

Proud In Europe? LGBTI Emancipation in Comparative Perspective

Conference Program

Thursday, August 4

**Location: [Oudemanhuispoort \(OMHP\)](#)
(Oudemanhuispoort 4-6, Amsterdam)**

8.30-9.00:

Registration (including coffee/tea)
[OMHP Hall](#)

09.00-10.30:

Welcoming Address by
Robert Davidson (University of Amsterdam) and
Jan Willem Duyvendak (University of Amsterdam)

Keynote Lecture

Phillip Ayoub (Drexel University)

When States Come Out: Europe's Sexual Minorities and the Politics of Visibility
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10.30-11.00:

Coffee/Tea Break
[OMHP Hall](#)

11.00-12.30:

Panel Sessions A

Panel A.1

Room: [C0.23](#)

From the Margins to the Mainstream? (Part I)

Jan Willem Duyvendak (University of Amsterdam)

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Remaking the Mainstream? The Mainstreaming of Homosexuality or the Homosexualization of

the Mainstream

Christopher Larkosh (University of Massachusetts)

What's So Queer About Translation Studies? James S. Holmes and the Ethics of the First Person

Abby Peterson (University of Gothenburg)

Mattias Wahlström (University of Gothenburg)

The Impact of Pride Mobilizations on the Alliance Patterns of LGBT Movements in Seven European Countries and Mexico City

Panel A.2

Room: [C2.23](#)

Governments Going Gay? Relations Between LGBT Social Movements and Governmental Actors in Various European Contexts

Robert Davidson (University of Amsterdam)

Laura Eigenmann (University of Basel)

EU going gay? The rise of LGBT rights in Europe from the perspective of EU actors

Koen Sloopmaeckers (Queen Mary University of London)

Belgrade's 'Ghost Pride': How the Serbian State Co-opted and Closeted the Belgrade Pride (2001 - 2015)

Dafni Lima (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki/University of Cambridge)

The Curious Case of Greece: How interactions between political actors and the LGBT+ movement contributed to legislative change regarding registered partnerships (2008 - 2015)

Robert Davidson (University of Amsterdam)

Re-Defining Homosexuality and Gaining Access to the Policy Process: The Role of the COC in Dutch Gay and Lesbian Policy, 1971-1986

Panel A.3

Room: [C1.17](#)

Trans* health practice, politics and science

Zowie Davy (University of Lincoln)

Amets Suess (Andalusian School of Public Health)

Nico Miskow Friborg (The National Institute of Public Health, University of Southern Denmark)

State monopoly, pathologization and binary gender models – The case of gender confirming treatment options in Denmark

Claire Lucaille Azzopardi Lane (University of Malta)

"My illness": Living with Mental Health and being Transgender in a Euro-Mediterranean Context

Amets Suess (Andalusian School of Public Health)

Challenging psychiatrization: New frameworks for trans* health care from a depathologization perspective

Zowie Davy (University of Lincoln)

The contestation of a linear model of health and psychiatric service provision for a heterogeneous trans community

Panel A.4

Room: [C3.17](#)

Embedding lesbian and gay parenting in various legal contexts within Europe: How legal changes relate to experiences, acceptance and emancipation

Eleni Demetriou (University of Amsterdam)

Christine Wimbauer (Humboldt University)

Almut Peukert (Humboldt University)

Doing family and un/equal recognition – Queer partnering in non-heterosexual relationships

Silke Hassreiter (Erasmus University Rotterdam and NHTV Breda)

Liesbet van Zoonen (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Maaïke Meijer

Queering storytelling about motherhood - How lesbian and heterosexual mothers (re)negotiate collective narratives

Athina Mara (Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences)

How social policy affects and contributes in the acceptance and the embodiment of homosexual couples in Greece

Panel A.5

Room: [C0.17](#)

Polyamory: Law and Human Rights

Natalie Nikolina (Leiden University)

Jingshu Zhu (Leiden University)

Claerwen O'Hara (Monash University)

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(De)Criminalization of Group Sex and Stigmatization of Polyamory: Comparing Chinese and European Court Cases

Claerwen O'Hara (Monash University)

Where does polyamory fit in international and European human rights law?

