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Monthly Newsletter from CRN6 Sex, Work, Law and Society

Dear Friends,

In an effort to maximize the utility of CRN6, we will now be compiling a monthly newsletter. The CRN6 Newsletter will go out on the 15th of each month. Please send information on publications of interest, job postings, call for proposals (in Word format), grants or awards of interest to section members to CRN6newsletter@gmail.com. For books, please provide a link to your publisher's page rather than a summary.

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- 4) New Publications of Interest: 2 Books, 3 Book Chapters, 7 Theses/Dissertations, & 29 Articles.

Sincerely,

Alex Nelson & Hailey Maltempi

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CRN6 Call For Papers for LSA 2024

Abstract Deadline 24th, 2023

Denver, CO, USA June 6-9, 2024

The Sex, Work, Law and Society Collaborative Research Network (CRN6) would like to invite you to participate in panels and other sessions at the Law and Society Conference in Denver, Colorado. This CRN seeks to broaden the conversation on sex work by bridging it with considerations of issues relating to sex in other labour contexts, bringing together socio-legal scholars and other experts examining the intersections of sex and work. We especially welcome work using intersectional and transnational frames.

For more information about our CRN, please visit <https://www.lawandsociety.org/crno6/> and <https://www.sex-work-law-and-society.org/>. Information about the Law and Society annual meeting is available at <https://www.lawandsociety.org/sanjuan2023/>. To ensure that you are part of the Sex, Work, Law and Society sessions, please remember to select CRN6 as your primary CRN when you submit your proposal.

The theme of the 2024 meeting is *Unsettling Territories: Tradition and Revolution in Law and Society*. As such, we interpret the meeting theme as an opportunity to explore issues such as:

- Crises of our time and their impact on sexual economies and sex workers
- Revolutionizing theories of sex work, unsettling current conventional approaches
- 2023 marks the 45th anniversary of Carol Leigh coining the term “sex work.” What does tradition and revolution look like in sex work studies today?
- Commonalities and differences between sexual labor and other forms or marginalized labor as a way to think about political and cultural alliances, as well as new theoretical nuances and methodological approaches
- How cultural “traditions” and “revolutions” are shaping sexual economies and their socio-legal regulation
- Socio-cultural territorial contests and their implications for sex work and sex workers
- Climate change and sex work

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We invite scholarly presentations on the topics above or other interpretations of the overall conference theme as related to our CRN-6 aims and scope. Additional topics of particular relevance and interest to CRN-6 include:

Methodology & ethics of sex work research

Decriminalization

Labor experiences of BIPOC

Labor experiences of trans, non-binary, gender-non-conforming, and other LGBTQIA+ sex workers

Labor experiences of sex workers with disabilities and chronic illness

Sex work and Whiteness

Transnational impacts of FOSTA-SESTA

Trafficking

Experiences of sexual labor and its regulation in comparative perspective

3rd parties (Managers, platforms, etc.)

Regional & cultural perspectives on sex work & transactional sex

New forms of digital erotic entrepreneurship (e.g., Onlyfans)

Ethnographic insights into sex work

Economic marginalization and survival

Resisting policing and regulation

Sex work activism

Evaluating policies regulating or criminalizing sexual labor and commerce

Identifying and addressing stigma and violence against sexual laborers

Sex work clients & markets

Sex work in the Global South and the Global East

Law and Society requires a 2000 character abstract for individual papers and 850 character for panel description to be submitted for conference presentation vetting. The deadline for submission is October 24th, 5pm Eastern (US and Canada). Please be sure to select CRN6 as your primary CRN when you submit your proposal or you won't be placed on a CRN6 panel. For more information on LSA abstract guidelines click here: <https://www.lawandsociety.org/abstract-guidelines-from-program-committee/>

Last year some papers were sent to other CRNs that were intended to go to CRN6. To help ensure this doesn't happen again, we encourage you to forward your submission email to us after submitting so we know to expect your paper.

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CRN6 Call For Papers for LSA 2024 Continued

All proposals for paper presentations, panel (salon) sessions, roundtable discussions and Author meets Reader sessions will be accepted (for more information about types of submission click [here](https://www.lawandsociety.org/types-of-submissions/) <https://www.lawandsociety.org/types-of-submissions/>) through LSA's automated submission system.

[Click here](#) to submit an abstract for an individual and/or a session for our 2024 Annual Meeting! You will need to login to your LSA profile first using your username and password. For convenience, the username and email address we have on file for you is listed below. If you need to reset your password, go [here](#). Please be sure to select CRN6 as your primary CRN when you submit your proposal.

