Eros and psyche: the many faces of sexuality and affectivity in adolescence. A transdisciplinary reading

Thursday, February 5th, 2015
Sala Lauree
Facoltà di Scienze Politiche, Economiche e Sociali
Via Conservatorio 7, Milano

MORNING SESSION
h. 10.00 Start of the session
h. 10.30 Eros and psyche: a transdisciplinary reading
Chair: Mariolina Graziosi (University of Milan)

Keynote speakers:
- Helena Flam (Universität Leipzig)
- Cas Wouters (Utrecht University)
- Paolo Mottana (University of Milan-Bicocca)
- Cirus Rinaldi (University of Palermo)
- Marco Del Ry (Analista junghiano)

h. 13.00 End of the morning session
h. 13.00-14.15 Lunch break - Film Jeune et Jolie, Ozon, 2013

AFTERNOON SESSION
h. 14.15 Introduction of the afternoon session
Chair: Mariolina Graziosi (University of Milan)

h. 14.30 Eros and psyche: a transdisciplinary reading

Keynote speaker:
- Lutz Sauerteig (Durham University)

h. 15.00 Presentation of papers chosen by the scientific committee
Discussants: Marina Barioglio (University of Milan-Bicocca)
Sonia Pozzi (University of Milan)

h. 18.30 End of the afternoon session and final greetings
While in many western countries, research on affectivity and sexuality has been progressing, in Italy, it is still a rather neglected subject. On the other hand, affectivity and sexuality have often been analyzed and “utilized” by the media, where they either assume a transgressive character - baby Lolitas, baby machos, cybersex, sexting - or they convey repressive or “terroristic” messages. Sociological and historical research have often highlighted how starting from the end of the 60’s, with the “sexual revolution”, the way of looking at sexuality has profoundly changed: there has been an “increase of sexual permissiveness”, the formation of couple’s relationship based on sexual and sentimental equality, an increase of the emphasis on body awareness and the split between the sexual act and procreation. On one side, the idea of a “pure” relationship of the couple emerged (Giddens), based on sexual and emotional equality, on the other side, it became frequent to think of the relationship as disposable/”paperback” (Bauman).

The results of research done in Italy over the past few years show that with respect to previous decades, the love life of adolescents is more disinhibited and natural, less held back by prohibitions and taboos. The press defines the new kind of sexual relationships “affective consumerism”, and denounces the “commodification of the body” due to the increase of the phenomenon of sexting in which sexuality has become a public show.

The afternoon session of the conference will be a moment of international dialogue between researchers, experts and scholars from different disciplines, who have been focusing on sexuality and affectivity of adolescents, as well as on educational models.

Abstracts - max 4,000 characters (characters + spaces), must be sent by December 10th, 2014 to Marina Barioglio (marina.barioglio@unimib.it) and Sonia Pozzi (sonia.pozzi@guest.unimi.it). Abstract must include: title of the proposal, name of the proposer, university, research center or affiliation, and email address.

The papers should be presented by December 18th, 2014. The Scientific Committee selects the best papers that will be presented in the afternoon session of the conference.

The authors of the contributions selected will send the paper - max 50,000 characters (with spaces) - no later than January 24th, 2015.

The papers selected will be published in an edited volume.

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