Natalie Nikolina (Leiden University)

Multiple parenting: implications in national, European and international legal context

12.30-14.00:

Lunch

[OMHP Hall](#)

14.00-15.30:

Boat Trip on the Canals of Amsterdam

15.30 -17.00:

Panel Sessions B

Panel B.1

Room: [C0.23](#)

From the Margins to the Mainstream? (Part II)

Jan Willem Duyvendak (University of Amsterdam)

Wigbertson Julian Isenia (Independent Researcher)

Who's Queer Modernity?: The contemporary Imagination of Antillean 'Queer' Intimacies against the Backdrop of Dutch Colonialism

Rene Bogovic (University of Toronto)

Queering the Post-Yugoslav State

Gerald Brugman (University of Amsterdam)

The Everyday Practices of Gay Migrant Men – Negotiating Multiple Minority Identities while Moving through Socially Diverse Urban Spaces

Panel B.2

Room: [C2.23](#)

Local level, neighborhoods and LGBTQ politics in European cities: A comparative perspective

Konstantinos Eleftheriadis (Scuola Normale Superiore)

Jon Binnie (Manchester Metropolitan University)

Christian Klesse (Manchester Metropolitan University)

Comparative Queer Urbanism, Queer Film Festivals and Regional Cities in Europe

Neyir Zerey (Middle East Technical University)

Spatial negotiations in Istanbul – LGBTIQ's place in Urban Istanbul space

Agnieszka Weseli (Warsaw University)

Is City Space Always Already Heteronormative? Warsaw's Space Experienced and Created by Non-Heteronormatives

Christian Lenz (TU Dortmund University)

Celebrating Communities and Cyber Cities, or How Spatial Practices Have Changed Queer Lives in the 21st Century

Panel B.3

Room: [C0.17](#)

Migration of rights:

Europe-Africa legal exchange in relation to sexual orientation and gender identity

Giuseppe Zago (Leiden University)

Daniel Damonzé (Leiden University)

Giuseppe Zago (Leiden University)

Mutual human rights based dialogue between European and African institutions: potentials for ensuring the recognition and protection of sexual orientation and gender identity on shared

legal grounds

Berachard Njankou (University of Douala)

The influence of the French legal system on LGBT issues in Cameroon

Matthew Waites (University of Glasgow)

The Queer Politics of Genocide between Europe and Africa

Daniel Damonzé (Leiden University)

Progressive African judicial perspectives in sexual orientation and gender identity adjudication: analysis of recent national judgments and their similarities or variations with European human rights law

Panel B.4

Room: [C3.17](#)

Comparative survey approaches to LGBTI persons, couples and families

Mirjam Fischer (University of Amsterdam)

Stephanie Steinmetz (University of Amsterdam)

Katrin Scholz (University of Cologne)

Attitudes towards same-sex adoption: A Factorial Survey approach

Wim Vanden Berghe (The Netherlands Institute for Social Research | SCP)

Lisette Kuyper (The Netherlands Institute for Social Research | SCP)

The Dutch LGBT monitor: towards integration of sexual orientation measures in large scale population surveys

Jantine van Lisdonk (Rutgers)

Measuring sexual orientation and reporting comparisons in Dutch survey studies: striking outcomes and reflections on conceptualization and representation

Katia Begall (Goethe-University Frankfurt)

Christian Haag (Goethe-University Frankfurt)

The "Value of Children": A comparative analysis of hetero- and homosexuals

Panel B.5

Room: [C1.17](#)

Beyond the alphabet soup?

Gert Hekma (University of Amsterdam)

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The various stages of the alphabet soup: from Sade to the modern times

Yagos Koliopoulos (Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense)

Are sex workers one of the missing ingredients of the alphabet soup?

17.00-17.30:

Coffee/Tea break

[OMHP Hall](#)

17.30-19.00:

Plenary Session: Screening of the Documentary Film "Kaliarnta" Followed by a discussion and Q&A with the filmmaker Paola Revenioti

Room: [F0.01](#)
Friday, August 5

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9.00-10.30:
Panel Sessions C

Panel C.1

Room: [C0.23](#)

**Non-binary gender possibilities, practices and identities at the interstice of
“Asia” and “Europe” (Part I)**

Adnan Hossain (University of Amsterdam)

Lubna Jebin (University of Reading)

Mere Recognition: Does it really work?

Ai-Chih Chiu (Graduate School of Human Sexuality, Shu-Te University)

Intersex human rights movement in Asia

Vreer Verkerke (Vreerwerk)

The ties that bind us to the cistem

Panel C.2

Room: [C2.23](#)

**LGBT+ Refugees, Immigration Authorities and the Gay Community –
A panel with LGBT+ refugees, activists and immigration officers (Part I)**

Peter Geschiere (University of Amsterdam)

Gert Hekma (University of Amsterdam)

Jessica van Zadelhoff (COC, LGBTI movement NL)

Saphinah Anick (from Uganda to the Netherlands)

Aziz Mohamed (from Cameroon to the Netherlands)

Elias Karam (Secret Garden, from Lebanon to the Netherlands)

Avalon Leupen and Pieter Schults (staff members of COA, Dutch ‘Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers’ - TBC)

Panel C.3

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Sexual Justice?

