



# Justice and sex work: developing and de-centring debate

International Conference, 15-16 May 2025, Södertörn University, Stockholm

## Thursday, 15 May

Location: [MB503 \(link to online map\)](#)

9:00 – 9:30 Morning coffee

9:30 – 9:45 Welcome notes

9:45-11:15 **Sex work – labour perspectives**

*Sex Work and Anti-Work between Ideologies in Czechoslovakia. Beyond "sex work is work"*

Barbora Doležalová, Charles University, Czech Republic

*The gig economy: Learning from sex work*

Jenny Kronman, Gothenburg University and Ruby, Red Umbrella Sweden

*Content and contempt in sex worker digital labour – How could we transcend the intentional devaluing of sex worker content and labour?*

Teemu Helenius, University of Turku, Finland

*Occupational health risks in criminal courts' case files concerning abuse of prostitution in Slovenia*

Neža Kogovšek Šalamon and Tjaša Učakar, Peace Institute Ljubljana, Slovenia

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:45 **Key note lecture**

*"Exposed from all sides": The role of policing in sex workers' access to justice*

Agata Dziuban, ESWORN, Jagiellonian University of Kraków, Poland

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch for conference presenters

Location: Allé Elva Restaurant

13:45-15:15 **Sex workers organising and activism**

*From legal precarity to collective resistance strategies: a cross-national study of Portugal and Spain*

Ana Beatriz Gonçalves Rosa, CIEG - ISCSP/University of Lisbon and Complutense University of Madrid, Spain

*Ambiguous mobilization: Swedish NGOs and sex workers' rights*  
Ines Anttila, independent researcher, Sweden

*Queering justice: Lesbian and FLINT sex workers in the politics of erotic power*  
Laira Rocha Tenca and University of Brasília and Royal Holloway University Of London and Paulina Prisacariu, independent researcher, Norway

*Dismantling whorephobic knowledge but with the whores' tools: The case of Sexifier*  
Carmela Morgillo, University College London, UK

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00 **Sex workers' voices and representations**

*Silences of archives: How absent and fragmented archival materials affect the visibility of sex work in Finland*  
Jaana Ahtiainen, University of Helsinki, Finland

*Covert desires. The psychodynamics of covert research on sex work in Poland*  
Joanna Jaka Tarnawska, University of Warsaw, Faculty of Psychology and Kolektyw Kamelia, Sex Workers' Rights Collective, Poland

*The Master and the Hysteric: A Lacanian and Foucauldian discourse analysis of Estonian, Lithuanian, and Latvian justice rhetoric towards sex work*  
Maxime Thébaud, ESWORN European Sex Workers Research Network

*"But she looks just like a normal person"" Strategies to dismantle stigma and hegemonic categories in sex workers' self-representation*  
Laura Horsmanheimo, University of Helsinki, Finland

17:00-17:15 Coffee break

17:15 – 18:45 **Panel discussion: The Politics of Justice: Sex Work, Rights, and Resistance in the Baltics**  
Red Umbrella Sweden, SWAN, SWRL - Sex Workers' Rights Lietuva, Kolektyw Kamelia,  
Chair: Marija Tosheva

19:30 Dinner for conference presenters  
Location: [Restaurant Kvarnen](#)

## Friday, 16 May

Location: **MB503** ([link to online map](#))

- 9:00 – 9:30 Morning coffee
- 9:30 -11:00 **Sex work governance**
- Exclusion and ambivalence: Understanding the legal status of sex workers in Sweden*  
Petra Östergren, Lund University, Sweden
- Preventing violence against women or violence work? The Swedish model of prostitution*  
Niina Vuolajärvi, London School of Economics, UK
- Harm, justice and the law: critical criminological approach to the regulation of sex work*  
Ira Sal, University of Turku, Finland
- The price of stigma: the disproportionate punishment of men who pay for sex in Sweden*  
Isabelle Johansson, Kristianstad University and Lund University, Sweden
- 11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 - 12:30 **Key note lecture:**  
TBA  
May-Len Sklibrei, University of Oslo
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch for conference presenters  
Location: Allé Elva Restaurant
- 13:30-15:00 **Sex work politics**
- The European union's red-light debate: governance, values, and the politics of sex work*  
Irena Ferčíková Konečná, European Sex Workers Alliance
- Human rights as a double-edged sword. Dignity and self-determination  
The contested relationship between sex worker rights and human rights*  
Marian Wijers, SekswerkExpertise, Netherlands
- Konsomatris work in Turkish pavyons: beyond the sex work framework*  
Tuğçe Kaban, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey
- Challenging patriarchy on stage: the feminist dimensions of neo-burlesque as sex work in Poland*  
Paulina Prisacariu, independent researcher, Norway
- 15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break
- 15:15 – 15:30 **Closing remarks and steps forward**

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