



CentreLGS **PECANS** Workshop 2008

Postgraduate and Early Career Academics
Network of Scholars

Wednesday 23 – Thursday 24 April 2008 **Westminster University, London**

A two day workshop for postgraduate research students and early career academics working in the areas of law, gender and sexuality.

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Day One of the two day workshop will include practical sessions for postgraduate students and early career academics including:

- Revising and Rewriting
- Surviving the Viva
- Modelling good and bad supervision, with performances from **Joanne Conaghan** and **Didi Herman**.

Thursday 24 April 2008

Day Two of the workshop will be a one day conference on the theme of '**Reconfiguring Resistance**', including a question and answer session with **Bonnie Honig**, Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University and Senior Research Fellow, American Bar Foundation.

Resistance has become a central problematic in gender, sexuality and law scholarship, but unlike with historical moments of revolution and uprising, the focus is now turning to everyday, local and unlikely forms of resistance and subversion. The aim of this one-day postgraduate and early career scholars' conference is to discuss questions such as:

- What are the differences and similarities between concepts such as resistance, subversion and transgression?
- How can concepts like resistance, transgression and subversion help us to critique existing practices and structures?
- How does the historical moment in which resistance or subversion take place interact with the understandings of such acts?
- In what ways do transgressive, subversive and resistant activist practices feed into academic scholarship?
- Have gender/sexuality/feminist scholars been too focused on the margins, therefore underestimating the significance of mainstream or hegemonic life in efforts to advance social change?

If you would like to present a paper, **please send a title and abstract (150-250 words) to Rosie Harding (r.harding@law.keele.ac.uk) by Friday 1 February 2008**. Suggestions and submissions are also welcomed for round-table discussions and complete panels – for more info, email Rosie Harding (r.harding@law.keele.ac.uk).

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