



A Conducive Context? *Misogyny, inequality, violence*

Wednesday 22 June 2011
9.15 am – 4.30pm

London South Bank University

Conference focus:

This conference will explore relationships between acts of male violence against women and the broader cultural, social, political and economic context. Focusing on the national UK situation, it aims to build on current debates amongst feminist academics and activists, and to help identify ways forward in the present political climate.

The starting point for the conference is recognition of several decades of feminist scholarship and activism, which make connections between individual acts of violence against women and a 'conducive context'¹ of cultural misogyny and inequality between women and men. The conference also aims to support and promote intersectional approaches which recognise how inequalities in terms of 'race', ethnicity, class, immigration status and nationality, disability and sexuality, affect individual women's experience of and vulnerability to violence.

Speakers include:

Joan Smith – Columnist, critic and novelist

Dr. Aisha Gill – Senior Lecturer in Criminology, Roehampton University

Pragna Patel – Southall Black Sisters

Professor Liz Kelly - Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit, London Metropolitan University; Co-Chair, End Violence Against Women Coalition

The venue

London South Bank University, London SE1 (directions & map sent on booking a place)

Book a place and/or a stand at the conference

- **£110** - this is the standard rate delegate fee which includes the private sector, public sector, academics and civil servants
- **£49** – delegate fee for voluntary sector and charities
- **£20** – delegate fee for students and activists
- **£10** - this is the charge for a stand at the conference. Limited space available. Please book by **Friday 3rd June**

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¹ Concept developed by Professor Liz Kelly and colleagues at CWASU, London Metropolitan University

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Programme (DRAFT)

09:15	Registration – <i>Networking, tea and coffee</i>				
10:00	Welcome and introduction Professor Mike Molan, <i>Pro-Dean, Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences</i> Ms Beverley Jullien, <i>Pro-Vice Chancellor, LSBU</i> Dr Julia Long, <i>London Feminist Network</i>				
10:15	Misogyny Re-visited Joan Smith, <i>Columnist, critic and novelist</i>				
10:55	Intersecting Inequalities: Implications for addressing violence against BMER women in the UK Dr Aisha Gill, <i>Roehampton University</i> Shrinking Secular Spaces: Asian women at the intersect of race, religion and gender Pragna Patel, <i>Southall Black Sisters</i>				
11:40	Coffee Break				
11:55	Parallel workshops (50 minutes): <i>these will be repeated at 13.30</i>				
1. Prevention Somali Cerise, <i>EVAW Coalition</i> <i>'Preventing Violence Against Women'</i>	2. Support Baljit Banga, <i>Newham Asian Women's Project</i> Anjum Mouj <i>Title tbc</i>	3. Sex object culture OBJECT <i>'Why object to objectification: pornification and its links with violence and discrimination against women'</i> Dr Maddy Coy & Dr. Miranda Horvath, <i>'Lads' mags and men's attitudes towards women: new research findings'</i>	4. Feminist and policy approaches Dr Jill Radford, Vera Baird, QC <i>Titles tbc</i>	5. Rape and the Criminal Justice System Dr Lynne Harne <i>'Rape and the criminal justice system: Where next?'</i> Olivia Smith, Dr Tina Skinner, <i>'Understanding the context of sexual violence trials'</i>	

Programme (DRAFT) continued

12:45	Lunch
13:30	Parallel workshops (repeat) (50 minutes)
14:20	Poetry reading Imtiaz Dharker, (author of ' <i>I speak for the devil</i> ' & ' <i>The terrorist at my table</i> ')
14:35	Violence Against Women: Concepts and Approaches Professor Liz Kelly, Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit, <i>London Metropolitan University</i>
15:15	Closing Panel: What are the priorities for feminists in relation to VAW in the current political, economic and cultural context? Professor Liz Kelly, Dr Aisha Gill, Hilary McCollum, Marai Larasi (<i>Imkaan, EVAW</i>), Anna van Heeswijk (<i>OBJECT</i>) and Julie Bindel (Chair)
16:25	Thanks and closing remarks Dr Shaminder Takhar, <i>London South Bank University</i>
16:30	Close

Questions that the conference hopes to address include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. How is violence against women currently represented and addressed in mainstream British media, culture, policy and legislative frameworks? How does this vary according to 'race', ethnicity, immigration status and nationality, class, sexuality and disability?
2. In what ways might mainstream media and culture be seen to help create a 'conducive context' for violence against women?
3. What is the relationship between discrimination, inequality and violence against women?
4. To what extent and in what ways have feminist analyses and understandings influenced mainstream debates, attitudes and policy approaches to violence against women?
5. Are the concepts of 'hate crime' and 'hate speech' useful in relation to violence against women? What other concepts and approaches might be useful?
6. What are the priorities for feminists in relation to VAW in the current political and economic context? Where are strategic interventions most necessary? Where and how might they be most effective?

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