

An abstract illustration with a warm, orange-toned background. It features several stylized human figures in various poses: some are reaching out, others are looking down at documents or books. There are also floating sheets of paper and a stack of books with a red ladder leaning against them in the bottom right corner. The overall style is modern and artistic.

GOVERNING MASCULINITY

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Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 February 2024

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Schedule

All events take place in either the Octagon or across the corridor in the Colette Bowe Room, both in the Queen's Building. All breaks, lunches and the reception will be held in the Octagon.

Wednesday 21 February

- 9.30 **Coffee, Tea and Welcome**, Octagon
- 10.00 **Opening Plenary: Positive Masculinity Today**, Octagon
- 11.30 **Panels One and Two**, Octagon and Colette Bowe Room
- 13.00 **Lunch**, Octagon
- 14.00 **Panels Three and Four**, Octagon and Colette Bowe Room
- 15.30 **Tea and Coffee Break**, Octagon
- 16.00 **Panels Five and Six**, Octagon and Colette Bowe Room
- 17.30 **Reception**, Octagon

Thursday 22 February

- 9.30 **Keynote: Raewyn Connell**, Octagon
- 11.00 **Tea and Coffee Break**, Octagon
- 11.30 **Panels Seven and Eight**, Octagon and Colette Bowe Room
- 13.00 **Lunch**, Octagon
- 14.00 **Panels Nine and Ten**, Octagon and Colette Bowe Room
- 15.30 **Tea, Coffee and Cake**, Octagon
- 16.00 **Closing Plenary: The Future of New Masculinity**, Octagon
- 17.30 **Conference ends**

Wednesday 21 February

9.30

Coffee and Welcome

The Octagon, Queen's Building

10.00

Opening Plenary: Positive Masculinity Today

The Octagon, Queen's Building

Chair: Paul Kirby

Reece Williams (independent poet and activist)

Rachel Jewkes (South African Medical Research Council)

Kathryn Falb (Johns Hopkins)

Gary Barker (Equimundo)

11.30

Panel One: Political Masculinities

The Octagon, Queen's Building

Chair: Jenny Hestermann

'21st Century Chess: Backlash as a Patriarchal Struggle for Masculine Hegemony'

Jerker Edström (Institute for Development Studies)

'Men in Politics as Agents of Gender Equitable Change: Gender

Norms and Political Masculinities in Colombia, Liberia and Malaysia'

Ján Michalko (ODI), Matthew Maycock (Monash), Jose Fernando

Serrano-Amaya (Universidad de los Andes), Zaireeni Azmi,

Noraida Endut, Hafizah Selamat and Muhammad Rahimi Hasan

(Universiti Sains Malaysia), Tanya Garnet, Toshi Itoka and Paul

Y. Harr (Nunlai Consulting), and Carlos Iván García Suarez

(Universidad de La Salle Bogotá).

'Muted Voices: An Intersectional Analysis of the Representation of Black Men and Masculinities in the House of Commons, 1979-2019'

Shardia Briscoe-Palmer (Nottingham) and Orly Siow (Newcastle)

'Working-Class Men in Early 21st Century Russia: Finding Space Between Neoliberalism and Putinism'

Charlie Walker (University of Southampton)

'Varieties of State Hypermasculinity in Asia: Conceptualizing Authoritarian Forms of Rule Beyond "Strongmen"'

Saba Joshi (York) and Maria Tanyag (Australian National University)

Panel Two: How to Transform Men

Colette Bowe Room, Queen's Building

Chair: Rachel Jewkes

'Transforming Men Workshops: Creating Space For and With Men in Accra, Ghana'

Joe Strong (LSE), Samuel Lamptey (Act for Change), Nii Kwartelai Quartey and Nii Kwartei Owoo

'Engaging Men and Boys to Reduce Gender-Based Violence and Harmful Practices in Uganda'

Dianah Nanyange, Zaituni Nabaterega, Mabel Nabaggala and Martha Kavuma (Reproductive Health Uganda)

'The Transforming Masculinities Approach'

Uwezo Lele (Tearfund)

'The Role of Women in Shaping Masculinities in Zambian Christian Community: A Case for Women's Agency'

Tabitha Moyo (Protestant Theological University)

'Enhancing Preterm and Very Sick Babies' Health Using Kangaroo Care Through Family-Led Care Model and Fatherhood Involvement'

Katerega Bazilio (Preterm Infants Network Uganda)

