

A Feminist Politics of Radical Hope in a Time of Oppression: Conference Programme 2025

Day 1 – Thursday 6th November

12:00 - 12.30 Registration and networking lunch

12:30 - 12:45 Welcome

School of Law and Social Justice Events Space

Dr Grace Carter (VAWGRN), Dr Sharron Fitzgerald (LEX), Professor Jill Marshall (CSEL), Dr Sarah Singh (FRAN)

12:45 - 13:45 Keynote Address 1

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Radical Hope in times of crisis, endemic violence and threats to academic freedom.

Professor Maggie O'Neill, University College Cork, Ireland

Chair - Dr Sharron Fitzgerald

13:50 - 15:20 Panel Sessions 1 and 2

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Panel 1 - New Theoretical Frameworks for Feminist Research

Chair – Dr Sarah Singh

Reimagining procedural justice to operationalise a victim-centred approach to policing sexual violence

Kelly Johnson, University of Glasgow, UK, Michele Burman, University of Glasgow, UK, Oona Brooks-Hay,

University of Glasgow, UK and Ruth Friskney, University of Glasgow, UK

‘The difference is that they haven't only observed, they've actually practiced it’: How virtual reality is reshaping pornography's fantasy/reality debates

Karen Phillips, Child and Women's Abuse Studies Unit (CWASU), London Metropolitan University, UK

Notes Towards a Rupture: On the Functions and Limits of Institutional Hope

Rachel Vogler, Central School of Speech and Drama & Central School of Speech and Drama, UK and Molly

Wilson, Central School of Speech and Drama & Central School of Speech and Drama, UK

Panel 2 - Migration and far-right politics of exclusion

Lecture Theatre 5, Rendall Building

Chair – Professor Anna Carline

Radical Hope in Exile: Voices of Russian Anti-War Activists in Serbia

Heleen Touquet, University of Antwerp, Belgium and Luka Tramosljanin, University of Antwerp, Belgium

Responding to Mundane Borders, Divisive Politics and Gendered Harms at the Frontline: Practitioners'

Narratives on Supporting Women with Insecure Migration Status in Post-Brexit Britain

Jana Kriechbaum, City St George's, University of London, UK

Narratives of mundane bordering resistance in Rome and Folkestone

Ilaria Aversa, University of Kent, UK

15:20 - 15:40 Tea and coffee

15.40 - 17:10 Panel Sessions 3 and 4

Panel 3 - Feminist Activism

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Standing together: towards a coalitional politics of hope

Katherine Allen, Institute for Social Justice & Crime, University of Suffolk, UK and Joey Stephens, Institute for Social Justice & Crime, University of Suffolk, UK

Acting as if: Prefigurative human rights and abortion activism

Claire Pierson University of Liverpool, UK and Rebecca Smyth, University of Exeter, UK

Where is hope in film representations of sexual violence?

Donna Peberdy, Southampton Solent University, UK

Panel 4 - Domestic violence and coercive control

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Chair – Dr Sharron Fitzgerald

Conflict-related coercive control: Expanding Understanding of Women's Experiences of both Intimate and Group-based Coercive Control

Aisling Swaine, Sutherland School of Law, University College Dublin, Ireland

Factors promoting resilience in men exposed to domestic abuse in childhood: a life course approach

Jessica Wagner, Birmingham City University, UK

"We have to keep going and growing": Hopeful visions of equity and leadership in DASV services in East England

Mirna Guha, Anglia Ruskin University, UK and Katherine Allen, Institute for Social Justice and Crime, University of Suffolk, UK

17:10 - 17.20 Short comfort break

17.20 - 18.50 Panel Sessions 5 and 6

Panel 5 - Systems and institutions

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Chair – Dr Megan Hermolle

'The people are amazing, the system lets them down': Finding hope for systems change through trauma-informed collaboration in sexual violence provision

Linda Cooper, Institute for Social Justice and Crime, University of Suffolk, UK and Katherine Allen, Institute for Social Justice and Crime, University of Suffolk, UK

A feminist constitutional theory of local self-government

Binendri Perera, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, UK

UpFront Survivors: creative practice to build community among adult survivors of child sexual abuse in the UK

