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Beyond *Binaries* & Borders

*Rethinking Qualitative Research in
Gender and Queer Studies
from the Global South*



24-25 September, 2026



University of Naples "L'Orientale"



Palazzo del Mediterraneo, Room T1



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Beyond *Binaries* & Borders

DAY 1 OF 2
24 September 2026

Palazzo Mediterraneo
Seminar Room T1

9.45
10:00

WELCOME

Opening & Introduction



10:00
10:45

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Rahul Rao

University of St. Andrews (UK)

Comparative and Connective Approaches to Gender and Queer Studies in the Global South.

Q&A moderated by prof. Sara Borrillo

10:45
11:25

PANEL 1

Methodological Disruptions: Researching Across Borders - Moderator: Vincenzo Strafacc

Ema Gonçalves

CICS.NOVA – Universidade Nova de Lisboa

Beyond method: queer practices of care in Palestine.

Ali Heuser

Universität Kassel

Queering Reflexivity Beyond Binaries: Mining and Gender in the Peruvian Andes.



11:25
11:40

COFFEE BREAK

11:40
12:40

PANEL 2

Vite e saperi sin fronteras: attraversare e sovvertire i confini epistemologici, identitari e di genere

Elisabetta Angela Dilucca

Università degli Studi di Bari "A. Moro"

Abitare il Nepantla: una pratica femminista e decoloniale contro l'epistemicidio.

Anita Borella

Università degli Studi di Bari "A. Moro"

Il corpo metaforico dei femminismi. Diventare bastarde con Maria Galindo.

Andrea Ragno

Università degli Studi di Bari "A. Moro"

Autorizzazione a procedere: passare i confini del genere.

12:40
1:00

Q & A

1:00
2:00

LUNCH BREAK

2:00
3:20

PANEL 3



Re-existing beyond separations: gender, land, and marginalised knowledge in the Global South

Moderators: Domenico Salvatore Galluccio & Benedetta Manca

University of Naples Federico II / University of Naples "L'Orientale"

Introduction: theoretical framing and panel rationale.

Andreina Parise

University of Naples "L'Orientale"

Negotiating empowerment: Amazigh women, cooperatives and marginalised knowledge in Morocco.

Francesca Cesari

Independent Researcher

From care to resistance: Palestinian women's environmental practices and the politics of land in the West Bank.

Discussant: Carmine Urciuoli

University of Naples Federico II

Critical discussion: cross-cutting analysis and theoretical connections.

3:20
3:35

Q & A

3:35
3:50

COFFEE BREAK

3:50
5:00

workshop

Academia Upside-Down:

Embodied and Epistemic Disobediences

Opening performance "If Academia Gags Me" by Davide Cava

5:30

Social Aperitivo

Location TBA

in-person only

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DAY 2 OF 2
25 September 2026
Palazzo Mediterraneo
Seminar Room T1

9:30
10:00

WELCOME & OPENING

Prof. Ersilia Francesca - University of Naples "L'Orientale"



10:00
11:20

PANEL 4



Translating Queer: Language, Categories, and (Un)Translatability - Moderator: Ireny Iskander

Leila Hall

University of the Free State

Histories of (mis)translation: disrupting Western-led scholarship on Basotho same-sex intimacies from Lesotho-based perspectives.

Marco Casentini

University of Naples "L'Orientale"

Tongzhi and the Vernacular Negotiation of Queer Categories in Taiwan.

Sidonia Lucia Kula

SOAS University of London

Linguistic framing and identity: the transgressive capital of queerness in La Sape.

Nora Noralla

University of Bern

Banūṭī is for the Poor: class secession and non-binary identity in Egypt.

11:20
11:35

COFFEE BREAK

11:35
12:35

PANEL 5

Queer lives between Temporalities, State Power and Change - Moderator: Marta Tarantino



Otgonbaatar Tsedendemberel

Corvinus University of Budapest

Lived experiences of Mongolian queers during state socialism.

Deniz Nihan Aktan

Scuola Normale Superiore

Queer Collective Identity in Turkey Beyond Bridge: Europeanization Narratives and the Anti-LGBT State Agenda.



Chiara Del Core

Università degli Studi di Palermo

Queering asylum: credibility and SOGIESC narratives.

12:35
1:00

Q & A

1:00
2:00

LUNCH BREAK

2:00
3:00

PANEL 6



Narratives, Media, and the Production of Subjectivities - Moderator: Davide Cava

John Joseph Tablizo

University of the Philippines Diliman

Sexual Scripts in queer Filipino Adult Content Creation: Navigating Social Interactions in digital sex work.

Amiel Lopez

Ateneo de Davao University

Bantut, Bayot: becoming a Sama-Bajau transwoman in the urban.

Simona Dhanabalan & Alan Potter

The American College (Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India)

Gender fluidity and LGBTQ+ Narratives in indian series: Taali, His Story, and Beyond.

3:00
3:15

COFFEE BREAK

3:15
3:55

Zhandi van Zyl & Wemar Strydom

North-West University, Independent Researcher

So, we read the same novel?! An interdisciplinary exploration of 'mosaic methodologies' in a sibling co-reading of Lente in Beijing (2003).

Artemis Saleh

Johannes Gutenberg-University

Queer Nigerian narrative power and the "Auntified Social Order".

3:55
4:15

Q & A

4:15
4:30

CONCLUSION