13.00

Lunch

The Octagon, Queen's Building

14.00

Panel Three: Teaching Masculinities

The Octagon, Queen's Building

Chair: Ján Michalko

'Redefining Masculinities and Beyond: Reflections from Engaging Adolescents, Youth and Educators Through Gender Transformative Programmes'

Aleena Varghese and Akshat Singhal (The Gender Lab, India)

'Working with Men: Reflections on Masculinity Among Men's Groups' Facilitators in the National University of Mexico'

Alí Siles (National University, Mexico)

'Reimagining Masculinity: Parental Role and Cultural Norms Among the Shona in Rural Zimbabwe'

Raksha Janak (KwaZulu-Natal), V.S. Matswetu (Bindura) and
Diloshini Govender (KwaZulu-Natal)

‘Cultivating a Real Man Through Chinese Chess: Gender and Nation-
Building During Chinese-Style Modernization’

Tiantian Chen (Oxford Internet Institute) and Yanjun Liu

‘Addressing Polarisation in Gender Transformative Work with Men
and Boys’

Holly Green and Ben Hurst (Beyond Equality)

Panel Four: Masculinities in War and Peace

Colette Bowe Room, Queen’s Building

Chair: Lewis Turner

‘Beyond Masculinity: A Critical Look at the Agenda on “Changing
Men” in Conflict-Affected Settings’

Camille Maubert (Edinburgh)

‘Transforming Masculinity Through Peace-Building in Post-Conflict
Bougainville’

Mercy Masta (Conciliation Resources)

‘Masculine Humiliations: Violence and Social Control in the Islamic
State’

Gina Vale (Southampton) and Heidi Riley (UC Dublin)

‘Transforming Violent Extremist Masculinity’

Mossarat Qadeem (PAIMAN Trust)

“‘Women Will Walk on the Heads of Men’: Preparing for Men’s
Resistance to Gender Equality Messaging in Conflict Settings’

Chloé Lewis (Queen Mary) and Rachael Pierotti (World Bank)

15.30

Tea and Coffee Break

The Octagon, Queen’s Building

16.00

Panel Five: Queer Masculinities

The Octagon, Queen’s Building

Chair: Koen Slootmaeckers

‘Queer Female Masculinities’

Finn Mackay (University of the West of England)

'*Dangai* and the "Beautiful, Powerful and Suffering" Men: Co-opting Queer Masculinity in the Chinese Boys' Love Industry'

Shana Ye (Toronto)

'Queering the Area Boy: Recoding Queer Acts Through Strategic Performances of Homophobia, Masculinity and Assumed Heterosexuality'

Adebayo Quadry-Adekanbi (Warwick)

'Premodern Queer Masculinities in Chinese Web Dramas: Nationalism and the Platformisation of Cultural Production in China'

Qi Wang (Queens University Belfast)

'Queer and Trans Masculinities for Peace'

Jamie J. Hagen (Queens University Belfast)

Panel Six: Fatherhood and the Family

Colette Bowe Room, Queen's Building

Chair: Nikki van der Gaag

"'Will I Be OK?': Embracing Positive Masculinity in a Kenyan Reproductive Health Clinic'

Melvin Ouma (Rhodes)

'Locating Vulnerable Masculinities Among the Antinatalist Movement in Urban India'

Sreeparna Chattopadhyay (FLAME University) – remote presentation

'Changing Masculinities and Fatherhoods: Insights from Cyprus'

Andria Christofidou and Genovefa Zafeiridou (University of Cyprus) – remote presentation

'Inventing New Masculinities by Producing Caring Fatherhood: Daddy Celebrity on TikTok in China'

Wang Xiangxian (Shandong)

'An Emotional Patriarch? The Regulation of Domestic Masculinity in the Danish Popular Press, 1955'

Andreas Schmidt Eriksen (Copenhagen)

17.30

Reception

The Octagon, Queen's Building

Thursday 22 February

09.30

Keynote

The Octagon, Queen's Building

Chair: Paul Kirby

Raewyn Connell (University of Sydney), by videolink

11.00

Tea and Coffee Break

The Octagon, Queen's Building

11.30

Panel Seven: Navigating Masculinities and Violence

The Octagon, Queen's Building

Chair: Chloé Lewis

'Intimate Masculinities: Decolonizing Afghan Masculinities Amid the "War on Terror"'

Ahmad Qais Munhazim (Thomas Jefferson University)

