**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.

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**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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