Gender and Feminist Theory Research Group

Hosted by the Department of Political Science and International Studies (POLSIS), our research group encompasses members from across the College of Social Sciences, whose research interests lie in a range of areas which fall under the headings gender studies and/or feminist theoretical analysis/readings of politics/international politics, sociology, education, geography, development studies, economics, management studies, social policy and other areas of applied social science.

The re-constitution of this research group as a cross-College configuration recognizes the growing profile of gender studies in the College of Social Sciences at Birmingham, with an increasing number of staff and research students along with the provision of a number of specialist courses on gender at both undergraduate and post-graduate level. This is reflected in the teaching menu, which includes the recently revamped **MA in International Relations (Gender) (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/international-relations-gender.aspx)** . Group members also contribute to the PhD programme in **Gender and Sexuality Studies (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/research/arts-law-inter/sexuality-gender-studies.aspx)** , hosted by the College of Arts and Law. Individual members are involved in major research projects

Many members are also members of the University wideresearch network on gender and sexualities and are active in a variety of national, regional and international research networks. Group members have recently organized or participated in workshops on austerity politics and global governance. We are keen to feed into current initiatives that promote equality and diversity across the University.

The Group currently has 26 members, at all levels from Professors to Teaching Fellows and Doctoral Researchers, drawn from Political Science, International Relations, Sociology, Social Policy, International Development, Local Government, Management Studies, Health Service Management and Applied Social Studies. We organize a variety of research activities, including a reading group (lead by Renata Reynaldo and Linsay Murch) workshops and conferences. We anticipate that the newly configured Group will facilitate capacity building and collaboration in research grant applications and allow members to share knowledge and expertise in the areas of research impact and dissemination.

We aim to also provide informal mentoring and support to all our members. Researchers from across the College are welcome to join us. Please contact Shelley Budgeon **s.budgeon@bham.ac.uk (mailto:smithnj@bham.ac.uk%0de.a.foster@bham.ac.uk%0ds.budgeon@bham.ac.uk)** or Emma Foster **e.a.foster@bham.ac.uk (mailto:e.a.foster@bham.ac.uk)** .

Research projects

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Male and Transgender Sex Work in the UK and Netherlands (2011 - 12) (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/research/projects/2011/male-transgender-sex-work-uk-netherlands.aspx)

Description
The proposed research seeks to contribute to academic and policy debates about commercial sex by advancing empirical and theoretical knowledge in the under-explored area of male and transgender sex work.

More **research projects in the department (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/research/projects/index.aspx)** .

Members: Academic staff

Dr Jill Steans

Jill Steans (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/staff/profiles/steans-jill.aspx) research interests fall mainly in the area of gender in International Relations and International Political Economy. Her book ***Gender and International Relations*** **(http://eu.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-0745662781.html)** (3rd edition published in 2013) is known throughout the world. Beyond Birmingham, Jill is involved in a number of national and international research networks. She is a founder and current administrator of the virtual research network and discussion forum the **Gender in Governance Net-work (http://genderinglobalgovernancenet-work.net/about/)** , which is designed to encourage interaction and dialogue between academics and policy makers in the realm of gender in global governance and to disseminate knowledge about this work to a wider public. She is currently playing a leading role in the development of teaching and employability initiatives, as the College of Social Science as Academic Lead for the Professional Development Module.

Publications:

(with Dani Tepe) Interrogating the Global/Local Nexus: A Feminist IPE Approach to the 'Problem' of Social Cohesion and Community Cohesion, *International Politics,* 49, 1, 2012.

(With Daniela Tepe) 'Introduction: Social Reproduction in International Political Economy: Theoretical Insights and International, Transnational and Local Sitings' *Review of International Political Economy,*17, 5, 2010: 807-815.

'Telling Stories about Women and Gender in the 'War on Terror.' *Global Society,* 21, 1, January 2008:. ISSN: 1360-0826.

