

# EUROPACH

## Living Politics: Remembering HIV/AIDS Activism Tomorrow



12-14 September 2019

@Refugio, Lenaustraße 3-4, 12047 Berlin, Germany

### How are politics and life narratives in the fields of HIV/AIDS activism in Europe entangled?

This conference discusses the meaning, methods and importance of preserving histories of HIV/AIDS, and how these and other ongoing practices relate to current engagements with the epidemic. It brings together social science researchers, policy makers and representatives of NGOs and activist groups from the fields of HIV/AIDS, drug policy, LGBTQ rights, sex work, migration politics and prisons. The conference has been organised by the “Disentangling European HIV/AIDS Policies: Activism, Citizenship and Health” research team (EUROPACH), which will present project outputs and concluding arguments about citizenship in Europe in relation to HIV/AIDS. It will celebrate the opening of the exhibition “HIVstories” at the Schwules Museum, and the launch of the EUROPACH contribution to the European HIV/AIDS Archive, which includes over 100 oral history interviews.

// Register by 1 September 2019: <https://tinyurl.com/y4jktmml>

// For further information see: [europach.eu](http://europach.eu)

// **Conference language:** English, translation into German, Polish and Turkish on request



## Thursday, 12. September 2019 @Refugio

- 13.00 **Opening**
- 13.30 **Keynote: Monica Greco (Goldsmiths University of London): Epistemic in/justice and the right to health: multiplying the ontologies of health status**  
Chair: Marsha Rosengarten (Goldsmiths University of London)
- 14.30 **Coffee Break**
- 15.00 **Presentation of the European HIV/AIDS Archive** by Agata Dziuban (Jagiellonian University) and Ulrike Klöppel (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, AKAIM)
- 15.30 **Round-Table: Archiving HIV/AIDS**  
Discussants:  
Stefan Dickers (UK, Bishopsgate Institute), Umut Güner (Turkey, KaosGL), Jim Hubbard (USA, ACT UP Oral History Project), Manon Parry (Netherlands, University of Amsterdam), Karol Radziszewski (Poland, Queer Archives Institute)  
Chair: Emily Jay Nicholls (Goldsmiths University of London), Marsha Rosengarten (Goldsmiths University of London)

## Evening programme @Schwules Museum

- 18.30 **AIDS und HIV in der Türkei: Book presentation**  
by Zülfukar Çetin (Universität Basel)
- 19.30 **HIVstories. Living politics: Exhibition Opening and Reception**

## Friday, 13. September 2019 @Refugio

- 9.30 **Round-Table: Uses of the Past - HIV and the production of contemporary European health policies**  
Discussants: Beate Binder (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), Marsha Rosengarten (Goldsmiths University of London), Peter-Paul-Bänziger (Universität Konstanz), Martin Lücke (Freie Universität Berlin)  
Chair: Martin Lengwiler (Universität Basel)
- 11.00 **Coffee Break**
- 11.30 **Panel 1 Citizenship and Policy Worlds**  
Friederike Faust (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin): From disobedience to legal action? Engaging with the law in HIV/AIDS prison activism  
Justyna Struzik (Jagiellonian University): Manoeuvring - everyday strategies of doing HIV/AIDS politics in Poland then and now  
Emily Jay Nicholls (Goldsmiths University of London): Testing the boundaries of citizenship: the gendered dimensions of inclusion and visibility in responses to HIV in the UK
- 13.00 **Lunch Break**
- 14.00 **Panel 2 Citizenship and Policy Worlds**  
Lina Bonde (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin): "If you don't have a dick, you aren't a risk": queer and gay trans men navigating sexual health, risk and belonging  
Zülfukar Çetin (Universität Basel): Politics of citizenship in Turkey: an analysis of refugee and public health politics through the example of refugees living with HIV  
Agata Dziuban (Jagiellonian University) and Todd Sekuler (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin): Urgency and chronicity across Europe: chrono-citizenship in times of HIV/AIDS
- 15.30 **Coffee Break**
- 16.00 **Keynote: Ulla Pape (Free University Berlin): Facing society: HIV/AIDS, activism and social rights in Russia**  
Chair: Agata Dziuban (Jagiellonian University)
- 17.00 **Coffee Break**
- 17.30 **Time Café: Back to the Futures - HIV/AIDS Activism Now and Then**  
Representatives from project's partner organisations
- 19.00 **Dinner**
- 20.00 **Short film screenings**

