

Twentieth Annual Historical Materialism Conference

9–12 November 2023, SOAS, Russell Square, Central London

Sexuality and Political Economy Stream

Deadline for abstracts: Monday 12 June 2023

In recent years we have seen an exponential rise in violence against trans and queer people, while opposition to ‘gender ideology’ and moral panics over ‘groomers,’ trans children, and the supposed decline of the bourgeois family form have coalesced reactionary formations the world over. This contemporary politics of reaction has made sexuality a battleground in the biological and social reproduction of capitalist society.

Queer and trans radicals are once again making revolutionary demands for family abolition, communized care, children’s liberation, and bodily self-determination. These political horizons are reflected in a revived intellectual interest in queer Marxism, feminist Social Reproduction Theory, and histories of sexual liberation, as well as burgeoning fields like trans Marxism and ecofeminism.

The Sexuality and Political Economy Network exists to advance the conceptual, theoretical, and political contributions of such perspectives on sexuality and political economy. It is a space of critical reflection on how to resist the interlocking global crises and emergencies of our present. Interventions that speak to this agenda are invited, including:

- Marxist debates in queer and trans studies (global North / global South)
- The political economy of desire, sex, and erotics
- Perspectives on family abolition and children’s liberation
- Sex panics and the culture wars
- Far-right formations, fascisms, and trans-exclusionary feminism
- Policing, carcerality, and extra-legal sexual violence

- The role of borders, imperialism, and geopolitics in the reproduction of the sexual and gendered hierarchies
- Queer/trans of color critique
- Ecological perspectives on sex, sexuality, and desire
- Indigenous, anti-colonial, and non-Western sexualities
- Histories of resistance, solidarity, and political struggle
- Synergies and tensions between revolutionary theoretical perspectives: queer and trans Marxisms, Social Reproduction Theory, decolonial feminism, psychoanalysis, affect theory, etc.

We welcome submissions for panels and individual papers. Abstracts should be under 300 words, and submissions should indicate that it is for the “Sexuality and Political Economy Stream.”

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To submit a paper or panel proposal visit:

<https://conference.historicalmaterialism.org/e/hm2023>

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