'Revisionist Heroes and Dissident Heroines: Gender, Nation and War in Soviet Films of "the Thaw"', *Global Society,* 24, 3, 2010: 401-419.

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She is currently working on a number of projects; namely, the construction of 'developed' and 'developing' states through gender(ed) practices at the intersection of the body and the relationship between gender and corruption in Nigeria and India (with Dr Heather Marquette, International Development Department, University of Birmingham).

With regard to the former Emma has recently published in this field. She is further engaged in a number of projects which look at the teaching of gender and sexuality in

the disciplines of political science and international relations. Emma has published articles in British Politics (2008), Globalizations (2011), Political Studies Review (2011) the BJPIR (forthcoming) and Gender, Place and Culture (forthcoming). Moreover, she has reviewed articles for Third World Quarterly and the European Journal of Political Research.

She is a member of the Environmental Politics Research Group, the Global Studies Association and has served on the steering group related to the teaching of gender and sexuality in the social sciences for C-SAP (the Centre for Sociology, Anthropology and Politics).

Publications:

'Problematising the Centrality of Gender in Environmental Governmentality' in *Globalizations*, (2011)

'Gender and International Relations' for J. Haynes and L. Pettiford *World Politics* (2011, Pearson)

'Female Circumcision vs. Designer Vaginas: Surgical Genital Practices and the Discursive Reproduction of State Boundaries' for A. Cameron, J. Dickinson and N. Smith (eds.) *Body/State* (forthcoming 2012, Ashgate)

The (Re)production of Sexual Norms through Environmental Discourses' in *Gender, Place and Culture* (forthcoming)

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Her research is grounded within critical political theory, utilising work from feminist, post-structural, radical democratic theory and Critical Theory. She has a particular interest in the work of Michel Foucault, having published work on the politicising potential of the critical method of genealogy and is currently preparing work on Foucault's writings on the body. Laura's other current research interests concern British politics and gender, and the politics of presence within the Academy.

She is currently working (with Stephen Bates and Fran Amery) on an examination of the (de)politicising effects of the removal of the 'Father's Clause' in the amended Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act. In 2005 Laura won the PSA Prize for the best paper in the journal *Politics* for her first publication "Corporeal Ontology: Beyond Mind-Body Dualism?" Laura is also a member of the, British Politics Research Group, the Social and Political Theory Research Cluster and the Political Studies Association. She has acted as a reviewer for *New Political Economy* and *British Politics* Journals. She has also co-written an article on pedagogy and is keen to continue to combine her teaching and research interests.

Publications:

(2011) "The Difference Genealogy Makes: Strategies for Politicisation or How to Extend Capacities for Autonomy", *Political Studies*, 59 (1), pp. 156-174.

(with Bates, S R.) (2007) "In Defence of Pluralism in the Teaching of Ontology and Epistemology: A Reply to Hay, Marsh and Furlong", *Politics*, 27(3), pp.208-211 (Most Read Article in the Journal Politics in 2007/2008)

(with Bates, S. R.) (2007) "Teaching and Learning Ontology and Epistemology in Political Science", *Politics*, 27(1), pp.55-63

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Her books include Third Wave Feminism and the Politics of Gender in Late Modernity (Palgrave, 2011) and Choosing a Self: Young Women and the Individualization of Identity (Praegar, 2003). She has co-edited a special issue of Current Sociology on "Cultures of Intimacy and Care Beyond 'The Family' and has published in a wide range of journals including Sociology, "The Dynamics of Gender Hegemony: Femininities, Masculinities and Social Change" (2013), Sexualities, Body & Society, European Journal of Women's Studies, Sociological Research Online, and Women's Studies International Forum.

She has been a visiting scholar at the University of British Columbia Institute for Gender, 'Race', Sexuality and Social Justice and at the Monash University Centre for Women's Studies and Gender Research.

Publications:

Budgeon, S. (2013) "The Dynamics of Gender Hegemony: Femininities, Masculinities and Social Change", *Sociology*. DOI: 10.1177/0038038513490358

Third Wave Feminism and the Politics of Gender in Late Modernity (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011).