""Why Shoot Me?": A Photo-Voice Study Addressing Interpersonal Violence and Resilience by Wounded Bodies on the Cape Flat, Cape Town'

Helenard Louw (Vrije University of Amsterdam)

'Rebel Sex: Men and Desire in "Coercive Circumstances"'

Holly Porter (Cambridge)

'The Sexual Politics of Transforming Masculinities in Conflict-Affected Societies'

David Duriesmith (Sheffield)

'Surplus Violence: Masculinity and Capitalism's Social War'

Alan Greig (independent)

Panel Eight: Doing Masculinities Work

Colette Bowe Room, Queen's Building

Chair: Luisa Turbino Torres

'Pluralising Feminist Practice in Researching Migrant Masculinities: A Dialogue on Reflexivity and Boundary Negotiation'

Meena Masood (Queen Mary) and Benedetta Zocchi (Bodhi Global Analysis)

'Just and Accountable Knowledge Production and Governing Masculinity(ies)'

Keshab Giri (St Andrews)

'Reimagining Masculinities: Arts-Integrated Approaches to Engaging Men in Violence Prevention in the United States'

William McNerney (LSE)

'Young Men's Reflections on Their Experience of Co-Developing an intervention to Address Their Masculinities'

Smanga Mkhwanazi (South African Medical Research Council),
Laura Washington and Sivuyile Khaula (Project Empower) and
Andrew Gibbs (Exeter)

'The Theoretical and Practical Benefits of Conceptualising Change in Masculinities Through Feminist Poststructuralism'

Brittany Ralph (Liverpool)

13.00

Lunch

The Octagon, Queen's Building

14.00

Panel Nine: Pop Cultural Masculinities

The Octagon, Queen's Building

Chair: William McNerney

'How Does Social Media Influence Masculine Norms Among Adolescent Boys? A Review of Evidence and Implications for Future Research'

Diana Koester (ODI)

'Male-Streaming Incels' Victimhood and Governing Hybrid Masculinities on TikTok'

Anda Solea and Lisa Sugiura (Portsmouth)

'Black Brazilian Masculinities: Rap Lyrics as an Expression of Reproduction of Patriarchy and Will of Change'

Rafael Bittencourt (Federal University of Goiás)

'Reconceptualising the Changing Chinese Masculinity About Food Practice'

Junyi Wang (Sheffield)

'Soccer Fandom and Hegemonic Masculinity: The Impact of Feminist Fandom Collectives in Transforming Soccer Culture in Brazil'

Luisa Turbino Torres (Florida Atlantic University)

Panel Ten: Post-War Masculinities

Colette Bowe Room, Queen's Building

Chair: David Duriesmith

'Humanitarian Tech Bros and Refugee Innovators: Humanitarian Governance and Entrepreneurial Masculinities'

Lewis Turner (Newcastle)

'Masculinities in Rebuilding Post-War German Democracy'

Jenny Hestermann (independent)

'Transformation of Militarised Masculinity Following the 15th July Coup Attempt in Turkey'

Nurseli Yesim Sünbülöglü (Kadir Has)

'Transforming Masculinity Norms in Post-Coup Myanmar'

Henri Myrntinen (Gender Associations) and Phyoé Nay Chi (independent)

'Masculinity and Psychosocial Support Services in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States: Integrating Livelihood and Psychosocial Support Services in South Sudan'

Heidi Riley (University College Dublin)

15.30

Tea, Coffee and Cake

The Octagon, Queen's Building

16.00

Closing Plenary: The Future of New Masculinity

The Octagon, Queen's Building

Chair: Chloé Lewis

Michael Flood (Queensland University of Technology)

Jordanna Matlon (American U and Toulouse)

Nikki van der Gaag (independent)

17.30

Close

Participant Biographies

Dr Gary Barker (he/him) is the President, CEO and co-founder of Equimundo Centre for Masculinities and Social Justice (formerly Promundo-US), which carries out international research, advocacy and program development on male allyship in gender equality and healthy masculinities. He is co-founder of MenCare, a global campaign in more than 60 countries to promote men's involvement as caregivers, and co-founder of MenEngage, a global alliance of more than 1,000 NGOs. He co-created the International Men and Gender Equality Survey (IMAGES), the largest survey of men's attitudes and behaviours related to violence, fatherhood, and gender equality. He leads Equimundo's *State of the World's Fathers* reports, which has become a major advocacy platform for the global care economy. He is an Ashoka Fellow and received the Voices of Solidarity Award from Vital Voices for his work to engage men for gender equality and preventing gender-based violence. He holds a PhD in Developmental Psychology and a Research Affiliate position at the Centre for Social Sciences, University of Coimbra, Portugal. He lived nearly 20 years in Latin America and currently lives in Washington, DC with his binational family.

