

NOISE 2011 Summer School

The miraculous (dis-)appearing Act of Sexuality: Mapping the Study of Sexuality in Europe, 1960-2010

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The Netherlands

- Have you always wondered how different sexualities connect and intersect with people's identifications and identities?
- Which trajectories have sexuality, its academic study, and activism centering on sexuality, followed in a European context during the period 1960-2010?
- Do you want to use cutting-edge feminist theories to interrogate and understand old and new sexual phenomena in their changing historical and geo-political contexts?
- Do you want to explore in which ways "Girls just want to have fun", these days?

Then join the 2011 Summer School!

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While Europe has not experienced an equivalent to the highly polarized U.S. feminist "sex wars" (late 70's through the 80's), those decades certainly initiated a time - in various parts of Europe - when sexuality became a densely debated and highly prioritized theme, both in society and in academia. In the past five decades we have seen moments when sexuality and desire were at the forefront of the individual and the collective imagination; at other times, sexuality appeared to be latent, 'normalized', almost disappearing from view. Currently, same-sex desire in many circles no longer seems to be lodged in transgressive realms, but has come down to earth in the form of nuclearized families and consumerism, while simultaneously we are also, on a large scale, confronted with pornified manifestations of female sexuality. These are just some of the issues that we would like to address at this 19th Summer School. We would like to engage in a discussion of how to make sense of the multitudes of bewildering and seemingly disparate issues in the field of sexuality, but also, on a very basic level, explore the different ways in which "girls are having fun" these days!

Academically, since the 1960's, we have seen a gradual emergence of Gay and Lesbian Studies, and later we witnessed a still unfolding Queer Studies. The Summer School emphatically engages with the *European* relation between these two broad bodies of knowledge production. These fields of study, by necessity, embody a space of encounter between various liberatory discourses, located in various disciplines, thus the school will be actively inter- and multidisciplinary. The aim of this year's Summer School is to map the different approaches within a European realm that have been taken to Sexuality/Gay and Lesbian/Queer Studies: What are the questions that researchers have asked? Which methods have been used in such studies? Are there differences in themes to be discerned in different parts of Europe? And which themes have been missing so far and need to be addressed urgently?

Four overlapping themes will be discussed in the Summer School: 1. Histories of sexualities; 2. Discourses of sexuality; 3. New issues emerging in relation to sexualities; and 4. Multiculturalisms and sexual nationalisms. As much as possible, intersectionality will be

practiced: sexuality will be thought simultaneously with gender, 'race'/ethnicity, class and other important axes of signification.

First Cluster: Sexualities in the Making

The Summer School starts with an introductory programme introducing students to the epistemological, methodological and thematic issues central to the interdisciplinary and transnational field of Sexuality Studies, Gay, Lesbian and Queer Studies in Europe, and the basic themes of the course. The focus is on different European *histories* of sexuality and on the *discourses* that make sexual identifications and identities possible. The histories include snapshots from the women's/lesbian movement in different parts of 70's/80's Europe, such as the 'purple Revolution' as well as/or abortion activism. We will also take up case studies from the history of science, involving the genealogy of particular concepts, such as intersexualization, as well as offering various readings of psychoanalysis and the issue of 'queer migrations'. Among the discourses to be explored, heterosexuality, masculinity, Bi-, Queer and Trans-discourses will be addressed.

Second Cluster: Deconstructing Sexualities

The second cluster continues the epistemological, methodological and thematic discussions we have started during the first week, but will also focus on *new issues* regarding questions of sexuality of various kinds that have sprung up in the past two decades, including a state-of-the-art queer interrogation of 'what's left of desire' and the various categories used to capture sexuality. Among the new themes that will be addressed are the new scientific discourses of sexuality, such as genomics, issues of lesbian motherhood, porn chique (European style, women's sex shops, lesbian leisure spaces in metropolitan sites), and the issue of sexuality and the post-secular condition. Of special relevance here is also a concern with rising xenophobia's and the resulting configurations in our contemporary European multicultural societies. *Multiculturalism and sexuality* as well as *sexual nationalisms* in various European incarnations will become a major focus in and for our discussion.

- There is also an evening programme planned, consisting of various episodes of contemporary TV-series like *The L-Word*, *Mad Men* and *True Blood*, which will be jointly discussed within the frame of our theme.

Aims

This advanced training course offers a diversified, but coherent programme of study from an interdisciplinary perspective. This summer school is meant for MA and PhD students. Separate seminars for these two groups will be provided.

Formula

- Two lectures in the morning
- Separate MA- and PhD-seminars in the afternoon
- Social programme
- Students prepare before NOISE by reading and collecting material for assignments (approximately 70 hours of work). After the school has ended, participants who fulfilled all requirements (preparation of assignments and reading, active participation, and final essay of 10-15 pages) receive the NOISE Certificate for 210 hours of work, equaling 7,5 ECTS
- All students are expected to participate in the entire programme for the duration of two weeks

Please check the website for more information, registration and regular updates:

<http://www.genderstudies.nl> – Education – NOISE Summer School

Venue & Accommodation

The NOISE Summer School 2011 will be hosted at Nyenrode University in Breukelen. All participants will be accommodated at Nyenrode University. For more information on this location, please contact the NOI♀SE organization.

Tuition Fees

The tuition fee is €850,-. This includes digital reading materials, but excludes accommodation, subsistence costs (i.e. evening meals, drinks etc) and possible excursions.

Students with a grant from NOISE partner universities are exempt from tuition fees.

A NOI♀SE grant is available for **one** student from every NOI♀SE partner university. This grant covers a tuition fee waiver, accommodation, and partly reimburses travel expenses. Please note that you'll have to pay a contribution of €250,- to the NOISE Programme. If you want to apply for this grant from your university, please check with your local contact person about the application procedure. If you want to apply for the grant of your university, please check with your local contact-person if there're more students from your university interested. The contact person will have to write a short recommendation for the NOISE office, which the contact person can send by email to: noise@uu.nl

Teachers in the course

The Summer School is organized by the Graduate Gender Programme in cooperation with the partner universities. The 2011 edition is coordinated by prof. dr. Gloria Wekker and by dr. Kathrin Thiele (both Utrecht University, the Netherlands). The first week is coordinated by prof. dr. Gloria Wekker and the second week by dr. Kathrin Thiele. Several renowned professors and scholars from various disciplines and different NOISE partner universities will be teaching at the Summer School. As soon as collaboration is confirmed, their names will be announced on the website.

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Registration:

Please note that you can **only** register online (before **May 13th**) at this address:

<http://www.utrechtsummerschool.nl/index.php?type=courses&code=C16>

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