

Gender, Violence and Discourse: Event Outline

Arrival: 09.45 – 10:00

Introduction and Welcome – (10:00-10.15)

Session 1: (10:15-11.30)

Short presentations (5 minutes each) from invited speakers on their research (*speakers to touch on one or more of these themes*)

- How does your research explore relationships between violence, gender, and discourse?
- How does your disciplinary/empirical context shape these relationships?
- What methodologies are you using to interrogate these relationships?

Coffee (11.30-11.50)

Session 2: (11.50 – 13:00)

Small group discussions between speakers and other attendees. Groups of 4/5 people. Reflecting on the three themes from the morning:

- How did the research presentations establish relationships between violence, gender, and discourse?
- How have disciplinary/empirical contexts shaped these relationships?
- What have you learned about the potential for different methodologies for interrogating these relationships?

What can we learn from these interdisciplinary conversations?

Lunch: (13:00-14:00)

Session 3: (14:00 – 15:30)

This section of the day to also be informed by themes generated in the morning session.

The following questions to be discussed in small groups of 4/5 people:

Judith Butler (2021) has argued that we are living in “anti-intellectual times” and that working on issues related to gender is becoming more difficult because views are more polarised.

1. What has been your experience of working on gender/violence/discourse in academia? Has this changed over time?

Butler has also said that despite these difficulties, and the need to maintain the complexity of gender (and its relationships to violence/discourse), academics “have to do better in reaching a broader public”.

2. What might “reaching a broader public” mean for your research?

Session 4: (15:30-16:00)

Reporting back and thinking about next steps. What does meaningful interdisciplinary collaboration on these themes look like?