

[Beyond Binaries: Gender, Sexuality and Medicine in Post-War Europe](#)

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Call for Papers

Date:

March 6, 2023

Location:

Germany

Subject Fields:

Eastern Europe History / Studies, European History / Studies, History of Science, Medicine, and Technology, Sexuality Studies, Women's & Gender History / Studies

A workshop organised by the Centre for the Study of Health, Ethics and Society, University of Hamburg

Friday 9 June and Saturday 10 June 2023, Warburg-Haus, Hamburg, Germany

How can gender and sexuality - broadly conceived both methodologically and thematically - help to inform historical understanding of the role of medicine in post-war Europe? This conference will bring together scholars working in different disciplines to examine how theoretical approaches incorporating gender and sexuality can shed light on medical ethics, scientific practices, and policymaking associated with health across the ideological divide. How can histories of gender and sexuality illuminate individual medical experiences and the complex relations between patients, doctors, policymakers, pharmaceutical companies, and medical ethicists during the Cold War period?

We are particularly interested in papers which examine gender, sexuality and medicine in Central and Eastern Europe. Exploring gender and sexuality in the context of post-war medicine can help us to discern potential similarities in medical practices, policies and experiences across Europe, which moves beyond the security context and ideological differences of the Cold War to highlight the exchange of scientific ideas across the "Iron Curtain". Exploring gender, sexuality and medicine in the post-war period can bring about a new scholarly perspective on Europe as a continent that was to some extent united by shared experiences, policies and beliefs.

Please send a 250-word abstract and title, together with your institutional affiliation and a brief bio, to Dr Kate Docking and Dr David Peace by 6 March 2023. Accommodation and meals for accepted speakers will be provided by the conference organisers. The conference proceedings will be published in an edited volume.

Subjects of papers might include, but are certainly not limited to:

Reproduction: abortion, contraception, reproductive rights, sexology

Prophylaxis: vaccination, healthcare campaigns

Clinical trials and human experimentation

Medical experiences of trans-, non-binary and queer persons
Concepts of normality, enhancement, disability and pathology
Gendered natures and implications of ethical codes
Gender inequalities in access to medical care and health responsibilities
Representations of gender and sexuality in media and the arts
Forms of protest and resistance: patients, medical groups
Role of data science and genetics in targeted medicine
Psy-disciplines: psychology, psychiatry, psychodrama, psychoanalysis etc
Theoretical reflections on the writing of gender and sexuality

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