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Sydney Sawyer Seminar

The Antipodean Laboratory: Humanity, Sovereignty, and Environment in Southern Oceans and Lands, 1700-2009



Session Six

Sexuality in the South Seas

Convenor: Robert Aldrich
Presenters: Chris Brickell (University of Otago)
Yorick Smaal (University of Queensland),
Lee Wallace (University of Auckland)
Fourth speaker To be advised

Ever since the first visits by European explorers, the sexual mores of the South Seas have fascinated, attracted and appalled foreigners. From seamen who believed that they had found a sexual paradise and missionaries who endeavoured to stamp out vice, through to the research of Malinowski and Mead, and on to the imagery of contemporary tourist brochures advertising the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, the South Pacific has been a laboratory for the investigation of sexual behaviours, the projection of foreign fantasies and the metamorphosis of sexual cultures. This interdisciplinary session will examine the history and historiography of sexuality in Oceania and Australasia in the period of culture contact and after.

Friday, 19 March, 2010 1-5pm

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