

CENTRE FOR GENDER HISTORY

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW, SCOTLAND



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Abortion rights activists gather outside the Supreme Court in Washington, Friday, June 24, 2022.

University of Glasgow's Centre for Gender History brings together one of the largest concentrations of gender historians in the UK.

For more visit our updated website at:
<https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/genderhistory/>



Newsletter compiled by Marianna Golinucci

The Centre for Gender History is shocked by and strongly condemns the US Supreme Court's decision to overturn **Roe v Wade**, creating a situation where millions of women around the US will have to turn to unsafe illegal abortions.

History shows that reproductive rights have never been 'won' anywhere in the world as an encompassing and unconditional set of principles based on bodily autonomy, and that the battles over reproductive justice do not follow a linear path towards ever-increasing freedom.

In the UK today, abortion remains inscribed in criminal law, and there are issues with real access to safe abortion, including in Scotland. On the other hand, legal victories for reproductive autonomy have in recent years occurred in Latin America (Colombia, Argentina).

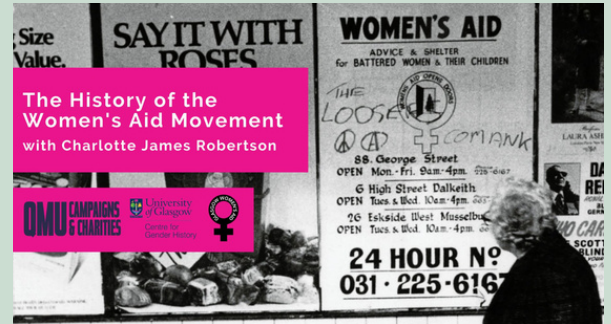
We call on our members to **support reproductive justice organisations and abortion providers in the US and around the world.**

CGH's co-directors Dr Maud Anne Bracke
& Dr Tanya Cheadle

SNAPS FROM THE LAST FEW MONTHS...

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2022

For International Women's Day we were joined by Glasgow Women's Aid and PhD researcher Charlotte James Robertson to chat about the history and the ongoing work of the Women's Aid movement in Scotland and Britain more broadly.



ANNUAL PUBLIC LECTURE AND MASTERCLASS BY PROF JOCELYN OLCOTT

We were excited to have Professor Jocelyn Olcott (Duke University) as the host of the Centre for Gender History's second annual public lecture, entitled "Sexing Development: South-based Women's Networks and the Politics of Feminism after 1975".



Prof Olcott also hosted a masterclass in "Globalising the history of feminism: methods, sources, concepts" for PGT and PGR students across the UofG. The conversations that followed explored the use of transnational approaches to research, not just in historical analysis but in a wide range of disciplines including translation studies, media and television studies, and pedagogy.

MSC GENDER HISTORY

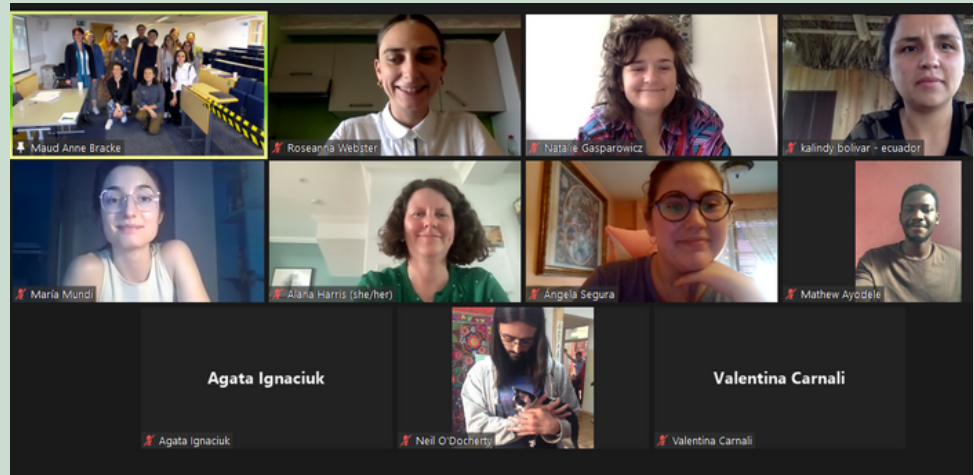
This year's MSc Gender History cohort participated in a wide range of interdisciplinary activities, including collaborations with The Hunterian (exploring original prints relating to the themes of transgressive womanhood), heritage walks with Glasgow Women's Library, and En-Gender.

If you missed the special episode of En-Gender Conversations where six of our MSc students introduced their fascinating research topics, head to your preferred podcast listening apps to catch it!