If you have not yet created an LSA profile, you can set one up for free by selecting one of our non-member or student non-member options [here](#). If you would like to become an LSA member, 2024 memberships will be opening this fall. Membership is optional, but all presenters must be registered for the LSA conference.

If you are interested in an Author Meets Reader (AMR) session to promote your new book, please read and follow LSA's requirements (click here <https://www.lawandsociety.org/types-of-submissions/> and scroll down). If you need any help organizing and AMR, we would be happy to assist. Please email us at co-chairs@sex-work-law-and-society.org before October 3rd, giving us sufficient time to assist you before the October 24th LSA submission deadline.

We are also considering hosting a New Books in the Field panel which would feature authors and readers for five books published in 2023. If you are interested in participating, please email us at co-chairs@sex-work-law-and-society.org before October 3rd, giving us sufficient time to assist you before the October 24th LSA submission deadline.

LSA has made the decision to return to an in-person meeting only. We continue to be concerned about the ongoing Covid pandemic, how it impacts people and regions differently, and how deeply rooted ableism is in academia, however this LSA policy is beyond our control. Please contact us if you are unable to attend an in-person conference and would be interested in participating in an online session unaffiliated with the LSA conference at a future date.

Please note that everyone attending the meeting is expected to register. Only those who register will be included on the official LSA Program (online and printed), or be allowed to present papers, or attend presentations and other functions at the conference. You do not have to be a member of LSA to participate in the meeting generally.

Please email us at co-chairs@sex-work-law-and-society.org if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you in Denver!

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CRN6 Organizing Committee Changes

Dear friends,

With a heavy heart, Angela Jones has stepped down as a co-chair of CRN6, as their increased administrative duties and professional obligations have required scaling back on external service. We are grateful for her service to CRN6, particularly her work developing the CRN6 Newsletter and co-leading events at LSA 2022 in Lisbon.

Although we will miss Angela's presence on the organizing committee, we are pleased to announce that CRN6 has expanded its organizing committee and added two new co-chairs, Julie Ham and Cherisse Francis.

Rashmee Singh and Carlos Iglaesias have also generously volunteered to work with CRN6 this year to spearhead organizing a day-of-dialogue or similar workshop for LSA 2024 in Denver and to expand mentoring and development efforts for students and early career scholars in CRN6, respectively.

We are excited to see CRN6's growth in membership (now over 200 strong) and grateful to have the additional help and fresh ideas for continuing to make CRN6 a useful resource and space for sex work research and sex workers.

If you have any questions about LSA 2024 or have any ideas for this year's conference you would like to discuss, please reach out to us.

Best regards,

Alex

On Behalf of CRN#6 Coordinators:

Menaka Raguparan, Kate Korgan,

Alex Nelson, Cherisse Francis, Julie Ham

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Canadian Alliance for Sex Work Law Reform Media Release: Sex workers are deeply disappointed with the Ontario Superior Court decision dismissing systemic harms experienced

Monday, September 18, 2023 — Today, the Ontario Superior Court released its decision in *CASWLR v Attorney General (Canada)*, a case that sought to strike down harmful provisions of the *Protection of Communities and Exploited People Act* (PCEPA) on the grounds that they violate sex workers' *Charter* rights. Sex workers across Canada are devastated to learn that the Ontario Superior Court has upheld all the provisions that cause grave harm to all sex workers. The decision is incredibly dismissive of sex workers' concerns, knowledge, and intersecting realities, and we are deeply disappointed.

Sex workers and our colleagues will continue to be at risk of criminalization, social and racial profiling, and targeted violence.

Despite all the evidence confirming the gravity of these many harms, the court discounted and rejected evidence from sex workers and relied heavily on evidence from law enforcement to find that “there is a considerable body of evidence that many sex workers are manipulated or coerced into sex work or trafficked while in it.”

Troublingly, the Court also concluded that sex workers misunderstand the law. This patronizing conclusion ignores the extensive evidence submitted describing how sex workers and non-exploitative third parties, and particularly migrant and Black sex workers, are being arrested for third-party tasks. The Court also denied the evidence detailing how criminalization causes stigma, which leads to violence against our communities, claiming “a lack of empirical evidence.” “Sex workers deserve a decision that recognizes the human rights violations faced every day from a criminal law that systematically discriminates, over polices, and under protects all sex workers, particularly those who are most marginalized by that same criminal law,” said Jenn Clamen, national coordinator of the Canadian Alliance for Sex Work Law Reform.

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“Sex workers who are Indigenous, Black, migrant, and trans experience the most harmful impacts of the criminalization of sex work, as we are communities that are already overpoliced and under protected,” added Monica Forrester, one of the individual applicants in the case. “We need sex work laws removed from the *Criminal Code* so there is at least one less tool law enforcement can use against us.”