Tom Claes (INSEP/University of Ghent)

Paul Reynolds (INSEP/Edge Hill University)

Yuval Merin (Striks School of Law, The College of Management Academic Studies)

Same-Sex Marriage as a Human Right and the Interplay between Domestic, European and International Law

Selmin Seda Coskun (Istanbul University)

Legitimized Violence: LGBT Identity and Rights in the Traditional-Patriarchal Structure

Saskia Wieringa (University of Amsterdam)

Homophobia in Indonesia: competing discourses of human rights, religion and culture

Tom Claes (INSEP/University of Ghent)

Towards Sexual Justice – a Sexual Rights and Health Agenda for a Global Sexual Ethics

Panel C.4

Room: [C3.17](#)

How homophiles became gay and proud

Theo van der Meer (independent scholar)

Paul Mepschen (Leiden University)

Randolph Trumbach (City University of New York)

Men and Boys Together After World War II in Western Societies: Roman Catholic Priests and Religious and Adolescent Males in Ireland and the United States

Peter Edelberg (Copenhagen University)

Male Prostitution in the Discourse of Gay Liberation: A Danish Perspective

Noëmi Willemen (Université Catholique de Louvain)

Curiouser and curiouser: the case of pedophilia and the sexual revolution

Peter Drucker (International Institute for Research and Education)

Homonationalism, heteronationalism, neoliberalism and LGBTIQ rights in the EU

Panel C.5

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European perspectives on LGBTI workforce diversity

Thomas Köllen (Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU), Institute for Gender and Diversity in Organizations)

Jukka Lehtonen (University of Helsinki)

José Adán Cardona Lopez (University of Oulu)

Mervi Heikkinen (University of Oulu)

Gender and Sexual Diversity in Education, exploring embodiment of normativities in educational organizations

Thomas Köllen (Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU), Institute for Gender and Diversity in Organizations)

Intersexuality and Trans-Identities within the Diversity Management Discourse

Monika Huesmann (Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht Berlin)

Transgressing Organisational Binarism: The Case of Restrooms in Organisations

Jukka Lehtonen (University of Helsinki)

Experiences of non-heterosexual and trans youth on career choice and in the workplace

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11.00-12.30:
Panel Sessions D

Panel D.1

Room: [C0.23](#)

**Non-binary gender possibilities, practices and identities at the interstice of
“Asia” and “Europe” (Part II)**

Adnan Hossain (University of Amsterdam)

Nazlı Tuncay (Boys of Bangladesh - BOB)

Monitoring and documenting the situation of the LGBT community in Bangladesh

Kumud Rana (University of Glasgow)

Beyond Binaries: Negotiating Third Gender Identifications in Times of Revolution

Samar Islam (University of Warwick)

On the Margins of Society: The Hijra Community in Bangladesh

Panel D.2

Room: [C2.23](#)

**LGBT+ Refugees, Immigration Authorities and the Gay Community –
Academic panel (Part II)**

Peter Geschiere (University of Amsterdam)

Gert Hekma (University of Amsterdam)

Sabine Jansen (COC/ Free University Amsterdam)

Dutch developments after Fleeing Homophobia, XYZ and ABC

Paul Dillane (UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group)

The UK LGBTI Asylum Action Plan: More Plan Than Action?

Dany Carnassale (University of Padova)

When the required proof is a culturally-influenced concept of queerness. The assessment of
“SOGI claims” in Italy

Alexander Dhoest (University of Antwerp)

‘Gay’ male refugees in Belgium: Practices, experiences, and challenges

Panel D.3

Room: [C1.17](#)

Sexual Citizenship - Are We There Yet?

Paul Reynolds (INSEP/Edge Hill University)

Tom Claes (INSEP/University of Ghent)

Aidan McKearney (London Metropolitan University)

Sexual citizenship: An analysis of gay men as sexual citizens in non-metropolitan Ireland and England

Bart Eeckhout (University of Antwerp)

A Paradoxical Growth in Institutionalized Activism: Complications Presented by the Flemish LGBTIQ Movement

Paul Reynolds (INSEP/Edge Hill University)

The Limits of Sexual Citizenship: Towards Sexualised Citizenship - Setting an Agenda

Panel D.4

Room: [C3.17](#)

Persistent Homophobia?