'WHOSE CHOICE, WHOSE RIGHTS? GLOBAL-HISTORICAL AND INTERSECTIONAL APPROACHES TO THE EMERGENCE OF REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AFTER 1945'

Our co-director **Dr Maud Anne Bracke** and **Dr Milica Prokić** organised the two-day hybrid conference, 'Whose choice, whose rights? Global-historical and intersectional approaches to the emergence of reproductive rights after 1945', 9-10 June.



The conference saw the participation of academics, early career researchers and PhD students from across the world, some of whom were able to travel to Glasgow to attend the event in person.

Over the two days, we had the pleasure to listen to a wide range of presentations addressing the broad theme of **reproductive rights** from different historical and geographical perspectives, from France, Spain, Poland and Italy to Japan, South Africa, Mexico and Ecuador.

We welcomed **Prof Catherine Burns** (University of Witwatersrand) as the Keynote speaker on contesting control over contraception, pregnancy and birth from South Africa to the world. We were delighted to listen to a heartfelt conversation between Prof Burns and **Dr Tlaleng Mokofeng**, UN Human Rights Council Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health.

Thank you to all the speakers and attendees who joined us over the two days, either online or in person!





NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



Dr Hannah Telling has been involved in creating the MOOC (massive open online course) *Gender-Based Violence: Responding to Intimate Partner Violence and Abuse*, alongside Dr Christine Goodall in Dentistry. The course focuses on understanding, recognising and responding to domestic abuse/intimate partner violence and abuse (IPVA). Check it out: <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/gender-based-violence-responding-to-intimate-partner-violence-and-abuse>



If you missed it, do also check out the episode of the **BBC 1 show 'Who do you think you are?'** that aired on Thursday 23 June. **Dr Hannah Telling** and **Dr Christine Whyte** joined **Anna Maxwell Martin** in her journey to find out more about her family history: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0018l51/who-do-you-think-you-are-series-19-4-anna-maxwell-martin>



Dr Blanche Plaquevent is presenting a paper entitled '**Queering the French Sexual Revolution: Reflecting on the Use of Categories of Identity in the History of Sexual Politics**' at the General Conference of The European Consortium For Political Research at the University of Innsbruck, 22-26 August. For the full programme: <https://ecpr.eu/Events/AcademicProgramme/PaperList/185>



Last May, Dr Plaquevent joined the Institute of Historical Research for a roundtable discussion, '**Rethinking Liberation movements in post-war France**', on post-war movements of liberation in the Francophone world, alongside other historians with expertise in sexuality, race, and gender.

PhD Researcher Eliska Bujokova is participating at the three-day conference 'Freedom & Work In Western Europe (C. 1250-1750)', at the University of Exeter, 6-8 July 2022. She will be talking about '**Mistresses and Housekeepers: Navigating the Male World of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh**'. Check out the full programme: <https://formsoflabour.exeter.ac.uk/conference/>



Dr Milica Prokić is speaking at the European Society for Environmental History (ESEH) Conference in Bristol, 4-8 July, with a talk entitled 'Quantum (of) Humanities: Materialising the Environments of Light- Past, Present and Future'.



Dr Prokić has also been co-leading the project *Materiality and (In-)Visibility: Women in Socialist and Post-Socialist Public Spaces* at the Max Planck Kunshistorisches Institut in Florenz. To find out more about this trans-disciplinary project exploring the multiple presences of women within socialist and post-socialist public spaces, visit <https://www.khi.fi.it/en/forschung/senior-research-scholar-gruendler/hana-gruendler-julie-deschepper-milica-prokic-materiality-and-invisibility.php>



Dr Rebecca Mason recently presented a paper entitled 'Family conflict, legal strategies, and married women's litigation in early modern Scotland' for the 2022 Conference on Coverture at the University of Florida.



PhD Researcher Anna McEwan is speaking at the German History Society annual conference, taking place at Sheffield Hallam University from 8-10 September 2022. Her talk is entitled "In the hope you will understand as a woman" - East German Women and the DFD Eingaben Process'.

The full programme will be announced soon at: <https://www.germanhistorysociety.org/annual-conference/>



PhD researchers Marianna Golinucci and Bethan Holt will be taking over as co-conveners of the Hufton Reading Group from PhD student Charlotte James Robertson from next term. We want to thank Charlotte for organising an amazing programme of seminar talks over the past year!

UPCOMING EVENTS/CONFERENCES

- **CGH MEET-UP, 5.30 AT ÒRAN MÓR, 6 JULY 2022**

We are inviting all MA students, PhD students and early career researchers gravitating around the Centre for Gender History to join us at Òran Mór at 5.30 on 6th July. It has often been difficult to get together in the last year and we would like to create opportunities for more connections within the Centre. We are thus aiming to make this a regular meet-up, every 1st Wednesday of the month.