The systemic inequalities that are exacerbated by the criminalization of sex work cannot be ignored. These violations will not end until sex workers’ rights are recognized, and sex work is fully decriminalized through the removal of all criminal provisions introduced through the PCEPA.

Our Alliance member groups are grateful to all our allies who have stood with us in solidarity in this this case. **We know this is not the end of the fight for sex workers’ rights and we are prepared to defend them all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada.**

For interviews with the Alliance or one of our member groups contact: Canadian Alliance for Sex Work Law Reform contact@sexworklawreform.com or 514.916.2598

Alliance member organizations include: Action santé travesti(e)s et transsexuel(le)s du Québec (ASTT(e)Q); ANSWER Society; BC Coalition of Experiential Communities (BCCEC); Butterfly Asian and Migrant Sex Work Support Network; HIV Legal Network; Émissaire; Maggie’s Toronto Sex Workers’ Action Project; Maggie’s Indigenous Sex Work Drum Group; PEERS Victoria; Projet L.U.N.E.; Prostitutes Involved Empowered Cogent Edmonton (PIECE); PACE Society; Rézo, projet travailleurs du sexe; Safe Harbour Outreach Project (S.H.O.P); SafeSpace London; Sex Workers’ Action Program Hamilton (SWAPH); Sex Professionals of Canada (SPOC); Sex Workers’ Action Network of Waterloo Region (SWAN Waterloo); Sex Workers of Winnipeg Action Coalition (SWWAC); Sex Workers United Against Violence (SWUAV); Shift Calgary, HIV Community Link; Stella, l’amie de Maimie; Stepping Stone; SWANS Sudbury; and SWAP Yukon.

[Link to Original Announcement](#)

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Publications of Interest

Books

Macon, C., Tai, E., Lane, S. (2023). *Understanding Health and Care Among Sex Workers: Perspectives From Rhode Island*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. [LINK](#)

Barcley, K. (2023). *Directing Desire: Intimacy Choreography and Consent in the Twenty-First Century*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. [LINK](#)

Book Chapters

Baba, M., Tipton, C., Danailova-Trainor, G., et al. (2023). "Understanding Re-Trafficking in the United States: Why Do We Have a Revolving Door?" In: *Human Trafficking: A Global Emergency – Perspectives in Nursing, Criminal Justice, and the Social Sciences*. M. de Chesnay and D. Sabella, Eds. Springer Nature. [LINK](#)

Dellwing, M. (2023). "News, sex, and the fight between corporate control and human communication online." In: *People, Technology, and Social Organization: Interactionist Studies of Everyday Life*. (2023). Taylor & Francis. [LINK](#)

Abu, F., Nnabuife, C, Santas, T. (2023). "Audience perception of sex workers' portrayal on social media platforms in Benin metropolis" in: *Mass Media, Politics and Civic Engagement in Nigeria*. Franklead. [LINK](#)

Theses/Dissertations (1 of 2)

Phipps, C. (2023). Sex, race and power: colonial and interracial sexuality in the French Empire in Morocco, 1912-1956 [PhD thesis]. University of Oxford. [LINK](#)

Gonzalez, A. (2023). weight stigma in sexual minority women and its relation to health and health behaviors. PhD thesis. University of Iowa. [LINK](#)

Gardner, Jacinda J. (2023). The Impact of Identity Salience on Self-Reported Internalized Stigma among U.S. Sex Workers. Retrieved from the University of Minnesota Digital Conservancy, [LINK](#)

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Cole, J.E. (2023). Moving through the Margins: An Analysis of Mobility and Interaction in the Sex Trade of St. John's, Newfoundland, 1893-1911. Thesis. Saint Mary's University. [LINK](#)

Harper, J.D. (2023) Sex Workers and the Global Pandemic. PhD Thesis. Adler University. [LINK](#)

Ebersole, C.L. (2023). Let's talk about sex (work), baby: women college students and their experiences producing online sex work. Thesis. Illinois State University. [LINK](#)

Tan, J. X.. (2023). Re-thinking sex work : a case study of Hong Kong female sex workers in the COVID-19 pandemic. (Thesis). University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam, Hong Kong SAR. [LINK](#)

Articles (1 of 4)

Meneses-Falcón, Carmen and Rúa-Vieites, Antonio (2023). "Opinions of jurists on prostitution in Spain: Regulate or ban prostitution?". *Papers*, 108 (4), e3146. [LINK](#)

