

Special Issue

Normativities of Sex: Past, Present, Future

Message from the Guest Editors

For decades, feminism has centred, often successfully, sexual activity as a key site for engagement with law reform projects, at both domestic and international levels. The treatment of homosexuality is one of the primary points of debate around which a purported “clash of civilizations” is rhetorically enacted in international relations. The last few years have also seen unprecedented activist and legal mobilisation around the problems of child sexual abuse, sexual harassment and “grey” (non-stranger) rape in a variety of national contexts. This Special Issue of *Laws* seeks to publish state-of-the-art contributions to law and sexuality scholarship. Theoretically grounded papers are sought on any topic centring (counter)normativities/governance of sexual conduct. We are especially interested in international contributions adopting sociolegal, critical, law and humanities, and historical approaches.

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