



Death and Sexuality

British Sociological Association's Social Aspects of Death,
Dying and Bereavement Study Group Annual Symposium

Thursday 14th December 2023, 9.30 - 5pm GMT

Online delivery via Microsoft Teams

9.30am - 9.50am: Log-in and informal introductions

9.50am - 10am: Welcome from the co-convenors

Keynote: 10am - 11am

"TBC" 45-minute lecture, followed by 15 minute Q&A.

Professor Sarah Earle, The Open University, UK

Session 1: 11am - 12.30pm Sex and intimacy in later life and the end of life

"The Death of Sex?: Exploring Affirmative Rejections of Sex Against Successful Ageing." Dr Giulia Nazzaro, Nika Looman and Professor Katrien De Graeve, Ghent University, Belgium

"Supporting sex and intimacy until the end of life for older adults living with dementia" Dr Alisa Grigorovich, Brock University and Dr Pia Kontos, University of Toronto, Canada

"Intergenerational conversations about LGBTQ+ needs at the end-of-life – persisting fears in a changing world, reflections from Sweden" Dr Max Kleijberg, Karolinska Institute, Sweden

12.30 - 1.15pm Lunch

Session 2: 1.15pm - 2.45pm LGBTQ+ people, close relationships, and loss

"Death and Dying in the Queer Family" Polly Maxwell, University of Bath, UK

"The Intersection of Homelessness, Climate Crisis, and Non-Normative Sexualities: A Risk to Life" Dr Matthew Kearny, University of Liverpool, UK

"Death, Intergenerationality and Sexuality Scholarship – Memory, Mentorship, Boundary Work and the Queer 'Queer' Legacy of Ken Plummer's Writing" Dr Christian Klesse, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK

2.45 - 3pm Break

Session 3: 3pm - 4.30pm Memorialization, identity, and the body

"Narrative Transgressions: Identity and bereavement in Latin American Cinema" Dr Meiko Makita and Scott Morris, University of Dundee, UK

"Bidding a Final Adieu in Darkness: The Saga of Hijaras (transgenders) in India" Dr Veenat Arora, Post Graduate Government College for Girls, India

"Tactile Intimacies of Death: Corpse Washers and Gendered Limits of Mourning in Turkey" Dr Asli Zengin, Rutgers University-New Brunswick, USA

4.30pm - 5pm Discussion and Concluding Remarks

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