

PRESS RELEASE

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Amia Srinivasan: The Right to Sex

Virtual lecture in the “Carte Blanche III” series

Monday, 4 October 2021, 6 p.m. CET via ZOOM**Amia Srinivasan will present her new, critically-acclaimed book “The Right to Sex: Feminism in the Twenty-First Century”:**

How should we talk about **sex**? It is a thing we have and also a thing we do; a supposedly private act laden with public meaning; a personal preference shaped by outside forces; a place where pleasure and ethics can pull wildly apart. Since **#MeToo** many have fixed on consent as the key framework for achieving sexual justice. Yet consent is a blunt tool. To grasp sex in all its complexity – its deep ambivalences, its relationship to **gender, class, race and power** – we need to move beyond ‚yes and no‘, wanted and unwanted. We need to interrogate the fraught relationships between discrimination and preference, pornography and freedom, rape and racial injustice, punishment and accountability, pleasure and power, capitalism and liberation. We need to rethink **sex as a political phenomenon**. Searching, trenchant and extraordinarily original, *The Right to Sex* is a landmark examination of the politics and ethics of sex in this world, animated by the hope of a different one.

SPEAKER

Amia Srinivasan, Chichele Professor of Social and Political Theory at All Souls College, Oxford

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PARTICIPATION

Participants can register for the lecture via email to emily.beyer@kwi-nrw.de by Sunday, 3 October 2021. Participants will then receive the Zoom link.

ORGANISATION

Organised by the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI)

FURTHER INFORMATION

[Event on the KWI website](#)

ABOUT CARTE BLANCHE III

In these seemingly never-ending pandemic times, we would like to reward ourselves and our audience once again with four inspiring talks: We have given well-known researchers from various disciplines carte blanche to present and discuss a topic of their own choice with us.

In summer 2021 we are looking forward to hearing from Wolfgang Ullrich (art historian & author; Leipzig), Edna Bonhomme (historian, writer & interdisciplinary artist; Berlin), Annette Gilbert (literary scholar; FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg), and Amia Srinivasan (Chichele Professor of Social and Political Theory at All Souls College, Oxford). All talks will be online, a link will be sent after registration.

We would appreciate the circulation of this press release.

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