Kateregga Bazilio (he/him) is the Managing Director and co-founder of Preterm Infants Parent Network Uganda (PIPNU). His professional background lies in marketing (Associate Chartered Institute of Marketing, UK), holding a Master's degree in Business Administration and Bachelor's degree in Commerce. In 2022, his twin children were born in the 29th week of pregnancy, one of them having died at 25 weeks. During his partner's time in hospital and afterwards, Bazilio was faced with the non-existence of support of any kind, the absence of public awareness and the lack of information and education for parents during pregnancy. He felt that no parents should ever undergo such an awful experience again. Therefore, in October 2022, he decided to fully register the network. Together with experts and the team, Bazilio developed declarations, guidelines and information material for parents with preterm children. In Nov 2022 Bazilio was appointed to be part of the Ministry of Health Newborn Steering Committee. Preterm children urgently need a voice not only within Uganda but also Africa. Currently he is the head of publicity committee with the National Safe Motherhood conference.

Dr Rafael Bittencourt (he/him) is a Professor at the School of Social Sciences at the Federal University of Goiás, in Brazil. He holds a Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD in International Relations at the Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais, also in Brazil. He coordinates the Post-Colonial Studies Group

(@poscoloniais on Instagram) and is a member of the Brazilian Black People in International Relations Collective, member of the Brazilian Association of Black Researchers, the Brazilian Association of International Relations, and the International Studies Association.

Dr Shardia Briscoe-Palmer (she/her) is an Assistant Professor at the University of Nottingham. Shardia's research specialisms intersect across the politics of gender, race, and political sociologies. Her research focus explores the politics of black masculinity whilst (de)constructing postcolonial identities. Shardia is awaiting her forthcoming published book on Black Masculinities and Colonial Legacies (expected 2025). Shardia's research interests also include specialisms in sexual health and well-being experiences amongst black people in the UK, as well as academic diversity and inclusivity challenges faced by minority groups within higher education. She can be found via Twitter @ShardiaBPalmer.

Dr Sreeparna Chattopadhyay (she/her) is Associate Professor in Sociology at FLAME University. She received her Doctorate Degree and Master's in Cultural and Medical Anthropology from Brown University. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from St. Xavier's College, Mumbai. Sreeparna has a total work experience of over fourteen years and was associated with PHFI, Srishti Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, University of East Anglia, Norwich, British Civil Services, London, King's College, London, UK, University of Wisconsin, Green Bay. She has also worked as an independent researcher and as a consultant. Her research in the last fifteen years has focused on the ways in which gender disadvantages interact with socioeconomic inequities, shaping women's life trajectories including impacts on health, education, and exposure to violence. Her work has been supported by the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Mellon Foundation, and the Vera Campbell Foundation. Her research has been published in several reputed international and national journals and has also been covered by the national press in India, as well as internationally by the BBC. She has worked for the government, academia, and non-profits in India, the US and the UK.

Dr Tiantian Chen (she/her) is a Research Associate at the Oxford Internet Institute. She also serves as a trustee of Global Health 50/50, a charity that advances gender equality in global health. She obtained her PhD degree in Sociology at the University of Cambridge. Her research interests focus on studying technology through the critical lens of gender.

Dr Andria Christofidou (she/her) is a Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Cyprus. Andria's research is concerned with masculinities, sexuality, reflexivity and resistance. Parts of her research appear in the *Journal of Gender Studies* and *NORMA*. Her first monograph, *Men, Masculinities and Sexualities in Dance: Transgression and its Limits*, was recently published in the Palgrave MacMillan, *Genders and Sexualities in the Social Sciences Series*. Prior to her academic appointment, she worked as a postdoctoral researcher in the Developing Equality Allies programme (University of Cyprus) and taught in the Sociology degree, Department of Social and Political Sciences. Previously, she was employed as a postdoctoral researcher in the European programme RePAST (Cyprus University of Technology).

