CURRENT AND FUTURE WORK ON MEN AND MASCULINITIES

A ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION

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Roundtable Abstract

The Interdisciplinary Initiative on Studies on Masculinities (IISM) is a recently created community of researchers, teachers, activists and students brought together by their interests in learning together, conscientising themselves and others, teaching and mobilising, as well as studying boys, men and masculinities.

The IISM arose from the view that while there is excellent gender-critical research, academic and popular writing, a few university classes, as well as interventions by a range of groups and individuals concerning masculinities, there was no community of interests or dedicated channel to better gather and share lessons, projects, research, writing, thinking on work on masculinities. The goal of the Initiative is to contribute to shifting masculinities towards gender-critical, non-violent and progressive models as well as influence public policies and state-driven programmes to promote egalitarian and healthy masculinities. The Initiative serves as a space to facilitate the exchange of ideas and interact around research, teaching, and interventions on masculinities within the country and transnationally.

This first roundtable of the IISM, which aims to be very interactive and to be accompanied by a multimedia visual display of projects on masculinities, is meant to provide a space discuss the panellists’ current work, new questions occupying them, as well as offer their thoughts on future directions on work on masculinities.

Among the questions to be addressed around the table are those concerning media representations; violence and non-violence; alternative voices on masculinity; sexism and non-sexism; religion; gender violence; feminist theory and young men; changing masculinities; racism and non-racism; and theorising men from the global South.

Panelists

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Prof Grace Khunou
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