

10th European Spring School on History of Science and Popularization
HANDLING THE BODY, TAKING CONTROL: TECHNOLOGIES OF THE
GENDERED BODY
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Organized by the Catalan Society for the History of Science
Coordinated by Montserrat Cabré and Teresa Ortiz-Gómez

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The aim of the 10th European Spring School [ESS] “Handling the body, taking control: Technologies of the gendered body” is to encompass a diversity of themes around the axis of the historical construction of the gendered body as a locus of both empowerment and disempowerment and the place of the natural philosophical and biomedical disciplines in shaping the political and subjective dimensions of human experience.

The School is particularly concerned with exploring how diverse intellectual and social movements have struggled to gain authority and cultural hegemony over women’s bodies by way of defining sexual difference and the gendered body.

As in previous sessions, this ESS is structured in four key-note lectures and a research workshop. The keynote lectures will be delivered by four outstanding scholars covering areas such as sexual practices, the language of physiology, visual representations and feminist definitions of health expertise.

The ESS is envisaged as a space for junior scholars to discuss their current work-in-progress with colleagues in a creative and supportive environment. The workshop will be organized in three thematic paper sessions and one poster session. All contributions –in both paper and poster format- will be commented by participants, lecturers and organizers of the School. Sessions and discussions will be conducted in English.

The ESS “Handling the body, taking control: Technologies of the gendered body” is open to graduate students, early career scholars, professionals, and activists concerned about past and present approaches to the gendered body and the analysis of the epistemological frameworks that feminism has developed to analyse them.

Participants would be expected to address such issues as:

Abortion and contraceptive cultures
Expert knowledge and experiences of pregnancy and birth
Feminist activism and body technologies
Feminist epistemologies of the body
Gendered biopolitics
Illness, sickness, disease

Medical constructions of sexual difference
Patologization and depatologization of the female body
Sexual education and women's health knowledge
Sexual violence, perceptions of harrassment and rape
Sexualities, female sexuality and asexuality
Visual and textual discourses of the gendered body
Women's sexual desire and medical knowledge on female sexuality
Women's versus medical representations of the female body

Please send proposals to discuss your research (around 300 words) before October 30 to Montserrat Cabré and Teresa Ortiz-Gómez at: 10thEES@gmail.com

A limited number of grants will be available for graduate students and early career researchers.