Professor Raewyn Connell (she/her) is Professor Emerita at the University of Sydney. She was previously Professor at the University of California at Santa Cruz and Professor of Sociology at Macquarie University, and been an advisor to United Nations initiatives on gender equality and peacemaking. Raewyn is best known internationally for studies on masculinity. She was one of the founders of this research field and her book *Masculinities* (1995, 2005) is the best known in the field. She is also the author of *Ruling Class, Ruling Culture* (1977), *Class Structure in Australian History* (1980), *Making the Difference* (1982), *Teachers' Work* (1985), *Gender and Power* (1987), *Schools and Social Justice* (1993), *Gender: in World Perspective* (2002/2015), *Confronting Equality* (2011), *The Good University* (2019) and the collection *Research, Politics, Social Change* (2023). Her writings have circulated in nineteen languages. Her book *Southern Theory* (2007) discusses intellectuals and social theories from the global periphery and explores paths towards knowledge democracy on a world scale. More recently Raewyn has applied this approach to gender and masculinity, and to neoliberal politics and economics.

Dr David Duriesmith (he/him) is Lecturer in Gender and Politics at University of Sheffield. His research focuses on masculinities, armed conflict and violence prevention. Over the past 14 years he has researched the transformation of war, working with men to prevent violence, men's support for gender equality, how masculinities shape foreign fighter networks, and feminist international relations theory. His current research is focused on the politics of transforming masculinities in the wake of conflict and the conceptions of heterosexuality in far-right politics.

Jerker Edström (he/him) is a Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) who leads a seven-country research programme on 'Countering Backlash: Reclaiming Gender Justice', funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). His career has focused on gender,

masculinities and patriarchy, sexual and gender-based violence, as well as sexual and reproductive health and rights, including HIV and AIDS. He has led other IDS programmes, such as 'Gender, Power and Sexuality'/GPS (Sida funded), 'Engendering Men; Evidence on Routes toward Gender Equality'/EMERGE (DFID/UK-AID funded) and 'Masculinities and Transition: Enduring Privilege?' (EBRD funded), which explored re-emerging patriarchal trends during recent socio-economic 'transitions' in Egypt, Kazakhstan, Turkey and Ukraine. He has co-edited volumes such as *Men and Development: Politicizing Masculinities* (Zed Books, 2011), *Undressing Patriarchy: Men and Structural Violence* (IDS Bulletin 45.1, 2014) and *Understanding Gender Backlash: Southern Perspectives* (IDS Bulletin 53.1, 2024 - forthcoming). Edström's latest journal article, with Alan Greig and Chloe Skinner (2023), is 'Patriarchal (Dis)Orders: Backlash as Crisis Management', in *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 49(2): 277-309.

Andreas Schmidt Eriksen (he/him) is a historian who completed his Master's studies at The University of Copenhagen in the fall of 2023, and who also spent half a year studying at Heidelberg University in Germany. Besides his studies, Andreas worked as research assistant on projects focusing on the history of family secrets and domestic violence. He has also spent the past five and a half years as a guide and exhibition researcher at Medical Museion in Copenhagen, where he engages with the history and culture of medicine. Throughout, Andreas has engaged in historical research on our intimate and everyday life. Delving into such fields as the history of emotions, experience, and the body as well as family and gender history, Andreas decided to investigate popular culture in his thesis, which he will present in a reworked version today. Here, he will explore how ideals of masculinity in the domestic sphere were constructed and negotiated in the most popular Danish family magazine of the 1950s.

Dr Kathryn Falb (she/her), ScD, MHS, is an Assistant Professor with the Centre for Humanitarian Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Leon Robertson Faculty Development Chair in Injury Prevention. She brings nearly 20 years of experience in the field of violence prevention and has worked in a variety of practitioner capacities from direct service provision overseeing programs in refugee camps in Thailand to supporting military families in the United States. For the past decade, she has worked as an embedded researcher within the International Rescue Committee, a humanitarian aid organization, and most recently served as its Research Director. Her research has focused on understanding what works to best prevent and respond to violence against women, children, and other marginalized populations in humanitarian settings. Dr Falb holds a ScD from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, MHS from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and

BS from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. She also completed postdoctoral training at the Yale School of Public Health and has published over 75 peer-reviewed journal articles and numerous practitioner and policy-focused research outputs to help shift policy and practice to advance the wellbeing of people in conflict.

