Special Issue

Sex, Gender and the Social Self in Post Digital Societies

Message from the Guest Editors

The purpose of this Special Issue is to support and encourage the development of cutting-edge research from varied disciplines on how sex, gender, and the self are constructed, performed, changed, and challenged in post-digital societies, or societies in which technologies are ubiquitous and cannot be easily separated from "non-digital" life. Expanding and nurturing the (relatively) nascent literature concerning these kinds of complex social phenomena is important for developing insight into how politics, power, and polarisation function in contemporary societies, and for understanding how we can best navigate these shifting domains ethically, with care and solidarity for futures which are more sustainable and just. We welcome articles, conceptual papers, and reviews from all disciplines on the following non-exhaustive list of themes:

- Technology-mediated sex, sexuality and gender
- Extended, digital selves bodies and agency in postdigital societies
- Online/digital communities
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- Education, work and economies in post digital societies

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