



BSA REGIONAL POSTGRADUATE SEMINAR

SEXUALISATION: A CAUSE FOR CONCERN?

July 5th 2011

School of Health and Related Research (SchARR), University of Sheffield

The increasing sexualisation of Western Society and the increase in media technologies is cited as a major concern, particularly in relation to public health, with rates of STIs and abortion on the increase, and teenage conceptions the highest in Europe. Yet, as noted by Peter and Lupton (1995), this deterministic, governmental approach to risk should not be taken for granted. Research into this field is in its infancy, and presents significant ethical and practical challenges.

We are pleased to announce this one day seminar, sponsored by the British Sociological Association which will open and explore the sexualisation and sexual health from a sociological lens. It provides summative, thought provoking key note presentations, and emerging research from post graduate researchers in the field. The event will be of interest to postgraduate researchers, academics and practitioners working in the broad field of sexualities, health and illness.

Provisional Programme

09.00- 10.00: Registration & Coffee

10.00-10.10: Introduction

10.10-10.25: Policy Overview & Context, Steve Slack, Director, Centre for Sexual Health & HIV

10.25-11.25 '*Mainstreaming Sex*', Professor Feona Attwood, Sheffield Hallam University, Keynote Speaker

11.25-11.35 Grab a Coffee

11.30-12.30 '*Normal*' Sex in psychosexual therapy, Dr Meg Barker, Open University

12.30-13.00 Lunch

13.00-13.30 "*Sexualised Culture: A Cause for concern?*" Clare Bale, PhD Candidate, University of Sheffield.

13.30-14.00, "*Young People's Use of Sexual Online Content: Nature and emerging discourses*" Despina Chronaki, PHD Candidate, Institute of Education

14.00-14.30 '*What is 'Good sex'? : Young peoples' understandings and experiences of pleasure in sex and relationships*, Ester McGeeney, Research Student, The Open University

14.30 -15.15 '*A Discourse for All Seasons*' Dr Clarissa Smith, University of Sunderland

15.15 -15.30 Break

16.00- 17.00 '*What else can a sexy body do?*' Professor Nick Fox, Sheffield University, Keynote Speaker

17.00 -17.30, Plenary Discussion

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