Professor Michael Flood (he/him) is an internationally recognised researcher on men, masculinities, gender, and violence prevention. Flood has driven community and policy attention to the goal of fostering healthier and more gender-equitable lives for boys and men. His work has informed both the international development of this field and the practices and programs it adopts. Flood's scholarship and public education are widely used and highly cited reference points for violence prevention work with men and boys. He has made significant contributions to scholarly and public understanding of men's involvements in preventing violence against women and building gender equality, and to scholarship and programming regarding violence and violence prevention. Flood's work also has shaped international policy and programming frameworks and standards for practice. Professor Flood is the author of *Engaging Men and Boys in Violence Prevention* (2019), the co-author of *Masculinity and Violent Extremism* (2022), and the lead editor of *Engaging Men in Building Gender Equality* (2015) and *The International Encyclopedia of Men and Masculinities* (2007). Michael has had a life-long involvement in advocacy in support of gender equality and social justice.

Dr Andy Gibbs (he/him) is a Senior Lecturer in Psychology at the University of Exeter, and has honorary status at the South African Medical Research Council and University College London. His work primarily focuses on understanding whether and how structured interventions can 'change' masculinities and reduce men's use of violence, in urban informal settlements in South Africa, and how social and structural factors shape men's lives.

Dr Keshab Giri (he/him) is a Lecturer in International Relations at The University of St Andrews. He is also a research fellow at the Women and Public Policy Program, Harvard Kennedy School (2023-24). Dr Giri's research have been published in journals like *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, and *Global Studies Quarterly*. His PhD thesis titled, 'Experiences of Female Ex-Combatants in the Maoist Insurgency in Nepal: Endless Battles and Resistance.' received the 2022 Thelma Hunter Gender and Politics PhD Prize from the Australian Political Science Studies Association (APSA). His research interests include women combatants, intersectionality, gender and war, violent extremism, leftist insurgencies, feminist International Relations, feminist

research methodology, rebel governance, and governance of intimacy in rebel groups. His book, *Intersectionality and Experiences of Female Combatants* is coming out with Oxford University Press in 2024.

Dr Diloshini Govender (she/her) is a primary school teacher and a recent PhD graduate from the School of Education at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa. Her current research focuses on the intricate dynamics of childhood masculinities, heterosexuality, and violence in the context of early primary school education. Her academic journey is marked by a profound commitment to understanding the multifaceted processes that shape young boys' identities in South Africa. This includes examining the complex interplay of race, historical forces, socio-economic conditions, culture, age, and sexuality on the formation of masculine identities. Her research provides valuable insights for establishing more inclusive and healthier educational settings for young boys. Her research underscores the urgency of re-evaluating understandings of young South African school boys due to the pressures they experience in conforming to normative ideals of boyhood. Her work adds to the increasing body of knowledge on childhood gender and sexuality in the Global South.

Holly Green (they/them) is Head of Quality, Learning and Impact at Beyond Equality. They have over a decade of experience working in the education sector to improve outcomes for marginalised children and young individuals. Their expertise lies in supporting educators to establish LGBTQ+ inclusive school and college environments. With a background in training, facilitation, and resource development, they're passionate about helping to create safe, engaging learning spaces where people can work together to begin building the world we dream of - one where all people of all genders can thrive. Currently serving as the Head of Impact, Quality, and Learning at Beyond Equality, Holly works closely with all of Beyond Equality's team to develop their knowledge base, support their facilitators, maintain their quality workshop content and measure the impact of BE's work.

Dr Alan Greig (he/him) is a gender specialist with more than 20 years' experience working on issues of masculinity, violence and oppression in countries of the Global South and North. Through research and support to programme design, implementation and evaluation, his work addresses the connections between gender injustice and other forms of oppression, interpersonal and institutional violence, as well as personal and social change. Dr Greig has published widely on these issues, authoring a range of curricula and toolkits for use in professional development. He is an experienced gender trainer and facilitator of strategic planning and project design processes for a range of international and national organizations. As a co-founder of the New York-based

Challenging Male Supremacy project, he is committed to a vision of social justice with gender equality at its heart.

Dr Jamie J. Hagen (she/her) is a Lecturer in International Relations in the School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics, Queens University Belfast. She is also founding co-director of the Centre for Gender in Politics. Her research bridges a feminist security studies approach with queer theory to offer a more complete gender analysis of how the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) resolutions impact lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people living in conflict-related environments. Her research at the intersection of gender, security studies and queer theory brings a feminist, anti-racist approach to addressing continuing gaps between academic, policy and activist spaces. Her 2022/2023 British Academy Innovation Fellowship focused on improving engagement with LBTQ women in gender and peacebuilding efforts. The fellowship resulted in the publication of the *Queering Women, Peace and Security Agenda: A Practice-Based Toolkit* developed in collaboration with Christian Aid and Colombia Diversa, an organization based in Bogotá, Colombia that promotes and defends LGBT human rights in Colombia. Jamie is the former 2021-2022 chair of the ISA LGBTQA Caucus. She is co-editor of the edited volume *Queer Conflict Research: New Approaches to the Study of Violent Conflict* (2024) with Samuel Ritholtz and Andrew Dellatolla.