"The Contradictions of Successful Femininity: Third Wave Feminism, Postfeminism and 'New' Femininities", in Gill, Rosalind and Scharff, Christina (eds.), New Femininities: Postfeminism, Neoliberalism and Subjectivity. (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010).

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Nicola is currently working on a Leverhulme Trust-funded project with Katy Pilcher on 'Male and transgender sex work in the UK and the Netherlands', which will last from 1 October 2011 to 31 July 2012. The key aims of the research are: to speak directly to people working in and around the sex industry, and particularly male and transgender escorts, whose voices are rarely heard in debates about commercial sex; to interrogate the political, economic and cultural context of male and transgender sex work in the UK and the Netherlands; and to consider how academic and policy debates might be reframed to take more account of male and transgender sex work, not least with respect to the appropriateness of current policies and services to the needs of sex workers themselves.

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Publications:

Pieces in Sexualities, Leisure Studies, Sociological Research Online, Journal of International Women's Studies, and Reinvention, and she is an executive committee member of the Feminist and Women's Studies Association UK and Ireland (FWSA).

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Stephen Bates is a political scientist whose research interests are in the areas of power, political change and issues of representation and accountability. These concerns are linked by a desire to understand, explain and extend political agency in terms of the range of choices, strategies and futures open to individuals and groups within society.

Stephen's current research is on an examination of the (de)politicising effects of the removal of the 'Father's Clause' in the amended Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act (with Laura Jenkins and Fran Amery), the status of women within Political Science (with Laura Jenkins, Zoe Pflaeger and Kelly Rogers), the power of the Left (with David Bailey), and Prime Minister's Questions (with Peter Kerr). He has published in journals such as Sociology, Polity, Parliamentary Affairs, Political Studies Review, the Journal of Political Power, and Politics.

He was an invited participant on the APSA Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession's Roundtable on the Comparative Status of Women in Political Science at the 2012 APSA Annual Meeting and is a founding member of the International Network on the Status of Women in Political Science.

Publications:

"Questions to the Prime Minister: A Comparative Study of PMQs from Thatcher to Cameron", (with Peter Kerr, Christopher Byrne and Liam Stanley), Parliamentary Affairs, advance access, (2012), pp.1-28

"Women in the Profession: The Composition of UK Political Science Departments by Sex", (with Laura Jenkins and Zoe Pflaeger), Politics, 32/3, (2012), pp.139-152.

"Struggle (or its absence) during the crisis: what power is left?", (with David Bailey), Journal of Political Power, 5/2, (2012), pp.195-216.

"Re-Structuring Power", Polity, 42/3, (2010), pp.352-376.

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Fiona's current research is focused on employment and policy issues linked to older age, the ageing society and the care economy, which includes research on women's unpaid work particularly the trade-off between informal care provision and paid employment. She is currently Director of Doctoral Research in the College of Social Science.

Publications:

Carmichael, F. and Ercolani, M. (forthcoming) Overlooked and undervalued: the caring contribution of older people, International Journal of Social Economics (accepted for publication July 2013))

Carmichael, F, Duberley, J. and Szmigin, I. (forthcoming) Exploring Women's Retirement: Continuity, Context and Career Transition, Gender, Work & Organization (accepted for publication, October 2012) (ABS 3: Impact factor 1.207)

Carmichael F., Hulme. C., Ingham. B., Porcellato, L., and Prashar, A., (2010) Giving older workers a voice; constraints on employment, Work Employment and Society, Volume 24 Issue 1, March 2010, 85-103

Carmichael F., Charles, S. and Hulme, C. T., (2010) Who will care? Employment status and willingness to supply informal care, Journal of Health Economics, 29, 182-90

Carmichael F, Connell G, Hulme C, Sheppard S., (2008) Work life imbalance; informal care and paid employment, Feminist Economics, April 14(2) 3-35

