Sexology and Development: Exploring the Global History of the Sexual Sciences

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Organised by Chiara Beccalossi (University of Lincoln), Kate Fisher (University of Exeter) and Jana Funke (University of Exeter)

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Thursday 4 October

2.30pm: Welcome

2.45-5.00pm, Panel 1: Global Perspectives and the Emergence of Sexology (Chair: Chiara Beccalossi)

Kate Fisher and Jana Funke (University of Exeter, UK), ‘Global Developments: Tracing the Entangled Histories of Sexual Science and Anthropology.’

Benjamin Kahan (Louisiana State University, US), ‘The Development of American Sexual Science and Sexology.’

Secil Yilmaz (Cornell University, US), ‘Syphilis, Love, and Making of Modern Sexology in the Late Ottoman Empire.’

6.30pm: Public Lecture, Susan Striker, ‘Bodies in Trans*formation’

8.00pm: Transitional States exhibition opening (& drinks)
Friday 5 October

10am-12.15pm, Panel 2: Sex Hormones, the Chemical Body and the Development of Sexology (Chair: Ryan Jones)

Howard Chiang (University of California, Davis, US) ‘Transcultural Sexology and the Crystallization of an Epistemic Nexus: China, 1920s-1940s.’

Chiara Beccalossi (University of Lincoln, UK), ‘Sexology and Hormone Treatments in the Global North and the Global South’.

Rodrigo R. Lima (Casa de Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Brazil), ‘Endocrinology, Boundaries and the Performance of Organotherapies in Brazil: Biotypology and Homosexual Treatment (1931-1938).’

Lunch: 12.30-2pm

2-4:15pm, Panel 3: Interdisciplinary Connections (Chair: Ina Linge)


Cynthia Kraus (University of Lausanne, Switzerland), ‘At the Crossroads of Physical Anthropology, Sexology and Psychoanalysis: A Transdisciplinary Journey from Palestine to Switzerland (c. 1949-1980s).’


Coffee Break

4.45-7pm, Panel 4: Civilization and Moral Development (Chair: Jana Funke)

Marie Walin (Universities of Toulouse Jean Jaures and Clermont-Ferrand, France), ‘European and Catholic: the Spanish Discourse about Sexuality as a Special Path in the “Process of Civilisation” (1850-1910).’


Dinner 8.30pm
Saturday 6 October

10am-12.15pm, Panel 5: From Intersex Diagnoses to Disorders of Sex Development (DSD) (Chair: Cynthia Kraus)

Heike Bauer (Birkbeck College, University of London, UK), ‘From the ‘Ontogenetic Bisexuality’ of Embryos to ‘Dangerous Disturbances of the Sexual Drive’: Magnus Hirschfeld on Intersex.’

Todd Henry (TBC) (University of California at San Diego, US), ‘Intersex Diagnoses and Body Coherence in Cold War South Korea, 1950s-1980s.’

David Griffiths (University of Surrey, UK), ‘Disorderly Development: Intersex Embodiment and the Classification of Difference.’

Lunch: 12.30-2pm

2-3.30pm, Panel 6: Empires, Colonies and Race (Chair: Kate Fisher)

Tomasso Dell’Era (Tuscia University of Viterbo, Italy), ‘Sexuality and Intersectionality in the Rivista di biologia coloniale [Journal of Colonial Biology] (1938-1958)’


Coffee Break

4.00-5.30pm, Panel 7: Modes, Sites, and Networks of Exchange (Chair: Sarah Jones)

Alain Giami (Université Paris-Saclay, France), ‘A History of the World Association for Sexual Health (1978-2017).’

Leon Rocha (University of Liverpool, UK), ‘Grassroots Orgasms: Disseminating Sexual Pleasure among Family Planning Cadres in Jinghai County, Tianjin (1999-2000).’

5.30-6pm Final Remarks

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

Susan Striker’s public lecture is open to everybody and there is no need to register. If you wish to attend the rest of the conference you must register by emailing Claire: c.e.keyte@exeter.ac.uk Registration opens on 20 August and closes on 15 September 2018. The registration fee is £30 (no meals included). If
you would like to join us for lunch on Friday and Saturday, and dinner on Friday night, the fee is £150.

For any information email about the programme, please contact: CBeccalossi@lincoln.ac.uk and j.funke@exeter.ac.uk.

To see more about our work, please see: Rethinking Sexology (led by Fisher and Funke) & Transitional States (led by Beccalossi).