

Silence is (not) an Option

Rethinking Oral History Post #MeToo

17-18 November 2022

A Symposium by the Belgian Network for Gender History

Info: avg-carhif.be

Venue: Amazone
Rue du Méridien 10, Brussels



THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17

9h30-10h Registration and coffee

10h-10h30 Introduction

Tinne Claes (KU Leuven), Juliette Masquelier (Université libre de Bruxelles),
Marjolein Van Bavel (UAntwerpen)

10h30-12h Keynote - Emily Bridger (University of Exeter)

Sexual Violence and the (Un)sayable in South African History

12h-13h Lunch

13h-14h15 Panel 1 – Insider / Outsider Perspectives on Subalterns’ Silences. Chair: Magaly Rodriguez Garcia (KU Leuven)

Chiara Candaele (UAntwerpen/State Archives of Belgium)

Activating the past. Integrating subaltern voices in ‘official’ inquiries on forced child separations

Jiri Moonen (UAntwerpen)

“Mimic Diaspora”: Identity and the idea of the ‘other’ among South Korean adopted migrants in Flanders (1968-2021)

14h15-14h30 Coffee break

14h30-15h45 Panel 2 - Reassessing #MeToo. Chair: Marjolein Van Bavel (UAntwerpen).

Sabine Elisabeth Aretz (KU Eichstätt-Ingolstadt)

What’s Left Unsaid and #MeToo: Agency in/and Silence.

Martha Norkunas (Middle Tennessee State University)

“She Reimagines Being Unsilenced in Speech and Body.”

15h45-16h Coffee break

16h-17h Workshop - The Ethics of Studying Sexual Violence: Comparing Archival and Oral Methodologies (AVG-CARHIF)

18h30 Dinner

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18

9h30-10h45 Panel 3 - Historical Sexual Abuses. Chair: Tinne Claes (KU Leuven)

Romaine Girod (Université de Lausanne)

Silences and speech on sexual violence in the Catholic Church in Switzerland

Tracey Loughran (University of Essex)

“Trauma” and “Resilience” in Women’s Narratives of Sex, Sexuality, and Sexual Consent

10h45-11h Coffee break

11h-12h45 Panel 4 - Professionals’ Silences. Chair: Ida Milne (Carlow College)

Tim Debroyer (KU Leuven)

The End of Tuberculosis? Stigma and Silence in the Aftermath of Disease

Ruth Beecher (Birkbeck, University of London)

A silence register: Doctors, nurses and psychologists on their role in protecting children from sexual abuse

Anne-Sophie Crosetti (Université libre de Bruxelles)

On and off the record: Narrative strategies of Catholic counsellors in conversation with a socio-historian

12h45-13h45 Lunch

13h45-15h Panel 5 - Women’s Silences. Chair: Juliette Masquelier (Université libre de Bruxelles)

Antje Van Kerckhove (KU Leuven)

Diethylstilbestrol and (breaking) silence in affected families (Belgium, 1970s - present)

Eleanor Strangways (Loughborough University)

Uncovering the experiences of female religious in Congo (1960-1980)

15h-15h30 Coffee break

15h30-16h30 Conclusions

16h30-17h Networking

17h-18h30 Keynote - Estelle Freedman (Stanford University)

Before ‘Sexual Harassment’: Silence and Speech in U.S. Women’s Oral Histories

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