



Module Outline for Course Participants

Introduction

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Abstract

This module is intended to provide participants with an overview of Advancing Sexuality Studies: A short course on sexuality theory and research methodologies.

Module aims

- To provide a background to the short course as a whole;
- To summarise the findings from the short course audit of sexuality studies;
- To kick-start thinking on what *is* sexuality.

Participants will:

- Develop their understanding of what sexuality is;
- Reflect on any work experiences they have had to date in relation to researching or theorising sexuality.

Required pre-reading

Weeks, J. (2003) *Sexuality*. 2nd ed. Routledge, London & NY. (C2, The Invention of Sexuality)

Overview of module

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This module begins by asking participants to think about their own working definitions of sexuality. An icebreaker activity exercise will also be undertaken.

Session 1. Short course background

Participants will be given a briefing on development of the short course, including an overview of the audit of sexuality studies undertaken as part of course development. A group work activity will be undertaken to allow participants to share their own experiences to date of types of sexuality work encountered.

Session 2. So, what *is* sexuality?

Participants will be asked to review the working definitions of sexuality that they developed in the introductory session. Group work will be undertaken, followed by a brief lecture on sexuality that sets the scene for the rest of the short course.