Grace Carter, Coventry University, UK and Lorna O'Doherty, Coventry University, UK and Viv Gordon Company, The Green House, and Somerset & Avon Rape & Sexual Abuse Support, UK

Panel 6 - Understanding gender-based violence

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Chair – Professor Miranda Horvath

The Necessity of Feminist Epistemologies When Researching Online Misogyny

Lisa Sugiura, University of Portsmouth, UK

Cyberflashing: Women's Perceptions of Men Who Cyberflash in Ireland

Lorraine (Lorrie) Hayman, University of Galway, Ireland

Pornography Consumption, Sexual Permissiveness, and the Sexual Double Standard: Pathways to Sexually Violent Behavior

Carmen M. Leon, School of Law, University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain, Tatiana Quiñonez-Toral, School of Law, University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain and Eva Aizpurua, NatCen for Social Research, UK

Male-on-Male Rape: Jury Decision Making in a Live Rape Trial Re-enactment
Siobhan Weare, Lancaster University, UK, Dominic Willmott, Loughborough University, UK and Maddy Millar, Lancaster University, UK

18:50- 19:30 Drinks reception *School of Law and Social Justice Events Space*

Day Two – Friday 7th November

09:30 – 10:00 Arrival, tea, coffee and networking

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10:00 - 11:00 Keynote Address 2

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Unspeakable: Overcoming inadequate responses to child abuse cases in Black and minoritised communities

Professor Aisha K Gill, University of Bristol, UK.

Chair – Professor Miranda Horvath

11:00 - 12:30 Panel Sessions 7 and 8

Panel 7 – Wellbeing

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Chair – Dr Grace Carter

Finding hope in child abuse research - how research impacts researchers

Lisa Ward, The Child & Woman Abuse Studies Unit (CWASU), London Metropolitan University, UK

Foundations of Flourishing: Early Career Researcher Wellbeing

Sarah Warbis, Bath Spa University, UK, Tina Skinner, University of Bath, UK, Helen Beckett, University of Lancashire, UK, Miranda Horvath, Institute for Social Justice and Crime, University of Suffolk, UK, Theresa Redmond, Anglia Ruskin University, UK, Nadia Wager, Consultant and Kristine Brance, University of Limerick, Ireland

A walking workshop: putting into practice our Researcher Wellbeing Plans

Tina Skinner, University of Bath, UK and Kristine Brance, University of Limerick, Ireland.

Panel 8 - Feminist legal studies

Lecture Theatre 2, Rendall Building

Chair – Professor Anna Carline

Separate but Equal: is segregated schooling (still) good for girls?

Moira Dustin, School of Law, Politics and Sociology, University of Sussex, UK and Kate Malleson, Queen Mary University of London, UK

Violence against women as a constitutional matter

Rosario Grima Algora, University of Oxford, UK

Feminist Jurisprudence, Personal Liberation and Hope

Jill Marshall, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK

When violence against women is called sex: policy-based limits on consent to bodily harm

Debra Haak, Queen's University, Canada

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch and interactive exhibits and posters

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Exhibits

The Abortion Herb Garden

Landon Newton, Independent Researcher and Artist, USA

Photography exhibition: Uncovering the hiddenness in women's experiences of homelessness
Sara Christou, Loughborough University, UK, Rebecca Cain, Loughborough University, UK, Ksenia Chmutina, Loughborough University, UK, and Ksenija Kuzmina, Loughborough University, UK,

'I choose': A comic about forced marriage
Hannah Baumeister, Liverpool John Moores University, UK

Malta Abortion Rights Timeline
Claire Pierson, University of Liverpool, UK, Liza Caruana-Finkel, University of Liverpool, UK and Andrea Dibben, University of Malta, Malta

Posters

Resisting a Carceral World: Abolitionism and Gender Based Violence
Baljit Kaur, Birkbeck, University of London and Radhika Pradhan, London School of Economics and Political Science. Both are also affiliated with University of Sussex

Examining Femicide in Post-Conflict Northern Ireland Through the Lens of Feminist Jurisprudence and Making Recommendations for Effective and Impactful Legislative Reform
Nichola McNulty, Queen's University Belfast, UK

