History of Homosexuality in Europe
Dr. Andrew DJ Shield
Leiden University, Autumn 2018

Weekly seminar schedule:

1. **12 SEPTEMBER**: (Debate 1) Types of people, sexual acts, desires, or what? How to define ‘homosexuality’ historically.

   **TO READ before class:**

   Optional readings:


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2. **19 SEPTEMBER**: (Debate 2) Did the ‘homosexual identity’ emerge in 1880s Germany as the result of medical studies? Or did the ‘homosexual identity’ already exist in certain subcultures in the 1700s (e.g. in the Netherlands, England, and France)?

   **TO READ before class:**
PDF to be delivered via Blackboard.

**TO POST ON BLACKBOARD BY 18 September:**
One critical question about Van Der Meer’s chapter.

**IN-CLASS DISCUSSION:**

*Optional readings:*

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3. **26 SEPTEMBER: (Debate 3) Did the radical ‘gay and lesbian movement’ emerge with the sexual revolution and youth movements of 1968? Or was the radical movement a continuation of the ‘first sexual revolution’ from the 1910s-20s (e.g. in Germany, the Netherlands, and Scandinavia)?**

**TO READ BEFORE CLASS:**

Note: For today’s class discussion, please focus on the pages that deal with 1900-1980, which is mainly the section “From Twilight to Floodlight,” including a few pages before and after the section. But the first half of the chapter will help understand the debates from the last two classes. Also read the following:


**TO POST ON BLACKBOARD BY 25 September:**
One critical question about Hekma’s chapter.

**IN-CLASS DISCUSSION:**

*Optional readings:*

3 OCTOBER: NO CLASS (Leiden holiday)

4. 10 OCTOBER: (Debate 4) Is there a ‘correct’ way to be LGBT? A look at debates in multicultural Europe.

TO READ before class:
Fatima El-Tayeb, “‘Gays who cannot properly be gay’: Queer Muslims in the Neoliberal European City.” European Journal of Women’s Studies 19 (February 2012): 79–95.

TO POST ON BLACKBOARD BY 9 October:
One critical question about El-Tayeb’s article.

In-class discussion:

Optional Readings:
Andrew Shield, Immigrants in the Sexual Revolution: Perceptions and Participation in Northwest Europe (Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017). See especially Chapters 1, 7, and 8, as well as the first pages of Chapter 6.


5. 17 OCTOBER: FIELD TRIP to IHLIA Archives in Amsterdam

MEET AT THE OBA LIBRARY AMSTERDAM, which is a nine minute walk from Amsterdam Centraal. (Details to be announced on Blackboard.)

*DUE 16 OCTOBER:
1 short paper about one of the above debates. (Details to be announced on blackboard.)

24 OCTOBER: No class (University exam week)

6. 31 OCTOBER: (Debate 5) Is ‘trans history’ the history of sexual reassignment surgery? Or is it the history of gender non-conformity?

TO POST ON BLACKBOARD BY 30 October:
One critical question about Meyerowitz’s chapter.

Optional Readings:

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7. **7 NOVEMBER: Guest speaker** (Prof. Kees Waaldijk)

Kees Waaldijk, Professor of Comparative Orientation Law, overviews changes in laws (and social attitudes) regarding homosexuality worldwide since 1958.

DUE: 1 short paper summarizing a second of the above debates, and providing insights.

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8. **14 NOVEMBER: One-on-one meetings**

One-on-one meetings will be held during the class period, as well as during other time slots this week. Schedule to be decided.

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9. **21 NOVEMBER: PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSION**

Analysis of primary sources (on topic of choice) related to LGBT History and Culture. Schedule & details to be announced.

10. **28 NOVEMBER: PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSION**

11. **5 DECEMBER: PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSION**

12. **12 DECEMBER: PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSION**

19 DECEMBER: Final papers due.

**Deadlines:**
- Deadlines for weekly assignments are 22:00 on the Sunday before class.
- 17 October: First short historiographic paper due.
- 7 November: Second short historiographic paper due.
- 19 December: Final papers due.

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