Theorizing
Queer Temporalities

Location: University of Gothenburg, Sweden
Time: Jan 16-18, 2014
Deadline for application: Nov 21, 2013
Maximum number of participants: 20

Course description:
This InterGender course will focus on the recent body of work on temporality in queer studies. The course will discuss key queer theoretical texts on temporality (by authors such as Elizabeth Grosz, Heather Love, Lee Edelman, Judith Halberstam, José Muñoz, Elizabeth Freeman) and consider these alongside a number of cultural texts and examples (including literature, film, live performance, art) concerned with queering time (or the queerness of time). Our sessions will be concerned with the theoretical frameworks which have informed recent debates on queer temporality (and also those which have remained in the background) as well as the methodological and conceptual issues of moving between theoretical and cultural readings.

We will ask questions about what we might mean by ‘temporality’ and ‘queer’ and consider what norms of temporality queer is supposedly challenging. Moreover, the course will bring queer work on temporality into dialogue with feminist debates about the politics of time and our affective investments in narration and story-telling. We will explore how and why feminist approaches to temporality are different/similar to queer ones and consider why we might want to bring them into dialogue with each other.

Teachers:
Jackie Stacey, Professor of Media and Cultural Studies, University of Manchester, UK
Sam McBean, Visiting Lecturer based at the London School of Economics and Political Science
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Guest lecturer: Clare Hemmings, Professor of Feminist Theory, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

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