

**QMUL/ Basel Doctoral Exchange | Basel | 24–25 April 2025
Call for Participation**

We invite PhD students of the School of History at QMUL and at the Basel Graduate School of History to send in applications for the Basel/ QMUL doctoral exchange in Basel on 24-25 April 2025.

This year, the organisers offer «Re-thinking gender and sexuality» as the theme for our presentations and discussions. Papers will be organised into panels, and there will be time allotted to an exploratory workshop of discovery.

We welcome proposals from all periods and areas. We also encourage those who do not focus explicitly on the topics in their research to contribute, for example with general reflections on the significance of gender and sexuality in their field of research.

We have chosen the theme since the subjects of gender, women's and queer history, as well as the history of sexuality and the body, inform much current research in all historically-oriented domains. They prompt fertile discussions about our sources, methods, and historiographical perspectives.

PhD students wishing to participate in a panel are invited to offer a 100-word-long abstract for a pre-circulated paper of around 1500 words. The paper will be circulated a week in advance of the exchange, and offer the basis for informed conversations by the group when we meet in Basel. On the day, each doctoral presenter will summarise the paper in five minutes and so set the scene for discussion.

If you do not wish to submit a paper but would still like to discuss the significance of gender and sexuality in historical studies, the challenges it presents us with, and the potential, please register for participation in the reading-based workshop with a brief letter of motivation including some questions that interest you. We will define the format after reviewing the proposals. It is, of course, possible to submit a paper and participate in the workshop as well.

So please consult your supervisors, reflect, and send in abstracts and letters by 15 January to the coordinator at your graduate school. We look forward to an energising and informative 2025 exchange.

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