



Queen Mary meets Basel, Doctoral Exchange

**Workshop
Re-thinking Gender and Sexuality**

24–25 April 2025

Basel Graduate School of History

Department of History

Seminarraum 1

Hirschgässlein 21

4051 Basel

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Thursday 24 April

13:00–13:10 Welcome Address (Lucas Burkart, Basel)

13:10–14:30 Reading Group (Chair: Miri Rubin, QMUL)

Jennifer C. Evans, *The Queer Art of History. Queer Kinship after Fascism*, Durham 2023.

Introduction / 1 Entangled History / 4 Pathway to Liberation / 5 Boundaries of Toleration / Epilogue (contact mirjam.janett@unibas.ch for the reading material)

14:30–15:15 Coffee and Cake (Common Room, Ground Floor)

15:15–16:15 Panel 1 (Chair: Delfi Nieto-Isabel, QMUL)

Valerie Muhmenthaler (Basel): *la plus bele de la cort* – some Aspects of Beauty and Power in the 12th Century Plantagenêt Empire

Nick Munn (QMUL): Re-assessing the Masculinity of the Venetian Doge through Visual Media, c. 1400–1538

16:15 – 17:15 Panel 2 (Chair: Nadine Amsler, Basel)

Naomi Reiter (QMUL): *The Body as a Battleground: the Life of Licoricia of Winchester*

Michèle Steiner (Basel): *Negotiating Power: The Relationship Between Nuns and Confessors in Early Modern Solothurn, 17th and 18th Centuries*

18:30 Dinner (Pizzeria Prima)

Friday 25 April

09:15–10:15 Panel 3 (Chair: Jane Freeland, QMUL)

Ali Izzatdust (QMUL): Re-thinking the Role of Gender in Early Modern Political Thought through the Concept of the ‘State of Nature’

Julian Stoffel (Basel): How to Talk about Emancipation? Reflections on the Historiography of the Autonomous Women’s Movement after 1968

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee Break (Common Room, Ground Floor)

10:45–11:45 Panel 4 (Chair: Benjamin Schenk, Basel)

Sophie Fäs (Basel): The Role of Swiss Fathers during Birth – Newcomers to a Female Domain

John Russel (QMUL): ‘Nasser’s Nasty Nanny’: Edith Summerskill’s Worldview and the Politics of Gender

11:45–13:00 Panel 5 (Chair: Mirjam Janett, Basel)

Sandra Fleischmann (Basel): (In)visible Gendered Narratives & Practices in Swiss Youth Welfare Services

Kieran Stigant (QMUL): Invading Heteronormative Space: The Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop

Darya Lis (QMUL): Women’s Narratives in the Works of Svetlana Aleksievich

13:00–13:10 Closing Words (Julia Tischler, Basel)

13:10 **Lunch** (Common Room, 5th floor)

14:30 **City Walk:** «Hidden Entanglements. How Basel’s Colonial History Shapes the Present»