

Call for Papers

Special Issue: Sexuality in Movement: Beyond the 'Sexual Revolution'

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The so-called Sexual Revolution and the social movements that were a part of it have recently received renewed attention through several academic publications, such as those by Hekma & Giami, 2014 and Buijs et al., 2014. Importantly, however, social movements struggling to extend (or remove) the boundaries of sexuality, as well as those attempting to shore up or further constrict sexual norms, are not unique to the short period now known as 'the Sexual Revolution'. The *Tijdschrift voor Genderstudies* will dedicate a special issue to research in this field and invites articles contributing to academic reflection on movements, specifically focused on contemporary and historic movements that engage with sexuality.

A short history of contested issues in The Netherlands may illustrate how wide-ranging sexuality as a site of political struggle is. Long *before* the Sexual Revolution of the 1960s, Jacob Schorer began the Dutch Scientific Humanitarian Committee (NWHK) in 1912 to fight the social and legal discrimination of homosexuals. The NWHK was sandwiched between conservative movements, such as the discriminatory legislation 248bis from 1911 and the rise of Fascism in the 1930s.

After the 'Sexual Revolution', the 1980s and 1990s were witness to large-scale movements for changes around the issue of sexuality. Gay/lesbian liberation was in full swing, but certainly not unchallenged. Many groups of activists were busy on both sides of the abortion debate, respectively fighting for 'pro-choice' and 'pro-life' legislation. AIDS activists were advocating for more open discussions of sexuality, safe-sex education, and medical funding and research, while many Christian groups were campaigning for abstinence and abstinence-only education. In the Netherlands, for instance, the 2000s witnessed the legalization of prostitution and movements to stigmatize those who engage in it.

This special issue of the *Dutch Journal for Gender Studies*, entitled Sexuality in Movement, will therefore focus on movements – not restricted to the Low Countries – preoccupied with issues of sexuality defined broadly. This themed issue will provide a platform for contributions on 'movements' in a broader sense that have engaged with sexuality, both with 'progressive' or 'conservative' inclinations.

The *Dutch Journal for Gender Studies* welcomes abstracts and manuscripts on 'Sexuality in Movement', potentially including – but not limited to – the following aspects:

- Organizational aspects: How are organizations and groups formed? What is the role of the internet and new media? What is the influence of (collective) identity on group formation? How does the psychology of leaders play a role in an organization and its advocacy? How has an organization survived and evolved over time, or not? What strategies of dramaturgy are enacted in acts of protest, manifestation, and occupation?

- Goal-oriented aspects: What kinds of goals are strived for by activists? Which discourses are challenged by movement organizations? How do organizations frame their arguments and those of opponents? How and in what ways are organizations successful in shifting discourses? Which successes have specific organizations achieved, and through which means? When have organizations failed to reach their goals, and what are potential explanations for those failures?
- Institutional aspects: Which organizations were able to gain access to (governmental) institutions? In which ways were organizations institutionalized? In which ways were movement groups able to exert policy influence? Were particular 'insiders' sympathetic to an organization's cause? In what ways did movement groups simultaneously function as 'insiders' and 'outsiders'?

Submission of abstracts (+/- 450 words) to tvgarchief@gmail.com

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