Carmichael F. and Hulme C., (2008) Are the Needs of Carers Being Met by Government Policy? Journal of Community Nursing, September 22:, 4-12

Commissioned reports

Carmichael F. (2011) Review of research on caregiving activities and labour market behaviour. Report for The Policy Research Directorate, Strategic and Policy Research Branch of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, Canadian Federal Government

Carmichael, F., (2011) Informal Care in the UK: Constraints on Choice, Report for the British Academy, summary available at:
www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/business/ research/research-centres/crew/working-papers.aspx (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/business/ research/research-centres/crew/working-papers.aspx)

British Academy (2010-11): The determinants of care giving commitment; the roles of caring need and the care givers' employment and health. £3,100 (PI)

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Publications:

Jo has published two major research monographs. Her recent publications include:

Cohen, L and Duberley, J (2013) Constructing careers through narrative and music: an analysis of Desert Island Discs, Journal of Vocational Behavior, forthcoming

Duberley, J and Carrigan M (2013) The Career Narratives of 'Mumpreneurs': Women's experiences of combining enterprise and motherhood, International Small Busines Journal forthcoming

Carrigan, M and Duberley, J (2013) Time triage: Exploring the temporal strategies that support entrepreneurship and motherhood, Time and Society, forthcoming

MacFarlane, F Duberley J and Powell, M (2012) Talent management in the NHS: human resources or resourceful humans? Public Money and Management, forthcoming

Duberley, J and Cohen, L (2010) Gendering Career Capital: A Study of UK Women Scientists, Journal of Vocational Behavior, 76, 2, pp187-197

Cohen, L., Duberley, J and Musson, G (2009) Work-life balance? An autoethnographic exploration of everyday home-work dynamics, Journal of Management Inquiry, 2009 , vol 18, pp229-241

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In addition to her work on globalisation and citizenship, Katie engages with gender issues in her current ESRC funded research on 'Shrinking the State', a project that explores the Coalition Government's attempt to reform arms' length bodies and to deliver the policy goal of a smaller, smarter, cheaper state.

Publications

Tonkiss, K. (2013) Migration and Identity in a Post-National World. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Tonkiss, K. (2013) Constitutional Patriotism, Migration and the Post-National Dilemma. Citizenship Studies. 17 (3-4), 491-504.

Bloom, T., and Tonkiss, K. (2013) European Union and Commonwealth Free Movement: A Historical-Comparative Approach. Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies. 39 (7), 1065-1085.

Tonkiss, K. (2013) Postnational Citizenship without Postnational Identity? A Case Study of UK Immigration Policy and Intra-EU Migration. Journal of Global Ethics. 9 (1), 35-48.

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She is particularly interested in the changing relationships between the local state, communities and citizens. Catherine focuses on local policy implementation and service delivery, practice and local knowledge, neighbourhood working and participation and empowerment.

Publications:

Durose, C., Beebeejaun, Y., Rees, J. and Richardson, L. (forthcoming) 'Public value or public harm? towards co-production in research with communities' Environment and Planning

Durose, C., Beebeejaun, Y., Rees, J., Richardson, J. and Richardson, L. (2013) 'Beyond Text: exploring ethos and method in co-producing research with communities' Community Development Journal DOI: 10.1093/cdj/bst008

Durose, C., Richardson, L., Combs, R., Eason, C. and Gains, F. (2013) '"Acceptable difference": diversity, representation and careerism in UK politics' Parliamentary Affairs DOI:10.1093/pa/gss085

Durose, C. and Rees, J. (2012) 'The rise and fall of neighbourhood in the New Labour era' Policy & Politics 40(1) 39-55 DOI: http://dx.doi.org/10.1332/030557310X550079

Durose, C. (2011) 'Re-visiting Lipsky: front line work in UK local governance' Political Studies 59(4) 978-995 DOI: 10.1111/j.1467-9248.2011.00886.x

Catherine's current research grants include:

