

One Day Conference

(Ab)Normal Sexuality?

A Critical Inquiry into the Paraphilias



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About the conference

Psychology and psychiatry have played a key role in how we think about and understand sexuality, particularly those forms of sexuality that are positioned as 'abnormal' or 'perverse'. From Krafft-Ebing's infamous *Psychopathia Sexualis* (1982) to the latest DSM-5 paraphilic disorders (American Psychiatric Association, 2013), psychology and psychiatry have a long history in defining certain kinds of sexual identities and behaviours as mental illness.

This categorization has not been without criticism or controversy. Some have argued that the paraphilias section within the DSM is so flawed, that it should be removed altogether (Moser & Kleinplatz, 2005). Others have queried who is really perverse here: those who express forms of sexuality considered 'abnormal' or those who restrain, commit, and coerce individuals in the name of 'treatment'?

This conference will examine the concept of 'paraphilias' as produced by psychiatry. It will question and challenge the dominant biomedical model of pathological sexualities and interrogate the tenuous boundary between 'normal' and 'abnormal' sexual categories. It will investigate the role of the paraphilias in other systems, such as law, therapy, and pornography. The conference will consider the intersecting positions of gender, 'race' and culture from historical and contemporary perspectives, and consider the complexity regarding sexuality, pleasure, and consent.

Target Audience

Psychiatrists, Sex Therapists, Feminist Psychologists, Forensic Psychologists, Counsellors (particularly those involved with sexual minorities) and those with an interest in research regarding psychiatry and sexuality

Topics will include

- ✔ The history of the paraphilias
- ✔ Should Paraphilias Be Considered Mental Disorders- the Risk/Benefit Ratio
- ✔ Current debates regarding the criminalization of pornography
- ✔ Psychiatric diagnosis and sexual violence
- ✔ Intersections of sexual diagnoses with constructions of gender and 'race'
- ✔ Sexual minorities, therapy, and diagnoses

Abstract Submission

The organizing committee at Medineo is pleased to invite you to submit abstracts for a poster presentation at our (Ab)Normal Sexuality? A Critical Inquiry into the Paraphilias conference (Posters on previously presented work are welcome). Abstracts will be selected on a "first come first serve" basis. Deadline for abstract submission is the 31st March 2014.

All abstracts must be submitted and presented in English and should not be longer than 300 words. Enter the full name of your abstract exactly as it appears in your abstract document. This will be used for printing in the final programme. Author's, whose abstracts are accepted, must attend the meeting and present in person. Abstracts are to be presented as a poster. The size of the poster should be 90 x 120 cm. Ideally, each poster will be self-explanatory, but there will be various sessions where presenting authors are expected to be available near their poster to answer questions and engage in discussions.

All accepted abstracts will be printed in the meeting abstract book. This book will be distributed to all participants at the meeting and is included in the registration fee.

Programme

08.50 - 09.20 **Registration and refreshments**

09.20 - 09.30 **Chair's Welcome**

Dr Jemma Tosh,
Lecturer, University of Chester

09.30 - 10.10 **History of the paraphilias**

Dr Alex Dymock,
PhD Candidate, School of Law, University of Reading

10.10 - 10.50 **Should Paraphilias Be Considered Mental Disorders- the Risk/Benefit Ratio**

Dr Allen Frances,
Professor Emeritus and former Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Duke University and the author of 'Saving Normal' and 'The Essentials of Psychiatric Diagnosis

10.50 - 11.00 **Panel Discussion and Question and Answers**

11.00 - 11.30 **Morning Coffee Break and Poster Presentation**

11.30 - 12.10 **Working with Consensual BDSM and Fetishes: Implications for therapy**

Dominic Davies,
Director, Pink Therapy

12.50 - 12.50 **BDSM/consent and pathologisation**

Dr. Meg Barker,
Senior Lecturer in Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences, Milton Keynes

12.50 - 13.00 **Panel Discussion and Question and Answers**

13.00 - 13.50 **Lunch Break and Poster Presentation**

13.50 - 14.30 **Paraphilias and sexual violence**

Dr Jemma Tosh,
Lecturer University of Chester

14.30 - 15.10 **„Extreme Pornography“, Prosecutions and S and M**

Professor Clarissa Smith,
Centre for Research in Media & Cultural Studies

15.10 - 15.40 **Afternoon Coffee Poster Presentation**

15.40 - 16.20 **Paraphilias and law**

Andrea Beckmann,
University of Lincoln

16.20 - 16.30 **Panel Discussion and Question and Answers**

16.30 - 16.40 **Chair's closing remarks**

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