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Call for papers

- Why and how have people throughout history turned to the past in order to make sense of sexual experience?
- What kinds of authority has the past exercised in popular and scholarly debates about sexual practices, identities, civilization and morality?
- How do changing interpretations of past sexualities reflect historical shifts in the way sex is understood?

This interdisciplinary conference invites abstracts for papers examining any aspect of the way that discussions about sex and human nature over the centuries have both been informed by and helped to shape ideas about past cultures and the interpretation of their material and textual legacies.

We particularly welcome abstracts from postgraduates and early career scholars, for whom some limited funding may be available.

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