

Reproductive and sexual health activism, c. 1960-present

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Tuesday, 17 July

09.30: Welcome and coffee

10.00-12.00: Abortion

Agata Ignaciuk (University of Warsaw) and Christbelle Sethna (University of Ottawa), “‘Charters for choice’: Spanish women’s transnational abortion travel activism, 1975–85’

Jane O’Neill (University of Edinburgh), ‘A “question of tactics”? The treatment of women’s abortion experiences in campaigns to defend the 1967 Abortion Act’

Bibia Pavard (Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas), “‘It is revolting so rebel!’ Performing illegal abortions and the power relations of French pro-choice activism in the 1970s’

Agata Chelstowska (University of Warsaw), ‘Stigmatization and destigmatization of abortion in Poland: The new current in pro-choice/pro-abortion activism’

12.00-13.00: Lunch

13.00-14.30: Feminism, medicalisation

Kelly O’Donnell (Thomas Jefferson University), ‘Writing the history of the women’s health movement: Barbara Seaman, historians, and the activist archive’

Jane Macnaughton (Durham University), ‘Does menopause matter?’

Stephanie Pache (Harvard University), ‘From the feminist politicization of sexuality to the medicalization of sexual violence: A healthy feminism?’

14.30-15.00: Coffee

15.00-16.30: Keynote lecture

Naomi Rogers (Yale University), ‘Taking women’s medicine back into our own capable hands: Feminist Activism and American Medicine, 1945 to the Present’

Wednesday, 18 July

10.00-12.00: Contraception

Caroline Rusterholz (Birkbeck College, University of London), ‘The opening of the Brook Advisory Centres in 1964 London, a step towards youth sexual emancipation?’

Donna Drucker (Technische Universität Darmstadt), ‘Cervical cap, Ltd.: Practical problems in American feminist health activism, 1979–93’

Mairead Enright (University of Birmingham), ‘Condoms, the law and sexual health activism in Ireland’

Alana Harris (King’s College London), ‘From the pill to period tracking apps: Lessons from the history of contraception’

12.00-13.00: Lunch

13.00-14.30: Art, objects

Camilla Rostvik (University of St. Andrews), ‘“Challenging menstrual stereotypes in the pink ghetto”: Feminists working on menstrual products in the advertising industry 1990–present’

Hermione Wiltshire (Royal College of Art, London), ‘Photography, birth and affect’

Jen Grove (University of Exeter) and Alice Hoyle (Off the Record, Bath), ‘Sexual health and museum artefacts: Exploring the University of Exeter’s “Sex & History” project’

14.30-15.00: Coffee

15.00-16.00: HIV/AIDS

Hannah Elizabeth, (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine), ‘Tracing women’s experiences of HIV/AIDS and sexual health activism in Edinburgh, 1983–2000’

Charlotte Jones (University of Edinburgh) and Ingrid Young (University of Edinburgh), ‘Cultural memory and its missing stories: Portrayals of HIV/AIDS activism in the fight to access PrEP’

16.00-16.30: Closing remarks and discussion