- Making a difference in urban neighbourhoods: a cross-national comparative Q-methodology survey (European Research Initiative, from May 2013; with Stephen Jeffares, University of Birmingham, Merlijn van Hulst/ Laurens de Graaf, Tilburg University, Annika Agger, Roskilde University, Oliver Escobar, University of Edinburgh)
- Interrogating Urban Crisis: Governance, Contestation and Critique (Urban Studies, from September 2013; Co-Investigator, Principal Investigator, Jonathan Davies, De

Montfort University with Steven Griggs, De Montfort University, Ismael Blanco, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Jill Gross, CUNY and Helen Sullivan, University of Melbourne)

- Ways of Knowing: exploring the different registers, values and subjectivities of collaborative research (Arts and Humanities Research Council: Connected Communities programme, February 2013 to January 2014; Co-Investigator, Principal Investigator, Helen Graham, University of Leeds)
- Community Governance in a Context of Decentralisation (Arts and Humanities Research Council: Connected Communities programme, November 2012 to April 2013; Principal Investigator with Liz Richardson University of Manchester, Matthew Hilton, University of Birmingham)
- Re-defining Service Delivery (Arts and Humanities Research Council: Connected Communities programme, November 2012 to April 2013; Principal Investigator with Catherine Needham, Catherine Mangan, James Rees, Matthew Hilton, University of Birmingham)
- Evaluation of Community Organisers and Community First (Office of Civil Society, Cabinet Office, November 2012 to February 2015; Independent Advisor, with IPSOS MORI and nef consulting)
- Reframing Citizen-State Relationships in a Time of Austerity: Community Empowerment in England and Scotland (Arts and Humanities Research Council: Connected Communities programme, January 2012 to December 2012; Co-Investigator, Principal Investigator, Joe Painter, University of Durham with Tony Bovaird, University of Birmingham, Annette Hastings, University of Glasgow, Peter Matthews Herriot Watt University and Katie Schmuecker, IPPR North)
- Beyond the State? Third Party Government in Comparative Perspective (Economic and Social Research Council; January 2011 to January 2013, Co-Investigator, Principal Investigator Chris Skelcher, University of Birmingham with Jonathan Justice, University of Delaware)

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Publications:

Matka, E., River, D., Littlechild, R. and Powell, T. (Dec 2009), Involving Service Users and Carers in Admissions for Courses in Social Work and Clinical Psychology: cross-disciplinary comparisons of practices at the University of Birmingham. *British Journal of Social Work*, advanced online access 13 Dec 2009.

Humphreys, C., Regan, L., River, D. and Thiara, R.K. (2005) Domestic Violence and Substance Use: Tackling Complexity *British Journal of Social Work* 35, 1303-1320

Humphreys, C., Regan, C., River, D. and Thiara, R.K. (2004) "Mind the Gap: Domestic Violence and Substance Misuse Services" Interim Report, Home Office and Greater London Authority (Research Report).

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Publications:

Ross, Charlotte (2012) 'Imagined Communities: Issues around LGBTQ Ageing in Italy', *Modern Italy*, Vol.17, no. 4, 2012, 449-464

Ross, Charlotte (2012) 'Queering Space in Turin'. In *Public and Private Spaces in Italian Culture*, ed. Simona Storchi. Fairleigh Dickinson University Press

Ross, Charlotte and Susanna Scarparo eds (2010), special issue of *Italian Studies*: Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Italian Culture: representations and critical debates, Vol. 65, no. 2: 164-77

Ross, Charlotte (2012) 'Queer Embodiments: Fluidity, Materiality, Stickiness' in Silvia Antosa (ed.) *Queer Crossings. Theories, Bodies, Texts*. Milan: Mimesis

Ross, Charlotte (2009) 'Collective Association in the LGBT Movement', in Daniele Albertazzi, Clodagh Brook, Charlotte Ross and Nina Rothenberg (eds), *Resisting the Tide: Cultures of Opposition in the Berlusconi Years 2001-06*. London: Continuum

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Publications:

Needham, C. (2013) 'The Boundaries of Budgets: why should individuals make spending choices about their health and social care?' London: Centre for Health and the Public Interest (http://chpi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Boundaries-of-Budgets-Catherine-Needham-July-31.pdf).

