

Situating Postcolonial Sexualities –Open Day Seminar

May 2nd at 09.00-16.00: Room 8.1, International Development Studies, Roskilde University

Current discussions on sexuality in postcolonial societies take place within a climate of international moral panic. There is much concern over day-to-day sexual practices, presumably linked to inequality and gender-based violence, and certainly to the spread of HIV/AIDS. This Open Day Seminar will examine sexuality within the discourses of gender, race and ‘modernity’, wedding important elements of the postcolonial project with those of internationalization and ‘development’. Acclaimed scholars from various disciplines, national contexts and research backgrounds will speak from their current projects to give insight into mechanisms of sexual control in diverse contexts.

Programme:

09:00: Coffee and welcome, Bodil Folke Frederiksen, Dept of International Development Studies, RUC, and Signe Arnfred, The Nordic Africa Institute

09:30: Elaine Salo “*Forging Coca Cola Identities: township youth exploring gender and sexuality through popular culture*”

10:00: Discussant: Ebbe Prag, Dept. of International Development Studies, RUC

10:15: Robert Muponde: “*Men Mild as Milk*”

10:45: Discussant: Kirsten Holst Petersen, English and Cultural Encounters, Roskilde University

11:00: Coffee break

11:30: Deborah Posel: “*Baby rape' and the politics of sexual violence in contemporary South Africa*”

12:00: Discussant: Lene Hansen, Dept. of Political Science, Copenhagen University

12:15: General Discussion with all attendees

13:00: Lunch break

14:00: Tejaswini Niranjana: “*Music, Race and Sexuality in Contemporary Trinidad*”

14:30: Discussant: Hanne Marlene Dahl, Social Sciences, Roskilde University

14:45: Marc Epprecht: “*Slim disease and the science of silence*”

15:15: Discussant: Preben Kaarsholm, International Development Studies, Roskilde University

15:30: General Discussion and facilitator summary, Lisa Ann Richey, Dept. of International Development Studies, Roskilde University