centre of Queer Memory](#)).

## **ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE:**

### **Conference's Organizing Committee:**

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### **Partners of the Sexualities conferences:**

- Faculty of Arts, Palacký University in Olomouc, Dep. of Media and Cultural Studies and Journalism
- Dep. of Education, Faculty of Education, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica
- Slovak Association of Sexology / Slovenská sexuologická spoločnosť SLS
- Slovak Association for Planned Parenthood / Spoločnosť pre plánované rodičovstvo (member of the International Planned Parenthood Federation)
- Faculty of Health and Social Care, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen
- Dep. of School Education, Faculty of Education, Trnava University