

## DIA-Graduierertenkolleg Workshop

### Sexuality, Politics and Activism: Rights and Recognition in Europe

Friday, 13th December 2019, 9:30 – 16h  
Universiteit van Amsterdam, Roeterseiland, B1.02

*“So location is about vulnerability... We seek those ruled by partial sight and limited voice – not partiality for its own sake but, rather, for the sake of connections and unexpected openings situated knowledges make possible” (Haraway 1988: 590).*

Scholars analyzing topics closely related to their own identity or engaging in activism often face obstacles and challenges, both within and outside academia. Studying the oppression of one’s own group, e.g. by discussing race, gender and sexuality, is often deemed incompatible with scientific rigor and objectivity. This workshop reflects on navigating academia when studying gender and sexuality. In the first panel, four early career scholars will present their work on sexuality, gender and politics and engage in debate with the audience. Topics cover LGBT-rights in media and politics, contestation of transgender rights and queer identity and religion.

The second part of the workshop will be an interactive session engaging with questions of reflexivity, epistemological expectations and institutional challenges across different disciplines. The session will kick off with a paper by historian Geertje Mak (Amsterdam) and develop into a round table discussion to be started with impulse statements by Phillip Ayoub (Los Angeles) and Natalie Scholz (Amsterdam); chair is Saskia Bonjour (Amsterdam).

The workshop is part of a Graduate workshop program at the Duitsland Instituut Amsterdam (DIA). Additional funding was provided by the Amsterdam Centre for European Studies (ACES) and the Amsterdam Research Centre for Gender and Sexuality Studies (ARC-GS).

If you would like to attend, please register by e-mailing Anne Louise Schotel: [a.l.schotel@uva.nl](mailto:a.l.schotel@uva.nl)

## Programm | Graduiertenkolleg 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**9:30** Introduction by Anne Louise Schotel, PhD (AISSR/Duitsland Instituut Amsterdam)

### **9:45** Paper presentations 1

**Melisa Soto, PhD (Radboud University, Nijmegen):** The evolution of trans\* rights norms and framings in the Netherlands

**Dr. Emiel Maliepaard (Atria Instituut, Amsterdam):** The bisexual movement in the Netherlands: developments and experiences of key bi-activists since the 1990s

**Chair:** Dr. Krijn Thijs (Duitsland Instituut Amsterdam)

### **11 – 11:15** Coffee break

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### **11:15** Paper presentations 2

**Anne Louise Schotel, PhD (AISSR/DIA):** Representations of sexuality and gender identity in German and Dutch media and politics

**Dino Suhonic (University of Amsterdam, Stichting Al Maruf):** Post-homo nationalism in the Netherlands

**Chair:** Dr. Krijn Thijs (Duitsland Instituut Amsterdam)

### **12:30 - 13:30** Lunch

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**13:30** Prof. dr. Geertje Mak (University of Amsterdam, History): Doubting (new) Categories

### **14 – 14:15** Coffee break

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### **14:15** Round table discussion – Activism & Academia

Impulse: Dr. Phillip Ayoub (Occidental College, LA, Diplomacy & World Affairs)

Impulse: Dr. Natalie Scholz (University of Amsterdam, History)

**Chair:** Dr. Saskia Bonjour (University of Amsterdam, Political Science)

**16:00** End



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