

## Bringing sexy back: relocating the sexual in International Relations

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Where has the sexy gone in International Relations, as a discipline, as pedagogy, and in its research methods? This panel brings together scholars who engage with the erasure of (a)sexuality, the politics of sex and intimacy in pedagogy, theory and ethnography, and who engage with the sexy/sexual as a generative analytical frame. We consider IR's epistemological and ontological terrain shifts, with renewed lenses including antinormativity, bisexuality, bordering, and the fictioning of intimate ethnographies. Through these frames, we ask if the discipline might just collapse were we to acknowledge ourselves, our interlocutors, colleagues, and pedagogies within sexual frames.

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