Needham, C. (2013) 'Personalized Commissioning, Public Spaces: The Limits of the Market in English Social Care Services', BioMedical Central: Health Services Research, 13, Suppl 1.

Needham, C., Sawbridge, Y. And Williams, I. (2013), Tesco and Starbucks have little to teach the NHS. *Health Service Journal* (http://www.hsj.co.uk/opinion/tesco-and-starbucks-have-little-to-teach-the-nhs/5061162.article).

Needham, C. (in press) Personalisation: from day centres to community hubs? Critical Social Policy, doi:10.1177/0261018313481564

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Publications:

Bottom, K,. Copus, C (in print), 'The BNP in local government: Support for the far-right or for community politics?, N. Copsey and G. Macklin (eds.), New Perspectives on the BNP, accepted for publication by Routledge.

With Crow, A. (forthcoming), 'Mob rule: how two single issue groups became the ruling parties on council', Local Government Studies.

With Copus, C. (forthcoming), 'Motivations for serving on council: independents versus the mainstream', Public Policy and Administration.

Clark, A., Bottom, K., Copus, C (2008) 'More similar than they would like to admit? Contemporary political ideologies and the rise of the British National Party and Respect in Britain', British Politics

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Dr Kay Fuller

Dr Kay Fuller's research interests fall mainly in the area of gender and educational leadership. Her book *Gender, Identity and Educational Leadership* was published in October 2013 and has received positive endorsements from the UK and Australia. Kay is involved in a number of national and international research networks. She is a founding co-convener of the British Educational Leadership Management and Administration Society (BELMAS) Research Interest Group 'Gender and Leadership'. This group was launched at the Institute of Education, London in 2013 and held a one day conference at the University of Birmingham, School of Education focusing on intersectionality in March 2014. It attracted delegates from Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Burma (Myanmar). Kay is also a member of the Women Leading Education group. This international group of women academics meets biannually to engage with research about gender and educational leadership from across the world.

Kay's active research projects include a BELMAS funded investigation into women's leadership preparation within secondary school senior leadership teams **http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/education/projects/womens-leadership-preparation.aspx (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/education/projects/womens-leadership-preparation.aspx)** and an exploration of values-led school leadership in Birmingham and Shanghai with Dr Xia Li form Shanghai Normal University. She is Principal Investigator of both.

Kay's work in Higher Education follows two successful careers in retail management and secondary school English teaching and leadership. Kay has worked in five mixed comprehensive schools in three local authorities: Sandwell, Birmingham and Worcestershire. As Head of English she led a successful English department to raise the achievement of children and young people. Having led the school in their school development planning, she took on the role of deputy headteacher at a large Birmingham comprehensive school.

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Rachel has research and teaching interests in gender, inequalities, identities, sociology of health and illness, heterosexualities, emotion work, family and kinship, narrative, the construction of traditions, individualisation theory, and the experiences of postgraduates who teach.

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Members: Doctoral researchers

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Ellie Gore (/schools/government-society/research/doctoral-researchers/profiles/gore-ellie.aspx) is a doctoral researcher in the International Development Department. Her PhD is based on an examination of sexual minority organising and the politics of homosexuality in Ghana. She is interested in queer and feminist theory, postcolonialism, and the anthropology of development.