The impact of domestic abuse on child protection proceedings
Julie Abernethy, University of Suffolk, UK

Undertaking Emotionally Demanding Research: How Content, Context and Culture Influence Researcher Experiences
Lorraine (Lorrie) Hayman, University of Galway, Ireland

Re-imagining Research: From Extraction to Co-Creation and Friendship
Sarah Marie Hall, University of Manchester, UK

Home is where the hope is: Uncovering the hiddenness in women's experiences of homelessness
Sara Christou, Loughborough University, UK, Rebecca Cain, Loughborough University, UK, Ksenia Chmutina, Loughborough University, UK, and Ksenija Kuzmina, Loughborough University, UK,

Everyday Prevention of Sexual Harm: Lessons Learned from Action Research with Undergraduate Students
Rhys Turner-Moore, Leeds Beckett University, UK, Erin Shannon, Leeds Beckett University, UK, Harris Heaton, Leeds Beckett University, UK, Estelle McGhee, Leeds Beckett University, UK and Adele Care, Leeds Beckett University, UK

Smashing the patriarchy through zine-making
Natalie Rutter, Leeds Trinity University, UK, Sarah Waite, Leeds Beckett University, UK, Danica Darley, University of Sheffield, UK, Julie Eden-Barnard, De Montfort University, UK and Sarah Tatton, Sheffield Hallam University, UK

Against all odds: Cultivating radical hope in times of global uncertainty
Sara Paloni, Sigmund Freud Private University Vienna, Austria and Daphne Nechyba, Sigmund Freud Private University Vienna, Austria

Challenging coalitions: building diverse coalitions for solidarity on abortion rights
Claire Pierson, University of Liverpool, UK, Liza Caruana-Finkel, University of Liverpool, UK and Andreana Dibben, University of Malta, Malta

Participatory Photography for Reproductive Justice: Recommendations from a Collaborative Community Pilot Project Incorporating Care as an Ethical Foundation

Sophie Patterson, Lancaster University, UK Liza Caruana-Finkel, University of Liverpool, UK, Jude Jones, Freelance Researcher, UK, Felicity Dobrush, Liverpool John Moores University & Toxteth Women's Centre, UK, Kate Chadwick, Tomorrow's Women, Wirral, UK and Jasmine Fledderjohann, Lancaster University, UK

13.30 – 14:00 – VAWGRN Creative Practice Special Interest Group

Lecture Theatre 2, Rendall Building

Initial meeting to share ideas for setting up and running the group led by Dr Donna Perbedy

14:00 - 15:30 Panel Sessions 9 and 10

Panel 9 - Sexual violence and harassment

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(Un)Safe Spaces: Experiences of sexual violence at associations for people with dwarfism

Erin Pritchard, Liverpool Hope University

Secondary victimisation: Police officers' perceptions of sex offence victims' experiences

Anna Gekoski, Bournemouth University, UK, Kari Davies, Bournemouth University, UK and Miranda Horvath, University of Suffolk, UK

Experiences and Impact of Public Sexual Harassment on Female Elite Endurance Runners

Rosie Woodhams, Loughborough University

Introduction and validation of the Modern Adolescent Dating Violence Attitude (MADVA) scale: A contemporary tool for assessing adolescent attitudes towards dating violence in offline and online environments

Gill Kirkman, Loughborough University, UK, Dominic Willmott, Loughborough University, UK, Daniel Boduszek, SWPS University, Poland and Dr Agata Debowska, SWPS University, Poland

Panel 10 - Participatory and innovative feminist methods of resistance research

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Chair – Professor Jill Marshall

Objectified motherhood and the radical hope of mothers who object

Becky Clarke, Manchester Metropolitan University and Sarah Singh, University of Liverpool

Participatory Feminist Methods in Transport to Address Gender-Based Harassment

Angelika Berg, Coventry University, UK, Dr. Grace Carter, Coventry University, UK and Dr. Arun Ulahannan, Coventry University, UK

A 'Chorus of Disapproval': The Feminist Chorus and the Law

Julia Chrystostalis, University of Westminster, UK, Lucy Reynolds, University of Westminster, UK and Harriet Samuels, University of Westminster, UK

15:30 – 15:45 Conference close

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