

# New Perspectives on the Menopause

## Bush House, King's College London

Saturday 15th June, 2024

### A one-day cross disciplinary conference discussing recent developments in researching and understanding the menopause

#### Programme

9.00-9.45 Registration. Tea/coffee available.

9.45 Welcome and introduction to conference.

#### 10.00-11.40 **PANEL 1: The Menopause: Existential and Experiential Dimensions**

- The Existential Crisis – and Creative Possibilities – of Menopause (Stella Duffy)
- Menopause – A Cultural Perspective from the United Arab Emirates (Donna Howarth)
- Reappropriating the Menopause in Camille Froideveaux-Metterie's *Pleine et Douce/Replete and Tender* (2023) (Julie Rodgers)
- Autographic Desires and Challenges: Francine Oomen's *Déreglée: Journal d'une menopause/Riding the Wave* (Anna Rocca)

#### 11.45-13.00 **PANEL 2: Media and the Menopause**

- Véro Going Through 'The Change': Feminist Analysis of the Documentary Series *Loto-Méno* (2021) (Marie-Andrée Bergeron)
- Menopause in the UK News: Neoliberal Logics and Feminist Framings (Catherine Rottenberg and Shani Orgad)
- 'First, I was frustrated, then I was tearful... but then I got angry': Menopause Mania and 'the Davina Effect' in the UK Menopause Market (Deborah Jermy)

13.00-13.50 LUNCH

Please note that lunch will only be provided for presenters at the conference.

#### 13.50-14.40 **PANEL 3: Menopause and the Workplace**

- Working Through Menopause in Kenya's Formal Sector: Intersectional Stigmas in a Patriarchal and Tribal Society (Ann Eleman and Belinda Steffan)
- Life After Menopause - Women's Return to Work and Labour Market Participation (Noemi Mantovan)

14.40-15.30 **PLENARY:** Alterity in Menopause: Organizing Changing Bodies Beyond a Hostile Character. Kathleen Riach, University of Glasgow

15.30-15.50 Tea/coffee

#### 15.50-17.30 **PANEL 4: The Menopause: Biocultural and Historical Discourses**

- Biocultural Understandings of Menopause: Insights from Japan (Melissa K. Melby)
- Broadening Perspectives on the Menopause Through Graphic Medicine: A Discussion of *Menopause: A Comic Treatment* (2020) (Felicity Moffat and Sarah Yousri)
- 'Black and Dark Smoke': The Blood of the Witch and the Blood of the Menopause in the Early Modern Era (Hetty Steele)
- Between Physiological Ageing and Deficiency Disease: Cultural, Medical and Scientific Conversations About the Menopause (Martina Zimmermann)

17.30-17.45 University College London Presentation 'Menopause Matters' (Nicky Keane)

17.45 Concluding Remarks



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