

## MASCNET: Masculinity Sex and Popular Culture Network

### Masculinity in Times of Change Sala Pere i Joan Coromines, Institut d'Estudis Catalans (IEC) 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 Call for Papers

Following on from the success of our two previous network events in Birmingham (May 2019) on masculinity and body image and Berlin (January 2020) on masculinity and national identity, our third and final network symposium event is on the topic of **Masculinity in Times of Change**.

This event is organized in conjunction with **ICE**, Institut d'Estudis Catalans and **Men in Movement 5: Intersectional Masculinities and Feasible Futures** conference (12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Nov).

The symposium is designed to set an agenda for future research and collaborations. We intend to address some of the following themes:

- Reconfiguring hegemonic masculinities
- Masculinity and gender based violence
- Queer masculinities, queer temporalities
- Oppositional and anti-normative masculinities
- Neoliberal masculinities
- The perennial 'crisis' of masculinity
- 'New' masculinities
- Digital masculinities

We invite individual papers, pre-constituted panels, poster presentations, video presentations, or short performance pieces that address the theme of the symposium. We very much welcome imaginative alternative modes of presentation, the presentation of creative works, performance and screenings.

These are topics that relate popular debate and media reportage, educators and policy makers and we are keen to involve practitioners and non-academics in our discussions and events.

MASCNET is a 24-month AHRC funded research network explores the pervasiveness of sexualized masculine embodiment across contemporary popular culture, and sets an ambitious agenda for subsequent research. The network steering group includes Begonya Enguix, Joao Florencio, Jamie Hakim, Mark McGlashan, Peter Rehberg and Florian Voros.

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Deadline for proposals Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020  
Attendance will be free.