Dr Jenny Hestermann (she/her) holds a PhD in Contemporary History. She recently worked as Head of Office in Tel Aviv for the German political foundation affiliated with the Green party. Prior to that, she taught as an Interim Professor for Israel and Middle East Studies at the Heidelberg University for Jewish Studies. Jenny received her MA in Sociology, History, and Religious Studies from the University of Bremen in 2009. Afterward, she spent three years as a Visiting Research Fellow at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She studied Hebrew while pursuing her Ph.D. on the rhetorics of reconciliation during State Visits in early German-Israeli relations (TU Berlin, 2015). Since then, she has taught and researched German, European, and Israeli History at the Universities of Frankfurt, the European University Institute in Florence (PostDocs), and the University of Potsdam (as a Visiting Professor). In the last decade, Jenny has published on the history of German-Israeli diplomatic relations, West German memory politics in the Post War Era, and the politics of Israel studies in Germany. She applies approaches from the cultural history of politics, discourse analysis, and gender history in her work.

Ben Hurst (he/him) is an activist, educator, host, presenter, podcaster, model, public speaker and the Head of Facilitation and Training at Beyond Equality (formerly The Good Lad Initiative), a UK-based organisation that engages men and boys in the gender equality conversation across Schools, Universities and Corporate spaces, rethinking masculinities and promoting positive personhood and healthy relationships. Ben discusses these topics online, most notably in his TEDx Talks, 'Boys won't be boys. Boys will be what we teach them to be' and 'We need to talk to boys about online misogyny', and in print, with features in *Glamour* and *Stylist* magazine, *Postscript*, *Positive News* and many more. Ben's work focuses on dismantling the gendered stereotypes that men inhabit and encouraging them to explore their relationships to masculinity. Ben is also a freelance DEI consultant and trainer for a bunch of organisations he's not allowed to mention because he signed too many NDA's without reading them first, including but not limited to: Virgin, Sky, Travers Smith, Burberry and Soho House, and he is the co-host of TED x London's Climate Curious podcast which is really good and explores the current climate crisis. Ben's focus is on making important conversations accessible for young people and adults from all walks of life.

Professor Rachel Jewkes (she/her) is the Executive Scientist at the South African Medical Research Council. She has led the South African Medical Research Council's gender-based violence and gender and health research programme for 30 years. In addition to describing the magnitude and consequences of gender-based violence across global regions, she has particularly focused on understanding the gendered social context and drivers of violence. She has made notable contributions to both understanding men's use of violence against women, particularly rape and IPV perpetration, as well as understanding how masculinities can be transformed in efforts to prevent violence against women. From 2013-2020 was the Consortium Director of the UKAID-funded What Works to Prevent Violence? Global Programme, leading research on the prevention of violence against women and girls in 13 countries. She is a founder member of the Sexual Violence Research Initiative and a member of its Leadership Council. She is an author of over 300 peer-reviewed journal publications.

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Places to eat

All locations listed in order of distance from the venue.

Restaurants

- Cherry* 359 Mile End Road, E3 4QS, <https://thecherry-e3.co.uk/>
Bar also serving good pizza. 4-minute walk.
- Afrikanas* 231 Mile End Road, E1 4AA, <https://afrikanakitchen.com/>
“African-inspired” dishes. 5-minute walk.
- Nando’s* 552 Mile End Road, E3 4PL
Large branch of the popular Portuguese chicken joint, under the Green Bridge. 7-minute walk (there is also a branch further away in Whitechapel).
- Pizza Room* 2a Grove Road, E3 5AJ, <https://www.thepizzaroom.co.uk/>
Cosy pizza restaurant. 8-minute walk.
- Grand Rasoi* 194 Mile End Road, E1 4LJ, <https://www.grandrasoi-e1.co.uk/>
Bangladeshi restaurant, buffet-style. 8-minute walk.
- Tian Tian* 166 Mile End Road, E1 4LJ (10 minute walk)
Chinese restaurant on the main road. 10-minute walk.
- The Victoria* 110 Grove Road, E3 5RH, <https://www.thevic.london/>
Large pub with a seafood-focused menu. 14-minute walk.
- Lord Tredegar* 50 Lichfield Road, E3 5AL, <https://thelordtredegar.co.uk/>
A favourite department spot, a pub with good beers and hearty food. 14-minute walk.
- Wok and Grill* 9 Mile End Road, E1 4TP
Asian fusion. 14-minute walk.

