**The Changing Face of Pride Events: Movements, Activism, Histories**

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Pride Events have become the most paradigmatic type of events held annually by different LGBTQIA+ communities across the world. These events play different roles, from awareness-raising to community-building, from representation of different experiences, to advancing social and political claims, often connected to human rights issues (Ammaturo, 2016, 2023; Armstrong and Crage, 2006; Browne, 2007; Duggan, 2010; Renkin, 2015; Stella, 2013; Woodcock, 2004). Furthermore, Pride Events have multiplied across both urban and rural locations (Ammaturo, 2016), diversifying the repertoire, priorities, and tactics to engage both the local LGBTQIA+ communities, as well as bystanders and the wider civil society.

Yet, there are also controversies surrounding the organisation of Pride Events, in particular in relation to their commercialisation and commodification (Conway, 2022; Domínguez Ruiz, 2019), the de-politicisation of these events in favour of more ‘party-like’ events (Browne, 2007; Markwell and Waitt, 2009), their co-optation within other political projects (Ammaturo, 2016; Mikuš, 2011; Slootmaeckers, 2017),  as well as rifts regarding the representation of marginalised groups within these events such as QTIPOC, trans people, disabled people, migrants, etc (Barrientos et al., 2010; Greensmith and Giwa, 2013; Radoman, 2016; Scott, 2017).

This panel invites contributions that interrogate challenges and opportunities in the organisation of Pride Events at the global scale, with an intention to de-centre Eurocentric and US-centric narratives on Pride Events. For this reason, contributors are invited to submit paper proposals focusing (but not limited to) the following themes regarding Pride Events:

-        Pride and Human Rights

-        Grassroot politics and de-politicisation

-        Commodification, Commercialisation, and Corporate Sponsorship

-        Pluralising and decolonising the Histories of Pride Events

-        Accessibility and Disability

-        Trans Rights and Transphobia

-        Racism, discrimination

-        Alternative(s) (to) Pride Events

-        Pinkwashing and Homonationalism

-        Migration and Border Violence

-        Environmental activism and Sustainability

We are particularly interested in paper proposals that centre Global Majority countries.

Abstracts should be sent by 30th November (to double check) to Dr Francesca Romana Ammaturo (f.ammaturo@londonmet.ac.uk) and Dr Koen Slootmaeckers (koen.slootmaeckers@city.ac.uk).

**Abstracts should consist of:**

The Paper title (no more than 20 words)

Author full names, affiliations and email

The abstract (no more than 340 words)

3–8 keywords

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