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Co-Constituting Sexuality, Gender, and the International Order

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This panel interrogates how sexuality and gender interact with global politics to co-constitute the international order. Rather than viewing sex as a marginal topic in IR, the papers in this panel place contestations about sexuality and gender at the centre of common IR debates around sovereignty, nationalism, warfare, and economics. Viewed from this angle, sexuality and gender operate in powerful ways to (re)produce and/or (re)imagine key global relationships. The papers in this panel similarly question how diverse actors –including states, activists, international institutions, and artificial intelligence tools –employ ideas about sexuality and gender norms in their political contestations. Seeing the world through this queer analytical lens thus creates space for understanding the nuanced yet influential effects of sexuality and gender in (re)ordering international politics.

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