



Nordic Queer Migration: Perspectives on Mobility from Iceland to Denmark and from Finland to Sweden

Workshop and open seminar

University of Iceland, September 26 – 28, 2019

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Workshop for the project team

September 27

Open seminar: History of Nordic queer migration: approaches – methods – angles

Workshop on queer migration within the Nordic countries

What do queer migrations from Finland and Iceland in the late 20th century have in common? How can we approach this subject? Which methods should we use?

On Friday September 27 we will attempt to answer these questions in a workshop on queer migrations within the Nordic countries at the University of Iceland. Special attention will be paid to migration between Finland and Sweden, on the one hand, and Iceland and Denmark on the other. The workshop will pose questions about the characteristics, driving forces and cultural meanings of these migrations, as well as methods and approaches when researching this phenomenon.

Six Finnish and Icelandic researchers will give short presentations but one of the main goals of the workshop is to facilitate discussions between scholars, queer communities and other interested parties about this neglected subject within Nordic history.

The workshop is funded by the ReNEW research hub and is a part of preparations for a Nordic research project on queer migrations in the latter half of the 20th century. It is hosted by MARK – The Center for Diversity and Gender Studies, The Centre for Research in History and The Centre for Research on Equality, Gender and Education.

Presentations and discussions will be conducted in English.

Programme

Place: the University of Iceland, room no. 206, Oddi, University of Iceland, Sturlugata 3, 101 Reykjavík

Time: Friday September 27 between 13:30–15:30

13:30 Presentations

- Ásta Kristín Benediktsdóttir, „The Great Escape? Queer migration from Iceland to Europe in recent historical novels“

- Elsi Hyttinen, „The shy men in denim jackets. Fictional queer Finns in Stockholm“
- Hafdís Erla Hafsteinsdóttir, „Final Destination: Copenhagen. HIV/Aids and queer migration in Iceland 1983–1987
- Íris Ellenberger, „What’s queerness got to do with it? Education, migration and queerness in the 20th century“
- Riikka Taavetti, „Migration as a blind spot in Finnish queer historiography?“
- Tuula Juvonen, „The image of a gay Sweden in Finland 1950s-1980s“

14:30 Questions and discussions

Saturday, September 28

10-13 Meeting for the project team: debriefing the discussion during Friday’s workshop and setting agenda for future cooperation

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