

1st Annual Interdisciplinary Gender and Sexuality Postgraduate Colloquium

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The Colloquium, co-hosted by the School of Government and Society, has been one of the biggest events in the field of Gender and Sexuality Studies at the University of Birmingham thus far. The event was a big success as it attracted more than 60 University staff members and postgraduate researchers from varied disciplines.

After months of planning and facing challenges in organising the colloquium, the Annual Interdisciplinary Gender and Sexuality Postgraduate Colloquium began at the University of Birmingham. **The 1st Annual Colloquium, hosted by the School of Government and Society, the Department of Political Science and International Studies, and the Graduate Centre for Europe, took place on 27 May 2011. The event was opened by Professor Colin Thain, head of POLSIS, and was followed by the first keynote address by Dr Shelley Budgeon, Director of the Sociology Programme.**

Nine Doctoral Researchers from varied disciplines presented their works at the colloquium, six of whom were from the School of Government and Society. The colloquium sessions ended with the second keynote address by Professor Sarah Colvin, Director of the Institute for German Studies.

The colloquium attracted more than 60 University staff members and postgraduate researchers from varied disciplines. In her closing remarks, Dr Charlotte Ross, Convenor of the interdisciplinary MPhil in Gender Studies, acknowledged the colloquium as one of the biggest events in the field of Gender and Sexuality Studies at the University of Birmingham thus far.

The feedback forms revealed that almost all attendees were highly satisfied with the overall project. In particular, the colloquium booklet, which was produced by the colloquium coordinator, was applauded by many scholars and fellow researchers. This document is now online and can be downloaded here:

[Colloquium programme and abstract booklet](#)

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This Annual Interdisciplinary Gender and Sexuality Postgraduate Colloquium was conceived, organised, and coordinated by Ali Amirmoayed, Sociology Doctoral Researcher in the School of Government and Society.

Following the success of the event, the postgraduate researchers involved in this project have decided to continue this interdisciplinary colloquium at the University of Birmingham in the coming years.

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