CALL FOR PAPERS

# ‘Thinking Theory, Research & Practice: The Feminist Politics of Social Justice’

# A Joint Conference of the LEX, VAWGRN, FRAN & CSEL Research Networks

# 9th and 10 November, 2023, University of Liverpool #Socialjustice

The call for papers is now open for our second joint international annual conference. We welcome submissions from participants whose work is feminist and transdisciplinary in orientation, and that offers innovations in theory, research and practice relative to global social justice issues. **This will be a two-day conference is an in-person conference.**

The international feminist movement has used the principles of social justice to lobby governments for social change around women’s equality, human rights, reproductive rights and sexual autonomy. Similarly, the LGB social movements (later LGBTQ) used these principles to challenge dominant constructions of masculinity, femininity, homophobia and the primacy of heteronormativity, including hard-fought gains and legal protections being rolled back or under threat. Over time, these movements have sought equality through legislative change and by changing minds about their need for new rights, benefits and protections from harm and exclusion in all its forms. Although many of those involved in these campaigns disagreed about the meaning of sexuality and gender and the best ways to achieve political and legal goals; what united them was their commitment to political dissent and social transformation through full recognition of their identities and citizenship rights.

While we have made some important legal, political and social gains on these and other issues, our contemporary ‘moment’ shows that we have much to do. The recent incarnation of the #*MeToo* movement illustrates that patriarchy and the attendant institutional values that accept and normalise sexual assault and rape and facilitate a culture of white, male entitlement are, in the words of the World Health Organisation, ‘devastatingly pervasive’. Women remain under threat of violence and death. LGBTQ people continue to suffer intolerance, xenophobia, misogyny and homophobia. Thus, one of the key challenges that feminism faces today is keeping open spaces for the work of critique, contestation and challenge to injustice, inequality and violence in all its forms.

This conference invites papers that aim to contribute to new approaches to feminist theory, research and practice to address this ***and/or*** other issues that can advance knowledge in those fields and inform feminist activism through social justice.

**Issues and themes around global social justice for panels *may* include but are not limited to:**

* New theoretical frameworks for feminist research;
* Innovative research methods
* Feminist activism and strategy
* Asylum seekers and refugees
* Immigration, mobility and justice
* Human rights
* Emotion and law
* Gender-based violence
* Domestic violence and coercive control
* Sexual governance and regulation
* Sexual politics
* Sexuality
* Gender identity
* Gender, sexuality and the contemporary family
* Gender equality law and policy
* Policing
* Criminal law and criminalisation
* Gender and Health
* Intersectionality and identity

**Submission Procedure:** Email an abstract (of up to 150 words m) as a Word document or PDF by **31st May, 2023,** to the Conference Organising Committee ([registration@lexnetwork.org](mailto:registration@lexnetwork.org)). **Please specify which authors plan to attend the conference to attend the paper.**

Detail for registration will follow in due course.

**Conference Fees:**

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| **PhD Researcher: £25.00** |
| **Part-time or Fixed-Term Posts: £50.00** |
| **Full-Time Permanent Posts: £90.00** |

**DAY 1**

13:00 - 14: 30 Arrival, Lunch, Registration & Networking Opportunity for All

13: 00 – 14:00 Early Career Researcher Working Lunch

14:30 - 16: 00 Panel Session 1 & 2

16:30 - 18:00 Keynote Address

18:00 - 19:30 Drinks Reception

**DAY 2**

09:15 – 09:45 Teas & Coffee

09:45 – 10:00 Welcome

10:00 - 11:30 Panel Sessions 3 & 4

11:30 - 12:00 Break

12:00 - 13:30 Panel Sessions 5 & 6

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 16:00 Panel Sessions 7 & 8

16:00 - 16:45 Roundtable (Concluding Thoughts)

\* The conference is being convened by and seeks to brings members together from:

* **The Law, Gender & Sexuality Research Network (LEX) (**[**admin@lexnetwork.org**](mailto:admin@lexnetwork.org)**)** [**https://www.lexnetwork.org/**](https://www.lexnetwork.org/)
* **The Violence Against Women and Girls Network (** [vawgrn@uos.ac.uk](mailto:vawgrn@uos.ac.uk))
* **The Feminist Legal Research and Action Network (**[**Sarah.Singh@liverpool.ac.uk**](mailto:Sarah.Singh@liverpool.ac.uk)**) and** [**https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/research/fran/**](https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/research/fran/)**?**
* **The Centre for the Study of Emotion and Law (CSEL@rhul.ac.uk)** [**https://csel.psychologyresearch.co.uk**](https://csel.psychologyresearch.co.uk)