



TALKING BODIES

July 28th – 31st 2021

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Institute of Gender Studies at the University of Chester, UK, is delighted to announce the fifth biennial TALKING BODIES conference, 28th – 31st July 2021.

See our conference poster [here](#); check the conference [website](#) for regular updates; and follow us on Twitter: @Talking_Bodies.

FURTHER INFORMATION

TALKING BODIES, an international, interdisciplinary conference, has, since its inaugural event in 2013, hosted scholars, specialists, practitioners, artists, researchers, and postgraduate students from around the world, and from a wide range of disciplines, in Chester.

In addition to conference presentations, there are exhibitions; performances; a small marketplace with book and craft stalls; our legendary feminist pub quiz; a vegetarian conference banquet; workshops; a 'chill out' quiet zone, and much, much more!

As in previous years, registration will operate on a sliding scale and we hope to have two full bursaries available, as in 2019. If you're on our email list, you'll be notified when registration opens. Please note that there are no funds available to subsidise any delegates' costs.

ABSTRACTS

250 words max. Email as a Word (NOT pdf) document to the organiser, Prof Emma Rees: talkingbodies@chester.ac.uk. Proposals for papers (20 mins), panels, posters, workshops and alternative / innovative presentations are very welcome. Deadline: 31st Jan. 2021.

Questions to be considered might include (but are absolutely not limited to):

- *Where do gender and ideology intersect on the site of 'the body'?*
- *How do visual artists/writers/performers/practitioners navigate the complexities of the embodied self?*
- *How does 'taboo' impact on selfhood?*
- *How is sexual identity articulated by and in the body?*
- *What happens when the 'talking body' conflicts with the 'talking mind'?*
- *How do body modifications silence bodies? Or allow them to speak?*
- *How are erotica, porn, or the 'obscene' related to embodiment?*
- *Which bodies are political?*
- *Is language ever sufficient when it comes to talking about bodies?*

The [first Talking Bodies volume](#) is out now; the [second](#) has just been released.

All conference queries should be addressed to Prof Emma Rees: talkingbodies@chester.ac.uk
It is our sincere hope that Talking Bodies will go ahead in Chester, UK, in a safe, in-person way. However, we are prepared to move to a virtual setting should this be necessary. We pledge to keep you informed about this.

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