



50 Years After Stonewall – International Conference and Reception at the Scottish Parliament

10 – 13 September 2019

Edinburgh, Scotland

2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots – one of the turning points in LGBT+ history and a milestone in the development of LGBT+ rights. The raid on the Stonewall Inn in New York City on 28 June 1969 and the reactions it received sparked a new feeling of cohesion within the LGBT+ community, a confidence which manifested itself in various forms – in the publication of several gay newspapers, the formation of the Gay Activists Alliance and the first Gay Pride marches. It is today considered one of the turning points in LGBT+ history and one of the milestones in the development of LGBT+ rights.

The University of Edinburgh and the Staff Pride Network at the University mark the 50th anniversary of Stonewall with a reception at the Scottish Parliament and a two-day international conference. In the course of these events, we intend to discuss the development of LGBT+ rights and the LGBT+ community from a multitude of perspectives. Our invited speakers therefore come from the fields of law, medicine, politics, education and religion; they are scholars, politicians and activists, and the topics they discuss range from LGBT+ rights in UK law to same-sex coupledom in Scotland, and from LGBT+ rights in Uganda to the legalisation of same sex marriage

in Taiwan. There is no attendance fee for any of these events, but registration on eventbrite is required.

Registration for the Parliamentary reception on **10 September 2019** (Stonewall Edinburgh 1) is open at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/50-years-after-stonewall-parliamentary-reception-stonewall-edinburgh-1-tickets-67524257873>

(PLEASE NOTE: only one, non-transferable, ticket may be ordered per person).

Registration for the First Conference Day on **12 September 2019** (Stonewall Edinburgh 2) is open at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/50-years-after-stonewall-conference-12-sept-2019-stonewall-edinburgh-2-tickets-67894370891>

Registration for the Second Conference Day on **13 September 2019** (Stonewall Edinburgh 3) is open at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/50-years-after-stonewall-conference-13-sept-2019-stonewall-edinburgh-3-tickets-67893997775>

Programme

Tuesday, 10 September 2019

Reception at the Scottish Parliament

Venue: Scottish Parliament	
18.05	Patrick Harvie MSP (Co-Convenor of the Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on LGBT+) Welcome
18.10	Dr Paul Behrens (University of Edinburgh) 50 Years After Stonewall – The Conference

18.20	Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon (First Minister of Scotland)
18.35	Sir Stephen Wall (Chair, Kaleidoscope Trust) The development of the LGBT+ community in the UK in the last 50 years
18.55	Questions and Answers on Sir Stephen Wall's presentation
19.15	Wine reception

Thursday, 12 September 2019
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9.00	Registration and Coffee
9.10	Welcome to the Conference
9.25	Dr Paul Behrens (University of Edinburgh) Introduction to the Conference
Session 1: Law	
9.30	Dr Carolynn Gray (University of the West of Scotland) The evolution of LGBTQI+ rights in UK Law – is the tide starting to turn?
9.50	Discussion

10.05	Dr Paul Behrens (University of Edinburgh) In the name of the People? Plebiscites, referendums and same-sex marriage
10.25	Discussion
10.40 – 11.10 Coffee	
Session 1 (cont): Law	
11.10	Dr Andrew Hayward / Prof Helen Fenwick (University of Durham) The Intrinsic Value of Registered Partnerships for Same-sex Couples, their Recognition Domestically and at the Strasbourg Court
11.30	Discussion
11.45	Sean Becker (University of Edinburgh) “Lewd, Disgusting and Offensive”: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Law Lords’ Ideologies Towards Homosexuality between 1967 and 2004
12.05	Discussion
12.20 – 13.10 Lunch	
Session 2: Medicine	
13.10	Lucille Kelsall-Knight (University of Birmingham) / Ceri Sudron (University of Wolverhampton) Disenfranchisement in British healthcare: being a lesbian non-biological mother
13.30	Discussion
13.45	Dr Andrew Gardiner (University of Edinburgh) Prescription: a broad spectrum veterinary profession

14.05	Discussion
Session 3: Scotland	
14.20	<p>Dora Jandric (University of Edinburgh)</p> <p>“That’s really why I got married I guess”: Heteronormativity and Openness about Same-Sex Coupledrom</p>
14.40	Discussion
14.55	<p>Prof Kenneth Norrie (University of Strathclyde)</p> <p>Perceptions of Homosexuality as Revealed by the Law of Defamation in Scotland</p>
15.15	Discussion
15.30 – 16.00 Coffee	
Session 4: Politics	
16.00	<p>Dr Carin Tunåker (University of Kent)</p> <p>LGBT+ Youth Homelessness as a Consequence of Progress</p>
16.20	Discussion
16.35	<p>Dr Carmelo Danisi (University of Sussex)</p> <p>Navigating troubled waters to seek a ‘safe harbour’: what a fair asylum system should look like for sexual and gender minorities requesting international protection in Europe?</p>
16.45	Discussion
17.00	Close of Day One

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9.20	Welcome to Day 2
Session 5: Education	
9.30	Lynne Regan (Open University) Investigating the Experiences of Transgender Students in Higher Education (HE).
9.50	Discussion
10.05	Eleanor Capaldi / Dr Amanda Sykes (University of Glasgow) Embedding LGBT Equality in the Curriculum and the Classroom
10.25	Discussion
10.40 – 11.10 Coffee	
Session 6 – Beyond Stonewall: LGBT+ rights outside the Western context	
11.10	Clare Byarugaba (Chapter Four Uganda) LGBTI movement organizing on the Peril: A Case study of Uganda
11.30	Discussion
11.45	Gaar Adams (University of Glasgow) Queerly Fluent/Fluently Queer: On (Re)Creating Shared Identities in Second and Third Languages Among Migrant LGBT Populations in the Arabian Peninsula
12.05	Discussion

12.20 – 13.10 Lunch	
Session 6 (cont): Beyond Stonewall	
13.10	<p>Jason Chien Chen Lien (Director-General, Taipei Representative Office in the UK, Edinburgh Office)</p> <p>First Country in Asia to legalise Same Sex Marriage: Taiwan's Journey towards Equality</p>
13.30	Discussion
Session 7: Religion	
13.45	<p>Dr Hannah Holtschneider (University of Edinburgh) / Rabbi Mark Solomon (Leo Baeck College, London)</p> <p>Jewish approaches to LGBT+ in texts, culture, and ritual</p>
14.05	Discussion
14.20 – 14.50 Coffee	
Session 7 (cont): Religion	
14.50	<p>Nicolete Burbach (Durham University)</p> <p>Tradition and transition: methodological approaches to LGBT issues in Catholic theology after Pope Francis</p>
15.10	Discussion
15.25	<p>Andrew Dalton (University of Sunderland)</p> <p>No space is a safe space? Queer Muslims in the United Kingdom</p>
15.45	Discussion
16.00 – 17.00: Roundtable Religion and the LGBT+ community	

(Mark Solomon / Nicolete Burbach / Andrew Dalton / Kate Harford [Oxford Brookes University])	
17.00	Sammy Li / Jordan Kirkwood (LGBT+ Network of Networks in Higher Education) The Network of Networks
17.05	Dr Paul Behrens (University of Edinburgh) Concluding Remarks
17.15	Close of Conference

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