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Monthly Newsletter from CRN6: Sex, Work, Law and Society



Welcome to the CRN #6 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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CFP: Special Issue of the International Journal of Gender, Sexuality and Law

Sex Work and the Law: Does the Law Matter?

Special Issue Editors: Laura Graham (Northumbria University), Mary Laing (Northumbria University), and Victoria Holt (Roehampton University).

Much has been written on the relationship between law and sex work. Mirroring global and national sex worker campaigns, official consultations and policy, and wider debates over the last two decades, there has been much academic interest in the legal responses to sex work (Scoular and O'Neill, 2007; Graham, 2017; Munro and Della Giusta (eds), 2008). Much of this work has evaluated the current legal response(s) to sex work, how they impact sex workers' lives, and how the law might be reformed. There is also significant academic and governmental interest in comparative research looking at legal responses across jurisdictions (Armstrong and Abel (eds), 2020; Levy, 2014).

This Special Issue aims to take a wider and more critical approach to the relationship between sex work and the law, drawing on Jane Scoular's (2015) question: does the law matter in sex work? In doing so, this Special Issue aims to offer an interdisciplinary exploration of the many layered relationship between law and sex work. This Special Issue invites papers that draw upon a variety of disciplines, including law, sociology, criminology, psychology, public health, politics, cultural studies, media studies, gender and sexuality studies, and geography.

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Research could consider (although is not limited to) the following themes:

- Sex work in the time of COVID-19
- Regulation and its impacts
- Local governance
- Longitudinal studies of sex workers' motivation and policy
- New forms of regulation and their impact on sex work and sex workers
- Access to justice for sex workers
- Crime against sex workers and responses to it
- Welfare laws, housing laws, employment laws and their impact on sex work
- Sex worker unionizing, activism and resistance
- Risk and risk-minimisation in sex work
- Sex work, Brexit and migration

This Special Issue welcomes, inter alia, traditional academic articles (8,000-10,000 words), dialogue pieces and roundtables, shorter non-academically focused think-pieces or commentaries, and reviews. We particularly welcome contributions from sex workers and sex work activists (both within and outside of the academy), and offer support, pairing and mentoring opportunities where desired (please state in your abstract if you would like to be paired or mentored).

Deadline for the submission of abstracts: 12th March 2021.

Please send abstracts to Mary Laing at mary.laing@northumbria.ac.uk

Any questions, please contact Laura Graham at

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Victoria Holt at holtv@roehampton.ac.uk

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Publications of Interest

Bayramoğlu, Yener. (2021) Border panic over the pandemic: mediated anxieties about migrant sex workers and queers during the AIDS crises in Turkey, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/01419870.2021.1881141

Dewey, Susan. (2021). Transnational Sex Trafficking of Women. Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology.

<https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.591>

Hansen, M.A., Johansson, I. Predicting Attitudes Towards Transactional Sex: The Interactive Relationship Between Gender and Attitudes on Sexual Behavior. *Sex Res Soc Policy* (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13178-020-00527-w>

Keene S. 2021. Becoming a sexademic: Reflections on a 'dirty' research project. *Sexualities*. doi:10.1177/1363460720986915

Lam, E. (2020) 'How the Asian Migrant Workers in Massage Parlours and Sex Industry are Affected by COVID-19', Butterfly, Toronto, May. Available online at: <https://www.butterflysw.org/publication> (accessed 10 July 2020)

Lam, E., Wong, V., Scott, M. (2020) 'Covid-19, Policing, and the Exacerbation of Pre-Existing Inequalities', *Globalization Working Papers: Covid-UrgentResponses* 19(1): 2013–6.

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Rossi, Caterina (2020) Lending Money, Generating Vulnerabilities: Between the Theories of Social Reproduction, Sex Work and Microfinance in Cambodia. *Journal of Applied Business & Economics*. Vol. 22 Issue 9, p160-172. 13p.

Vlase Ionela, and Ana Maria Preoteasa (2021) Flexi(nse)curity in adult webcamming: Romanian women's experiences selling digital sex services under platform capitalism, *Gender, Place & Culture*, DOI: 10.1080/0966369X.2021.1878114

Wright, Eric R., Ana LaBoy, Kara Tsukerman, Nicholas Forge, Erin Ruel, Renee Shelby, Madison Higbee, Zoe Webb, Melanie Turner-Harper, Asantewaa Darkwa. 2021. The Prevalence and Correlates of Labor and Sex Trafficking in a Community Sample of Youth Experiencing Homelessness in Metro-Atlanta. *Social Sciences*, 10(32) <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci10020032>.

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Zoli, A, Johnson, K, Cingolani, G, Pulcini, G. Towards action research with trans women sex workers: Policy, space and social challenges. *J Community Psychol.* 2021; 1– 15. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jcop.22511>

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New Job Opportunity

Research Fellow, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

As a Research Fellow, you will engage as an independent researcher in individual and collaborative research, establishing a distinctive programme of research and disseminating results through regular publications in high impact journals, books and conference proceedings.

This research post is to be the lead researcher on the ESRC project Understanding Sexual Violence in Sex Working Populations: Law, Legal Consciousness and Legal Practice in Four Countries. Jane Scoular (Strathclyde), Teela Sanders (Leicester), Gillian Abel, (New Zealand), Barb Brents (Nevada), Graham Ellison (Belfast). Our core question is: How do social, legal, and judicial contexts shape the safety and well-being of people engaging in sex work? In particular, how does context shape experiences of sexual violence? These questions will be addressed through a multi-method study comparing four different legal environments: legalisation (Nevada USA), criminalisation (Northern Ireland), decriminalisation (New Zealand) and partial criminalisation (Great Britain). We will do this through an online survey, interviews with a range of stake holders and sex workers, and case reviews of crimes recently brought to court. We will engage sex work organisations and peers as experts by experience in the design and development of the project, with view to sharing across nations what works, resources and best practice. This project will run from July 2021 for 30 months. Our project website is at <http://www.sexworkandsexualviolence.com/>.

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New Job Opportunity, Continued

Research Fellow, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

To be considered for the role, you will be educated to a minimum of PhD level in an appropriate discipline or have significant relevant experience in addition to a relevant degree. You will have a strong track record in quantitative skills, including design, administration and analysis and be able to lead this part of the fieldwork across the four sites. You will have an ability to plan and organise research programmes, to ensure successful completion and you will have experience of planning and organising workloads, including the ability to supervise and delegate work. You will have some experience and demonstrable ability to work within a team environment and to lead teams and excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to listen, engage and persuade, and to present complex information in an accessible way to a range of audiences. You will be able to work across partnerships and collaborations particularly in the creation of impacts and dissemination stage.

Informal enquiries about the post can be directed to Professor Jane Scoular, Principal Investigator - jane.scoular@strath.ac.uk.

Formal interviews for this post are likely to be held on Friday, 19 March 2021.

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LSA Announcements

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**The Law and Society Association Annual Meeting
CRISIS, HEALING, RE-IMAGINING
Chicago, Illinois
May 27 – May 30th, 2021**

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