

Sexualities and Gender and Feminist Studies Pre-Conference

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“Dialogues between Women’s and LGTB Rights”

Hosted by the Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies, University of Toronto

University of Toronto Arts Centre, University of Toronto

15 King's College Circle

PROGRAM

(Please note that English-Spanish simultaneous interpretation will be available)

7:30 - 8:00 Breakfast and Registration

8:00 – 8:30 Introduction and Acknowledgements

8:30 – 10:15: Panel 1. The North-South Dialogue of ‘Successful’ Experiences

This panel will bring activists and experts to share their experience and knowledge on the successful cases in the advancement of rights in the Americas.

Chair: Jordi Díez, Political Science, University of Guelph

a) *The Case of the Legalization of Abortion in Mexico City*. Dr. Leticia Bonifaz, Legal Adviser to Mexico City’s Mayor Marcelo Ebrard

b) *La despenalización del aborto en la Ciudad de México: punto de llegada y de partida para otros contextos*. Ma. Luisa Sanchez, GIRE, México

c) *Gay Marriage in Argentina*. Esteban Paulón, Federación Argentina de Lesbianas, Gays y Trans

d) *Canada and Sexual-Minority Rights*. David Rayside, University of Toronto

e) *The Case of Civil Unions in Uruguay*. Diego Sempol, Universidad de la Republica, Uruguay

Discussant: Verónica Schild, University of Western Ontario

10:15 – 10:30: Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:15: Panel 2. Experiences with Migration

The panel intends to foster a dialogue on the impact migration has had on the status of women and sexual minorities in the Americas and beyond, both in the recipient countries as well as the countries of origin. Central to the panel will be discussions of socio-economic marginalization.

Chair: Danny Méndez, Michigan State University

a) *Negotiating Borders: Immigration, Violence and Resistance in the Central American Immigrant Community*. Dilcia Molina (Washington, DC)

b) *The Political Economy of Motherhood: Gender, Migration, Tran-Nationalism: Ecuadorian Women in Spain*. Gioconda Herrera, FLACSO/Ecuador

c) *LGTB Mobilization of the Latin American Community in Toronto*, Leonardo Zuñiga, LGTB and human rights activist, Toronto

Discussant: Salvador Vidal-Ortiz, American University

12: 15 – 1:15 Break

1:15– 3:00: Panel 3. Counter-Movements

This panel brings together activists and academics that are able to illuminate us on the process of the trans-nationalization of counter-movements to the women's and LGTB agenda (e.g. churches). We often talk about the internationalization of social movement efforts but less is talked about how this internationalization affects the strength and strategies of counter-movements.

Chair: Horacio Sivori, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro

a) *Religion and Sexual Rights in Mexico and Brazil*, Rafael de la Dehesa, CUNY-Staten Island

b) *Religious Counter-Organizing in Mexico*. Christian Rea, Notiese, Letra S, Mexico

c) *El Referendum del Odio y la Democracia Simulada en Costa Rica*. Montserrat Sagot, Universidad De Costa Rica

d) *Evangelical Discourses about LGBT Issues in Contemporary Argentina (2000-2010)*.

Daniel Jones, Universidad de Buenos Aires/CONICET

Discussant: Graciela Di Marco, Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Argentina

3:00 – 3:15 Coffee Break

3:15 – 5:00: Panel 4. Dialogues between Women's and LGTB Experiences

This panel brings together activists and academics who can contribute to the debates that exist between the strategies and objectives pursued by women and LGTB movements to attain their respective goals. What are some of the lessons learned from collaborative efforts? What are some of the strategies that could be used to strengthen these alliances as we continue to look for common grounds?

Chair: Hector Rodriguez-Ruvalcaba, University of Texas at Austin

a) *Diversity beyond Race and Ethnicity: Inter-culturalidad Trans Rights and the Ecuadorian Constitution.* Elizabeth Vásquez, Proyecto Transtango, Ecuador

b) *Transnational Dimensions of LGBT and Women's Rights Struggles,* Elisabeth Jay Friedman, University of San Francisco

c) *Feminism and LGBT Rights Activism in Neo-liberal and 'Post-neoliberal' Times: Reflections from Ecuador.* Amy Lind, University of Cincinnati

d) *Race, Sexuality, and Gender: Militancy in the Caribbean,* Natalie Bennett, DePaul University

e) *Entre la academia, el activismo y el arte-accion.* el Colectivo Desbordes de Gener@ en Ecuador, Maria Amelia Viteri, FLACSO/Ecuador

Discussant: Larry La Fountain-Stokes, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

5:00 – 6:00 Screening of Documentary: ¿Oye qué bola? Cuban Voices on Sexual Diversity

University College, Room 140

Synopsis: Mariela Castro, daughter of President Raúl Castro and director of CENESEX, takes center stage in this documentary about LGBT culture in Cuba. Castro, along with her fellow Cubans, describes their experiences and repression endured over the years

since the revolution. A unique take on Cuba's repressions and ills of the past, the state of LGBT issues in Cuba today, and hopes for the future.

The documentary was produced by David Fernández and Jerome Scully , students of Latin American and Sexualities studies at the University of Toronto. They will be present to answer questions from the audience. The film is 38 minutes long and it will be followed by a 20-minute Q & A session.

6:00 – 8:00: Reception (Cash Bar)

Croft House, University College