Sarah Louise Johnson is a PhD candidate in the School of Philosphy, Theology and Religion (Philosophy). Her work is on the ethical problem of body commodification; specifically, what makes certain markets harmful, feminist debates on surrogacy and prostitution, and whether there is property in the body. Further details of Sarah's work are available at:**http://bham.academia.edu/SarahLouiseJohnson (https://mail.bham.ac.uk/owa/redir.aspx?C=RmUw88TwdEeq2XILs5s4Q-qv4aPlytAIlgR1C5nlQPR43sOTwCBHonmpd6SNzSzPTNK9yxa0L4E.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fbham.academia.edu%2fSarahLouiseJohnson)**

Fran Amery is an ESRC-funded doctoral researcher in the Department of Political Science and International Studies, and Graduate Co-ordinator of the PSA Women and Politics Specialist Group. Her thesis looks at the parliamentary politics of abortion in the UK since the passage of the 1967 Abortion Act, and her research interests include feminist politics, the body, biopolitics and health policy.

Lindsay Murch (/schools/government-society/research/doctoral-researchers/profiles/murch-lindsay.aspx) is a Doctoral Researcher and Research Assistant in the Institute of Conflict, Cooperation and Security. Her research is on gender in the military; specifically the implications of new military technologies, including Drones, and how this inflects on debates on gender in military and militarized contexts.

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Activities

Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Theory Networking Event

One-day networking workshop

Date: Friday 27 June 2014.
Venue: Winterborne House, Jekyll Room
Time: 9:30 - 4:00

This Workshop is designed to bring students and academics together from across the university who currently research in the areas of gender, sexuality and feminist theory.

The workshop will provide an informal opportunity for researchers to meet others who share interests and expertise; establish areas for potential collaboration across departments in order to enhance collective research activities and cultures; and identify a set of practical strategies for developing research activities to take forward as part of a regular programme for meetings of the *Gender and Feminist Theory Research Group* in 2014-15.

The day will be organized around a recently completed mapping of gender research currently being undertaken at the University and a series of discussion groups.

Participation is open to all and is free. Lunch is included, therefore, for catering purposes **please register in advance** with **Dr. Emma Foster (e.a.foster@bham.ac.uk (mailto:e.a.foster@bham.ac.uk) or Dr. Shelley Budgeon s.budgeon@bham.ac.uk (mailto:s.budgeon@bham.ac.uk))**. Please forward this invite to all colleagues and students at the University who are interested in gender research.

Recent and forthcoming events organized by or including GAFT participants include:

Win: Win Network for Empowering Women

Monday 09 December, 11.45-14.00 (417 Muirhead Tower, University of Birmingham)

An event designed to provide an informal space for women in the College of Social Sciences (CoSS) to come together, share their experiences and develop mutual support on issues of shared concern.

Participants include: Catherine Needham, Reader, Health Services Management Centre, School of Social Policy; Catherine Mangan, Senior Fellow, Institute for Local Government Studies, School of Government and Society; Kiran Trehan, Professor, Department of Management, Birmingham Business School; Sally Steele, College Head of Human Resources; Professor Cillian Ryan College Lead on equality and diversity issues. For further details contact Catherine Durose or Katie Tonkiss.

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Body/State in the Age of Austerity.

Saturday 22nd February 2014 (University of Birmingham)

This academic year, GAFT will be hosting the Political Studies Association's annual Women in Politics Conference. Dr. Laura Jenkins will act as one of two local organizers for the event. The theme this year's conference is Body/State in the Age of Austerity. Participants will interrogate the presence of sexed and raced bodies in political institutions; the disciplining of bodily 'deviance'; the state as 'masculine'; the politics of reproduction and new reproductive technologies; the politics of male and female circumcision; the politics of (dis)ability; the regulation of health and healthcare; poverty and hunger. Papers with an additional focus on austerity politics are particularly welcome. Informal enquiries should be directed to Laura Jenkins.

Prospective participants should submit a title and abstract (of no more than 200 words) to Fran Amery by the end of November, 2013. E-mail fca669@bham.ac.uk (mailto:fca669@bham.ac.uk) .

The Men Question in Global Governance

May, 2013 (University of Gothenburg)

In May, 2013 Jill Steans participated in a discussion on The Men Question in Global Governance hosted by the University of Gothenburg. A series of blogs based on presentations at the event have been published on the Gender in Global Governance Net-Work website.

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