Coffee and Cake

- Coffee Room* 6A Grove Road, E3 5AX
The best local coffee and great cakes too. 8-minute walk.
- Costa* 556 Mile End Road, E3 4PL
Just the chain coffee shop standard. 8-minute walk.

Fast food

<i>Sweet</i>	169 Mile End Road, E1 4AQ Dessert parlour for anyone with a sweet tooth. 5-minute walk.
<i>KFC</i>	381 Mile End Road, E3 4QS Affordable fried chicken. 5-minute walk.
<i>Subway</i>	395 Mile End Road, E3 4PB The sandwich chain, almost opposite Mile End underground station. 8-minute walk.

Groceries

<i>Sainsbury's Local</i>	420 Mile End Road Small supermarket with packaged sandwiches, salads, directly across from the venue. 1-minute walk.
<i>Co-Op</i>	383-387 Mile End Road A similar offering, on the way to Mile End underground station. 5-minute walk.

About the art

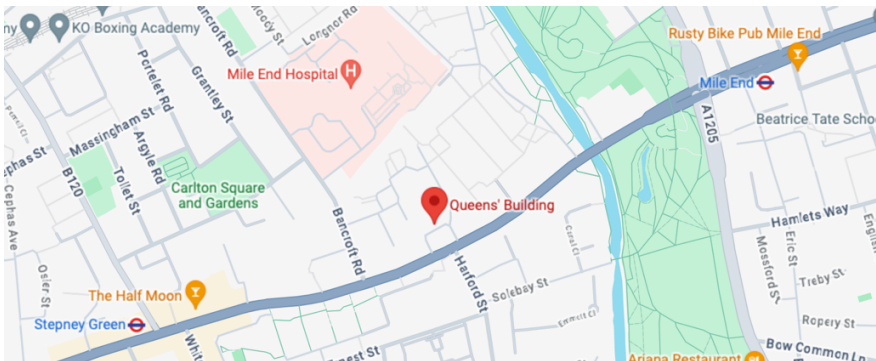
Feminist Web, by Hayfaa Chalabi, produced for the GCRF Gender, Justice and Security Hub.

Hayfaa Chalabi is an illustrator and storyteller interested in the role of illustration to contextualise narratives, histories, and discussions. Chalabi uses her power as an illustrator and storyteller to spark discussions about different socio-political issues. Her work revolves around the intersections of visual culture, sexuality, gender, and migration. Currently, Chalabi works as a senior lecturer at the University of the Arts in London (UAL).

More of her work is available at <https://chalabihayfaa.com/>.

Location

The conference takes place in two spaces in the Queen's Building on Queen Mary University of London campus. The Queen's building is located at 327 Mile End Road, E1 4NS.



The Queen's Building looks like this from the street. You can access the conference spaces (Octagon and Colette Bowe Room) from the right-hand side or the back of the building. The front entrance is currently closed off for repairs.



The Queen's building is equidistant between Mile End and Stepney Green underground stations. Mile End station is a stop on the Central (red), District (green) and Hammersmith and City (pink) lines. Stepney Green is on the District (green) and Hammersmith and City (pink) lines only.

If you are not staying within walking distance, you will likely find it easiest to travel to one of the two underground stations and walk from them (approximately a 7 minute walk). Several bus routes pass close to Queen Mary: the 25, 205 and 339 buses stop nearly outside, and the 277 and 323 at Mile End station.

If you are travelling in London for the first time, we recommend using the transport for London journey planner (<https://tfl.gov.uk/>) or the 'Citymapper' phone app.

If travelling from another part of London in the morning we recommend leaving extra time to allow for the commuter rush hour, especially if you have not visited London before.

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The background of the entire image is a vibrant orange-red. Overlaid on this are several dark blue, stylized hands reaching out from the top and bottom edges. Some hands are open, while others are in a fist. Scattered throughout the composition are several small, light blue rectangular papers, some of which have faint, illegible markings. The text is presented in three white, rounded rectangular boxes with a slight drop shadow, making them stand out against the busy background.

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