We hope to see many of you there!



- **'CREATIVITY, AUTHENTICITY AND SUSTAINABILITY IN KNITTED TEXTILES', 8-9 SEPTEMBER 2022, UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW/ONLINE**



This conference brings together academics and creatives to present and discuss historical and contemporary knitwear processes and practices.

Panels will address the themes of creativity in the use of design, materials and techniques; authenticity of materials and practices; and sustainability of production methods. These themes have always been critical features of the success of Scotland's knitters, designers, entrepreneurs, and business owners – from the lace knitters of Shetland to the global companies of the 21st century.

To register and for details about the full programme, visit <https://fleecetofashion.gla.ac.uk/conference-2022-registration/>



- **TBC**

September 2022:

Centre for Gender History welcome event

Hufton Reading Group welcome event, open to all at UoG

October - December 2022:

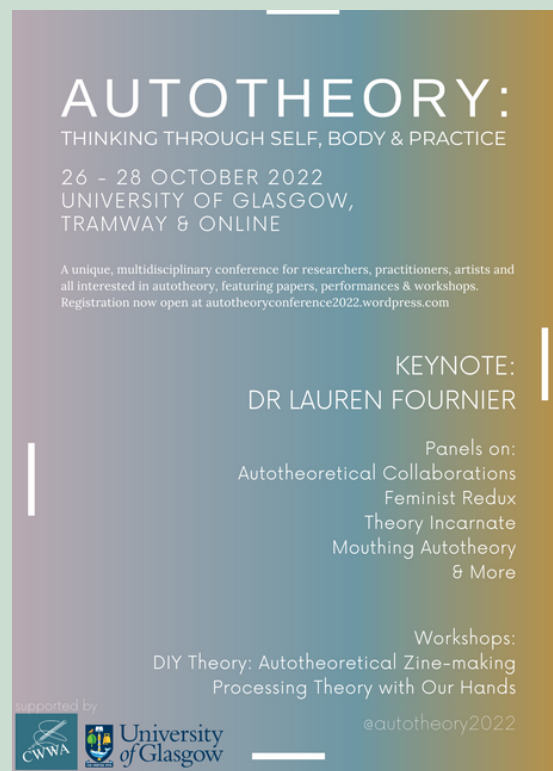
Seminar series

- **'AUTO THEORY: THINKING THROUGH SELF, BODY AND PRACTICE',**
26-28 OCTOBER 2022, UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW/TRAMWAY ARTS
VENUE AND ONLINE

This conference will feature a host of cutting-edge talks, performances, workshops and presentations, by an international base of artists, performers, and researchers who are currently (re)defining and expanding ‘autotheory’ as both a radical feminist arts practice within which we can ‘think with and through the body’ to overcome social, racial, class-based, gendered, and epistemic injustice, and as a novel, empowering and emerging methodology.

To register visit:

<https://autotheoryconference2022.wordpress.com/>



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SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Three students affiliated with the Centre were awarded **SGSAH funding** for **PhDs** commencing in September 2022. Congratulations to **Claire Dobson**, **Bethan Holt**, and **Marianna Golinucci**!

Claire has just completed her MSc in Gender History. The provisional title of her research is '**A gendered analysis of human and animal interaction during Scotland's witch hunts, 1563-1736.**' She will be supervised by Dr Karin Bowie and Dr Lizanne Henderson.

Bethan has just completed her first doctoral year and focuses on reproductive politics and maternal welfare in plantation colonies.

Marianna's research analyses the multifaceted forms of **activism** (campaigning groups, cultural associations, community work, politically motivated literary production) of **women of African, Afro-Caribbean, and Asian descent** in late **1970s-1990s Scotland**.

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Dr Hannah Telling has recently won a **Royal Historical Society Early Career Fellowship Grant** to work on her book project!

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Our **warmest congratulations** also to **Dr Hannah Yoken**, who has been granted a position as an **Academy of Finland postdoctoral researcher**. Next autumn she'll make the permanent move to Finland and launch her new project '**"A Farewell to Arms": Anti-Nuclear Protest, Emotion and Gender in Finland, 1979-1987**'. This three-year project (2022-2025) will see Dr Yoken working with the ARC Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions in Australia, the Center for the History of Emotions at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development, and the Finnish think-tank Demos Helsinki.



Dr Yoken will also be working on another three-year project, starting in 2024, focusing on the **gendered history of the Finnish publishing house Lehtimiehet oy** (or Magazine Men) and will be acting as PI, managing/supervising a team of undergraduate to PhD level collaborators.

Good luck, Hannah, we will be missing you!