## Saturday, 14. September 2019 @Refugio

- 10.00 **Closed meeting with EUROPACH's partner organisations**
- 13.00 **Lunch and Farewell**

## Venues:

// **Refugio**, LenustraÙe 3-4, 12047 Berlin

// **Schwules Museum**, LützwowstraÙe 73, 10785 Berlin

The venues are accessible to all persons

**// Monica Greco (Goldsmith University of London): Epistemic in/justice and the right to health: multiplying the ontologies of health status**

In this presentation, Monica Greco discusses the affordances of the concept of epistemic in/justice, and its multiple variations, for understanding the stakes of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in connection with the 'right to health'. Epistemic injustice has been thematised in relation to HIV/AIDS primarily in two ways: in relation to social perceptions of HIV and the problem of HIV transmission; and in relation to the status of indigenous healing practices in the context of the South African epidemic. Each of these problematics invites us to experiment with what it might mean for a 'right to health' to extend to 'health status'.

**// Ulla Pape (Freie Universität Berlin): Facing society: HIV/AIDS, activism and social rights in Russia**

This keynote addresses AIDS activism in post-Soviet Russia, where annual rates of new infections continue to grow at an alarming rate. The presentation will explore what it means to be an AIDS activist in today's Russia. Central are the questions when, under which conditions and why people come out as HIV-positive, which in Russian language is described as "living with an open face". Russian AIDS-activism is closely linked to empowerment, overcoming stigma and advocating for the social rights of those affected. To better understand this activism, the course of the epidemic, HIV-related stigma in Russian society, and the inadequate government and civil society responses will be discussed.

**// Presentation of the European HIV/AIDS Archive by Agata Dziuban (Jagiellonian University, EUROPACH) and Ulrike Klöppel (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, AKAIM)**

During this session, the European HIV/AIDS Archive (EHAA) will be presented and the contributions from EUROPACH will officially be made available for use. The EHAA includes HIV-related (policy) documents and over 100 oral history interviews with persons engaged in the fight against the epidemic from around Europe. The archive is being developed collaboratively with members of the "AIDS History into Museums Working Group" (AKAIM) of the "German AIDS Service Organization" (Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe e.V.), and the research groups EUROPACH and "Don't criminalize passion!".

**// Round-Table: Archiving HIV/AIDS**

This round-table brings together a mix of archival professionals, scholars in the history of medicine and those involved in collecting, analysing, and creating arts-based responses to HIV. The primary focus will be on the challenges and possibilities involved in recording histories of HIV/AIDS, including the potential of non-traditional methods of collecting, the limits of collections policies, and what is at stake in attempting to record histories of HIV/AIDS.

**// Round-Table: Uses of the Past - HIV and the production of contemporary European health policies**

The EUROPACH project has sought to unravel the diverse but entangled histories of the epidemic in different European regions. Based on the project's research experiences and results, the round-table discusses how the evocation of the past affects current debates on HIV/AIDS. It asks which and whose histories seem to be "forgotten" and whether our findings challenge dominant views on HIV/AIDS, highlight gaps in histories of the epidemic, and provoke a re-consideration of well-known understandings and narratives of the unfolding of activism. In looking back on the work of EUROPACH, the panel seeks to reflect on the "uses of the past" and ponders over the project's contribution to a broader academic debate on temporalities.

**// Panels on Citizenship and Policy Worlds**

Beyond its common understanding as a legal or political status, citizenship in the humanities and social sciences refers to practices of social, cultural and economic inclusion and exclusion, often described through the lens of rights and responsibilities, participation and belonging. In two panels, EUROPACH researchers present arguments on citizenship within the context of HIV/AIDS in Europe emerging from oral history interviews and fieldwork. Some of the questions addressed in this panel are: How do activists and advocates fight for rights in relation to the HIV/AIDS epidemic? what are their commonalities and differences, and how do these shift over contexts, localities and times? How might existing citizenship concepts be rethought or expanded to account for the complex engagements with time, biology, rights, the state or intimacy?

**// Time Café: Back to the Futures - HIV/AIDS Activism Now and Then**

By using the world café method, we invite conference participants to travel back to the histories of HIV/AIDS activism and explore different future aspirations and fears. Activists, conference participants and speakers will gather in small groups to discuss diverse future aspirations that emerged throughout the unfolding of the epidemic. How was the future imagined in past HIV/AIDS activism? How did these visions change over time and travel across geographical spaces? And how have these changing visions affected activism and engagements with the epidemic?