The Political Marginalization of LGBT Issues and Organizations in Europe (Part I)

Robert Davidson (University of Amsterdam)

Thomas Kinch Volstrup (Aarhus University)

The Effect of EU Leverage on LGBT recognition

Radzhana Buyantueva (Newcastle University)

Obstacles to LGBT activism development in Russia

Maryna Shevtsova (Humboldt University)

Fighting against "Gayropa": persisting homophobia and "European values" legitimacy crisis in European neighborhood (cases of Russia and Ukraine)

Panel D.5

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Book Panel

Bojan Bilić (Ed.) *LGBT Activism and Europeanisation in the Post-Yugoslav Space: On the Rainbow Way to Europe*. Palgrave MacMillan, 2016.

Paul Stubbs (Institute of Economics, Zagreb)

Catherine Baker (University of Hull)

Bojan Bilić (University of Amsterdam)

12.30-14.00:

Lunch

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14.00-15.30:

Panel Sessions E

Panel E.1

Room: [C2.23](#)

**LGBT+ Refugees, Immigration Authorities and the Gay Community-
Academic panel (Part III)**

Peter Geschiere (University of Amsterdam)
Gert Hekma (University of Amsterdam)

Josh Pallas (University of Wollongong)

After Discretion – Queer refugees and the Common Law

Skye Chirape (University of Portsmouth/Ministry Of Justice)

“He was treated like a criminal”. Evaluating the impact of detention related trauma in LGBTI refugees

Irene Fubara-Manuel (University of Sussex)

Sites of Resistance: Homeplaces of Queer African Migrants

Wim Peumans (University of the Witwatersrand)

Intimacy across borders: same-sex sexualities and transnational migration in Belgium

Panel E.2

Room: [C3.17](#)

Persistent Homophobia?

The Political Marginalization of LGBT Issues and Organizations in Europe (Part II)

Robert Davidson (University of Amsterdam)

Martijn Mos (Cornell University)

Normative Naysayers?: Mapping the Discourse against LGBT Rights in the European Parliament

Marek Rybar (Comenius University Bratislava)

Anna Sovcikova (Masaryk University Brno)

Framing and Re-Framing the Opponent: Exploring Dynamics of New Social Movements' Formation in a Demobilised Society

Nina Perger (University of Ljubljana)

Who is winning? Cissexism and homonormativity in Slovenian referendum campaign

Panel E.3

Room: [C1.17](#)

**More labels or no labels? An interdisciplinary panel on “creating space” for gender
ambivalence and diversity**

Sylvia Holla (Atria)
Renée Römken (Atria)

Geertje Mak (Radboud University)

Transgender and the sex of self in historical perspective

Marion Wasserbauer (University of Antwerp)

“Bivouacking in the borderlands” – how genderfluid, queer and trans* individuals negotiate space and identity through music

Mariecke Van den Berg (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

Conchita Wurst: the subversive potential of transgender-Jesus

Panel E.4

Room: [C0.23](#)

Pride and Prejudice:

Queer Connections between Sexual Minority Emancipation and Religious Change

David Bos (VU University, Amsterdam Center for the Study of Lived Religion)

Heather R. White (University of Puget Sound)

Discussant: Dominic Janes (Keele University)

Margaret Greenfields (Buckinghamshire New University)

Surat-Shaan Knan (Liberal Judaism)

Bringing it all back home: Jewish, Queer religious ritual and the role of progressive rabbinic authorities in co-creating a new narrative

Laura Van den Eynde (Université libre de Bruxelles)

Religious presence and discourse in high-profile LGBT rights cases

Mehrdad Alipour (VU University)

Essentialism vs Constructivism: A Critical Reflection on Essentialist epistemology towards Same-Sex Desires and Acts in Islam

Panel E.5

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Out! LGBTQI Visibility in Media and Celebrity Culture

Jaap Kooijman (University of Amsterdam)

Linda Duits (Utrecht University)

Amber Witsenburg (VU University Amsterdam)

AI or Asexual: The Representation of Asexuality and the Construction of Compulsory Sexuality in Ex Machina

Iris-Aya Laemmerhirt (TU Dortmund)

Football's Coming Out? Homosexuality and European Football Celebrities

Linda Duits (Utrecht University)

Invisible or Old-fashioned: bisexual behaviors and/or identities in post network TV

15.30-16.00:

Coffee/Tea break

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16.00-17.15:

Roundtable discussion with the Rainbow Cities Network led by Prof. Surya Monro

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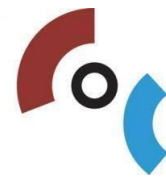
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Closing Word by City of Amsterdam Alderperson Simone Kukenheim
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17.30-18.30:

Closing Drinks
Amsterdam Museum
[Kalverstraat 92](#)

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