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One-day symposium at IHLIA - LGBTI Heritage

Oosterdokskade 143, Amsterdam

12 September 2024, 9:30-18:00



Coco Guzmán, *Amistad/Friendship*, 2019

How is the relation between sexuality and solidarity conceptualized in Queer and Transgender Studies, practiced by queer and trans movements historically and in the present, and recorded by LGBTQ+ and other specialized archives? Does the sexual dimension of queer and trans identities and communities facilitate and/or limit the possibility of solidarity across differences and different regimes of in/equality, including between queer and trans themselves? Is sexuality inherently social or anti-social, or both? And how do sexuality and solidarity appear in the archive? How can specialized archives and heritage institutions such as LGBTQ+ archives record and foreground relations among heterogeneous subjects and struggles dispersed across a larger archival field?

Program

9:30 – 9:45

OBA Forum, 6th floor

Opening by organizers

Gianmaria Colpani & Wigbertson Julian Isenia

9:45 – 11:15

OBA Forum, 6th floor

Panel 1 – Solidarity and Global Homonormativity

Jesse van Amelsvoort & Bram Mellink, A 'Caring' Society: The AIDS Epidemic and Solidarity – But by Whom?

Peter Drucker, Sexual Politics and Solidarity Against the Dutch Far Right

Aarthi Murali, Elite Queer Activism: A Critique of LGBTQIA+ Solidarity with Hindu Nationalism

Ahmed Hamila, Transnational LGBTQI+ Activism: A Decolonial Approach

11:15 – 11:45

Coffee point, 6th floor

Coffee break

11:45 – 13:15

OBA Forum, 6th floor

Panel 2 – Expanding the Dutch Archive of Queer and Trans Solidarity

Noah Littel, Lesbian Archival Politics and Practices of Solidarity, 'Interculturality' and Transnationality

Fleur Renkema, Multidimensional Solidarity in the Dutch Gay and Lesbian Left in the 1970s and 1980s

Stacey Copeland, Anti-racist and Feminist Queer Radio: The Potentialities and the Silences of LGBTQ+ Sound Archives

Thomas Allen Harris, Sonnet Carter & Jordan Rogers, 1984: Black Queer Amsterdam

13:15 – 14:15

Foyer, 7th floor

Lunch break

14:15 – 15:45

OBA Theatre, 7th floor

Panel 3 – The Im/Possibility of Solidarity

Michele Bertoni, Afropessimism, Antisociality and Solidarity: An Impossible Project? Bridging Blackness and Queerness through Destitution

Sergio Rigoletto, Mediated Proximities, Crossings and the Mediterranean Beach

Annelies van der Meij, The Rise of Neuroqueer: Interrogating the Bridge between Queer Activism and the Neurodiversity Movement

Alex Nora Esculapio, Fashion’s Working Girls: Complicating Accounts of Solidarity in Trans Women’s Accounts of Retail Work

15:45 – 16:00

OBA Theatre, 7th floor

Break

16:00 – 18:00

OBA Theatre, 7th floor

Screening of documentary *Striking with Pride (2024)*

Q&A with **Gianmaria Colpani** (moderator), **Ashley Francis-Roy** (director), and **Ray Goodspeed** (Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners)

Registration is required

Please register by communicating your name, academic or other affiliation, and any dietary requirements at: sexuality.solidarity@gmail.com

Deadline for registration: 20 August 2024

This one-day symposium is organized by Dr. Gianmaria Colpani (Utrecht University) and Dr. Wigbertson Julian Ilenia (University of Amsterdam) in collaboration with IHLIA – LGBTI Heritage and with the support of Institutions for Open Societies (IOS) – platform (In)Equality at Utrecht University and the Amsterdam Research Centre for Gender and Sexuality (ARC-GS) at University of Amsterdam. The symposium also forms part of Dr. Colpani’s research project ‘Digging Against the Grain: The Political Moment of Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners, 1984-85’ (VI.Veni.201C.057).



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