



Call for Papers

Dissidence: A Student Conference on Gender & Sexuality

On May 8, 2020, we will organize the student conference on gender and sexuality at the University of Amsterdam. The theme of the conference is dissidence in gender and sexuality. This is a student-led event, and we call upon other students to participate as speakers at the conference. This can be an opportunity for you to have your first experience in giving academic presentations, and a stepping stone if you're interested in pursuing a career in academia.

Dissidence from normative conceptions of gender and sexuality are experienced daily by a wide variety of individuals and communities. We want to examine the dichotomy of “the dissident” versus “the normative”, and what it entails. The conference puts the dissident at the forefront, and contributors will discuss and describe dissidence that they are familiar with, whether it be purely academic, more personal, or a mixture of the two. What we aim to do with this conference is to bring more voices to the table and show that there is a vast array of topics that can be covered by the theme alone. We open up conversations around topics such as normal vs. abnormal, deviance, LGBTQ+ and queer communities, postcolonial sexualities, asexuality, (unavailable) intersectional methodologies, and queer slang.

This conference, besides being organized by second-year Sociology Bachelor UvA students, will provide the opportunity for students to get their first glance at and experience of presenting their research. We invite undergraduate and Master's students from any discipline to submit proposals on topics related to the conference theme, such as desire, gender, discourse, hookup culture, bathrooms, reproductive justice, ballroom culture, LGBTQI+ families, and much more. The conference itself will mainly consist of lecture-style panels, where speakers will give a presentation on their chosen topic (15 minutes maximum), followed by a discussion with the audience. Besides that, we also encourage (dissident) submissions that are not strictly academically oriented, such as stories based on personal experiences, shorts, songs, and other artistic expressions.

Application Information and Requirements

Eligibility

Registered **undergraduate and Master students** from any institution are eligible to submit an abstract for their paper, roundtable presentation, or personal story.

Individuals may present in only one capacity at the conference.

Unpublished papers are preferred for submission. Recently published and forthcoming papers will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Registration Fee

Dissidence: A Student Conference on Gender & Sexuality will not have registration fees for speakers, nor will there be admission fees for the audience. However, the organizing committee cannot cover any of the following costs: transportation, overnight stays, or any other personal expenses.

Panel Presentations:

Panel Presentations will be comprised of undergraduate and Master students who will present in panels with other speakers on their submitted abstract for 15 minutes maximum each, grouped by topic, followed by a discussion between the audience and the presenters. **Speakers must submit their abstracts by Tuesday, March 31, 2020 to DGSConference@gmail.com.**

Panel Presentation application requirements:

1. Proposal abstract (250 words maximum, in English) that includes a central research question, the methodology you rely on to approach that question, and your (anticipated) results
2. Works Cited or Reference List (1 page maximum)
3. Format: Times New Roman, 12 pt. font, double-spaced
4. University or Institutional affiliation (e.g. Universiteit van Amsterdam, Vrije Universiteit, etc.)