De Shalit, A., Roots, K. (2023). The Anti-trafficking Security Assemblage: Examining Police and NGO Cooperation, Negotiation, and Knowledge Production in Ontario, Canada. *Fem Leg Stud* [LINK](#)

Hunter, T.L.(2023). Historical Sex Work: New Contributions from History and Archaeology. *Hist Arch* [LINK](#)

Cruz, K. (2023). Unionising Sex Workers and Other Feminists. *Social & Legal Studies*. [LINK](#)

Prior, A. & Peled, E. (2023) Constructing Identity Through Sex-Consumption: The Consumerist Narratives of Israeli Men Who Pay Women for Sex, *The Journal of Sex Research*, [LINK](#)

Johansson, I., Hansen, M.A. (2023). What Sex Workers Do: Associations Between the Exchange of Sexual Services for Payment and Sexual Activities. *Sexuality & Culture*. [LINK](#)

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Verma, S. K., Sharad, S., Singh, T., et al. (2023). Living with alternatives: Perceived crises, meaninglessness and efforts for a meaningful life in Indian Hijras. *Culture & Psychology*. [LINK](#)

Sprang, G., Ascienzo, S., Atwater, C., et al. (2023). The utility of trauma evaluations in judicial decision-making in child sex trafficking cases: A qualitative analysis. *Family Court Review*, 61(4), 885-901. [LINK](#)

Daniel, T., Lamb, J., & Campbell, C. (2023). Avoidance and empowerment: How do sex workers navigate stigma? *Sexualities*. [LINK](#)

Coxen, Julia O., Vanessa Castro, Bridgette Carr, et al. (2023). "COVID-19 Pandemic's Impact on Online Sex Advertising and Sex Trafficking." *Journal of Human Trafficking*. [LINK](#)

Roy, A. (2023). Repressed Identities: Sex Work in Thailand. *Asia in Global Affairs*. [LINK](#)

Apostolidou, A. , Triantafyllidou, S. , Papadaki, A. , et al. (2023) Prevalence of Non-Consensual Condom Removal (Stealth) in Female Sex Work and Its Association with Perceived Discrimination in Athens, Greece. *Psychology*, 14, 1483-1496.[LINK](#)

Grittner, A. L. (2023). "Carefully Curated/For Heart and Soul": Sensing Place Identity in Sex Workplaces. *Sexes*, 4(4), 473-492. [LINK](#)

Nichols, A.J., Oberstaedt, M., Slutsker, S. et al. (2023). Practitioners' Perspectives of Family Involved Sex Trafficking of Minors: Implications for Practice. *J Fam Viol*. [LINK](#)

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Haskins, M., Osu, T. and Carr, M. (2023), "Exploration of student sex work in the North East of England", *The Journal of Forensic Practice*. [LINK](#)

Balampana, M., De Walque, D.B.C.M., Dow, W.H., et al. (2023). Influence of COVID-19 on Female Sex Workers in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: A Mixed-Methods Analysis. *EconPapers*. [LINK](#)

Balampana, M., De Walque, D.B.C.M., Dow, W.H., et al. (2023). Effect of a Lottery Intervention on Gender-Based Violence among Female Sex Workers in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: Results from a Randomized Trial. *EconPapers*. [LINK](#)

Grant, M. 'Access Denied: Sex workers' exclusion from COVID-19 relief in the United States', *Anti-Trafficking Review*, issue 21, 2023, pp. 145-150, [LINK](#)

A Martins Jr, L Brito, and T P Scatena, 'Negotiating Multiple Risks: Health, safety, and well-being among internal migrant sex workers in Brazil during COVID-19', *Anti-Trafficking Review*, issue 21, 2023, pp. 71-86, [LINK](#)

S Bamidele, 'Are They Victims of COVID-19? The livelihood and quandaries of sex workers in the New Kuchingoro camp for internally displaced people in Abuja, Nigeria', *Anti-Trafficking Review*, issue 21, 2023, pp. 87-104, [LINK](#)

O García-Vázquez and C Meneses-Falcón, 'Providing Services to Women in Situations of Prostitution and Human Trafficking during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Spain, Italy, and Portugal', *Anti-Trafficking Review*, issue 21, 2023, pp. 141-144, [LINK](#)

Stathopoulos, A. (2023) On the Boredom of Whoredom: Re-Writing the Politics of Sex Work Through Passivity and Femininity, *Journal of Lesbian Studies*, [LINK](#)

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Farr, J.S. (2023). What Pornography Knows: Sex and Social Protest since the Eighteenth Century by Kathleen Lubey. *University of Toronto Press*, Vol. 35, Iss. 4, 556-559. [LINK](#)

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