

## Call for Papers for Post Graduate and Early Career Researchers

### “What’s *Left* of Sexual Democracy? Ideals, Critiques, Struggles”

Newcastle University, 25-27 May 2023

Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK

#### DESCRIPTION

“What is *Left* of Sexual Democracy? Critiques, Ideals, Struggles” aims to rethink the relationship between sexuality and democracy in the context of increasing breakdown of liberal democratic norms and institutions. It is concerned both with what might be salvaged of the liberal configuration of sexual democracy and with the more *radical* alternatives that might now be possible—while also undertaking a realistic assessment of the anti-democratic forces with which any radical or liberal democratic politics of sexuality must contend. Furthermore, it questions the very definition of ‘sexual democracy’ by prompting to challenge its established categories.

The conference welcomes international keynote speakers Shireen Hassim and Eric Fassin. Over the course of two days, it will feature panels of UK-based scholars based on the following conference themes:

- (Re)Imagining Sexual Citizenship: addressing how the relationship between sexuality and citizenship has been conceptualised and how it might be reimagined.
- Queer Circuits of Global Capital, Global Circuits of Queer Capital: addressing the political economy of sexual democracy.
- Sexes, Genders, Authoritarianisms: exploring gender and sexuality at the intersection between democratic and authoritarian politics.
- Law, Violence, and Erotic Justice: addressing the role of the law in sexual democracy and how justice might be reimagined.
- Thinking Sexual Democracy from the Outside: challenges the established philosophical and epistemological categories of ‘sexual democracy’ to ask which other configurations could be envisioned.

We welcome postgraduate (doctoral) and early career researchers to submit an abstract based on the conference themes above. Successful candidates will participate of the panel ‘The Futures of Sexuality Studies’, showcasing postgraduate or early career researchers working on any of the conference themes.

## HOW TO SUBMIT

### Call for Papers for Postgraduate Research and Early Career Scholars

Prospective panellists are asked to submit a 500-word abstract for a 15-20 minute presentation on any of the conference themes. Please include a 100-word bio comprehensive of institutional affiliation, contact details, as well as indication of where you would be travelling from to attend the conference in person in Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK. Funds will be made available to cover travel and accommodation costs.

Deadline for submission: Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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