

Call for
Applications

A new Berlin-based
platform for love,
sex, and body-
positive research

Join us for a
Kick-Off Workshop

April 17 and 18 2024
IKSK - Berlin

Application
deadline
March 15

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among your friends
and peers

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Love and sex researchers of all kinds, unite!

In Berlin and beyond, a multitude of researchers, freelancing **authors, and artists within and outside academia** share our profound interest in contemplating and exploring love, sexuality, and **body and sex positivity**. However, many of us find ourselves isolated in our pursuits. It is time for creating a supportive network that brings together those who share the passion for these topics.

The realms of **love and sexuality demand an inter- and transdisciplinary approach**, one that strives to navigate the intersections of power and privilege within the political and cultural landscape. The political nature of these realms requires a **feminist, decolonial, and economic critique** that fully acknowledges the inherent queerness of human love and desire.

Our objective is to establish a **Berlin-based platform for love, sex, and body-positive research**. Berlin is one of the centers of the sex positive movement and yet it lacks a platform for such research.

For this purpose, we are calling for applications for the kick-off workshop at the **Institute for New Body Research and Sexual Culture (IKSK Berlin)** on April 17 and 18, 2024.

The **workshop** will gather short presentations, posters, and "elevator pitches" of the respective research interests by future network members (rather than long talks and discussions). **We envision a platform that transcends disciplinary boundaries, situated at the crossroads of academia, art, and activism.** This network could eventually lead to organizational teams for thematic workshops and conferences, the publication of a journal, and funding applications. The Kick-Off workshop will be thematically broad and without any disciplinary limits.

If this resonates with you and aligns with your interests, we welcome your participation and support in shaping the initiative. Please consider sending in a short application for the workshop, stating your name, (un)affiliation, research areas, and guiding question and hypothesis. During the workshop, you will have about 10-15 minutes to present your material.

Please send in your application by March 15 to the initiators. **We will make every effort to provide each participant with the opportunity to present their projects.** The funding of the workshop is donation-based on a sliding scale, starting with 10€.

Abstracts of 250-300 words can be submitted to Tobi.Wieland@fu-berlin by March 15, 2024.

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