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Monthly Newsletter from CRN6: Sex, Work, Law and Society



Welcome to the CRN #6 Newsletter

The CRN6 Newsletter will go out on the 15th of each month. Please send information on publications of interest, job postings, call for proposals (in Word format), grants, or awards of interest to section members to CRN6newsletter@gmail.com. For books, please provide a link to your publisher's page rather than a summary.

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Crowhurst, I. Dewey, S., & Izugbara, C. 2021. *Third Sector Organizations in Sex Work and Prostitution: Contested Engagements in Africa, The Americas and Europe.*New York, NY: Routledge

Musto, Jennifer; Fehrenbacher, Anne E.; Hoefinger, Heidi; Mai, Nicola; Macioti, P. G.; Bennachie, Calum; Giametta, Calogero; D'Adamo, Kate. 2021. "Anti-Trafficking in the Time of FOSTA/SESTA: Networked Moral Gentrification and Sexual Humanitarian Creep" *Soc. Sci.* 10, no. 2: 58. https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci10020058

Shannon Deer, Jill Zarestky, Lisa M. Baumgartner. 2021. 'Relive my life from scratch': Learning through transition for women exiting the sex trade. *Learning, Culture and Social Interaction*, 29, 100501. doi: 10.1016/j.lcsi.2021.100501.

Ylva Grönvall, Charlotta Holmström & Lars Plantin. 2021. The construction of intimacy in long-term commercial relationships in Sweden, *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, DOI: 10.1080/13691058.2020.1857844

Samira Ali, Sambuddha Chaudhuri, Toorjo Ghose, Smarajit Jana & Ratan Dolui. 2021. Sexual health communication between sex worker mothers and their children in India, *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, DOI: 10.1080/13691058.2021.1871648

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Publications of Interest Continued

Piro Rexhepi (2021) Predatory porn, sex work and solidarity at borders, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/01419870.2021.1890180

Steve N. Du Bois, Lynn Kannout & Stephen D. Ramos (2021) Examining partnership-health associations among full-service sex workers, *Sexual and Relationship Therapy*, DOI: 10.1080/14681994.2021.1896697

Parmanand, Sharmila (2021). Salvation as violence: anti-trafficking and the rehabilitation of rescued Filipino women into moral subjects. *Journal of International Women's Studies*, 22(2), 91–104. https://vc.bridgew.edu/jiws/vol22/iss2/8

Nagy, J. (2021). Pink Chat: Networked Sex Work before the Internet. *Technology and Culture* 62(1), 57-81. doi:10.1353/tech.2021.0002.

Sheff, E. 2021. Kinky Sex Gone Wrong: Legal Prosecutions Concerning Consent, Age Play, and Death via BDSM. *Arch Sex Behav*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10508-020-01866-w

Kiss, M.J., Morrison, T.G. Eroticizing Desperation: Poverty Gay-for-Pay Porn. Sexuality & Culture (2021). https://doi.org/10.1007/s12119-021-09828-7

Tremblay, Francine. 2021. Labouring in the Sex Industry: A Conversation with Sex Workers on Consent and Exploitation. *Social Sciences* 10: 86. https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci10030086

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New Initiative: Scientists For Sex Worker Rights

In recognition of International Sex Workers Rights Day, 250+ scholars and scientists stood alongside sex workers as allies and called upon the Biden administration and all U.S. governors and legislators to reevaluate US policies on sex work in their efforts toward criminal justice reform.

As you already know, scientific evidence shows that decriminalizing consensual adult sex work reduces individual and social harms and increases safety, especially for the most marginalized populations. Thus, Drs. Barb Brents, Kate Hausbeck Korgan, Angela Jones, and Ron Weitzer have started a new campaign, Scientists for Sex Worker Rights (SFSWR), calling for fact-based policy-making, the decriminalization of sex work, and the repeal of policies such as FOSTA/SESTA.

SFSWR calls for the U.S. government to create a commission comprised of grass-roots sex worker-led organizations and leading social scientists to partner with Congressional leaders and advance new science-informed policies that empower and support all individuals engaged in sex work.

The SFSWR open letter was delivered to the White House, and our press release has reached hundreds of journalists. We have of course corresponded with many grass-roots sex worker organizations and activists, who will also be supporting our social media campaign and using our letter and press release in their ongoing political efforts. We have reached out to governors, congressional members, and politicians in places such as New York, Oregon, and Vermont with pending decriminalization bills. In fact, we have already heard back from New York senators about providing a letter of support and brief for their legislative committees. Thus, we are excited about this campaign and would love CRN6 members to get involved.

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New Initiative, Continued

SFSWR is encouraging CRN6 members to support this initiative and its ongoing work. Please follow SFSWR on Twitter, likes, and RTs are appreciated.

Below you will find the following documents to support this campaign for evidence-based policy:

- A <u>press release</u> describing this campaign for evidence-based sex work policy.
- Our <u>open letter</u> to President Biden, Vice President Harris, and the administration. We are sending it to Governors, too, in recognition that there are many state laws governing sex work that would benefit from reexamination from an evidence-based perspective. This is a preview for you; we will "go live" with the open letter and campaign beginning on Wednesday, March 3rd.
- Social media tool kit is here.

Please reach out to the organizers if you have questions.

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LSA Announcements

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May 27 – May 30th, 2021

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