

Trafford Rape Crisis Presents the Launch of their

Black and Minority Ethnic Women's Service

Proudly Hosts

Declaring the Activism of Black Feminist Theory Convention

9th March 2012

Longford Park Stadium Manchester

Key note Speakers:

Sara Ahmed, , Gargi Bhattacharyya, Kum Kum Bhavnani, Kimberle Crenshaw, Carole Boyce Davies, FORWARD, Southhall Black Sisters, Ann Phoenix, Sunera Thobani

The daily reality of living with the effects of racism and sexism mixed up with other pressures such as poverty, disability and homophobia is exhausting. The ways in which Black women are physically, emotionally and sexually violated and survive these experiences need to be understood in relation to racism and those other weights of oppression that press us down. In other words Black women survivors of this racist patriarchy have very specific issues and specific needs which require particular strategies, knowledge and forms of action. This convention has grown out of Black women (in Manchester and beyond) voicing their desire/ need for mutual nourishment, inspiration and exchange of intelligence and support.

Comments about this convention:

Author of *Black Feminist Thought*, Patricia Hill Collins: *'I think that it is really important that you and your colleagues have decided to organize this conference. I applaud your initiative.'*

Indian-American Theorist Chandra Talpade Mohanty: *'I will be there in spirit, since I am sure you will generate some powerful energy at the meeting!'*In Solidarity, Chandra

Law Professor Kimberle Crenshaw: *'It is of course timely, essential and inspired'.*

This convention examines the 'links between Black feminism as a social justice project and black feminist thought as its intellectual center' (Hill Collins 2000 p x). In a direct challenge to the binary of activism or theory, experience or scholarship the conference explores the intersectionality of Black feminist theory and activism as lived experience.

Key objectives:

- A detailed examination of the relationship between Black feminist theory, Black feminist activism and the lived experience of Black women survivors.
- A detailed examination of Black feminist 'theory as liberatory practice' (Hooks 1994 p59) picking up the potential of Black feminist scholarship to confront the regulation and violation of women.
- The convention seeks to create debate, share standpoints in order to question what counts as theory and who counts as theorist.

- **Convention and Launch: 9th March 2012 - Conference fee £65**

This includes all refreshments including lunch and the Launch dinner.

- **Master Class: Question and Answer Discussion Session: 10th March 2012 – fee £30**

This half day session gives you an opportunity to discuss particular issues, ask questions and share ideas with the keynote speakers in a smaller group.

We are determined to make sure that the fee is not a barrier that prevents anyone from attending - please do let us know if you want to attend but are unable to pay the fee.

For more information and booking form please visit email

bme.services@traffordrapecrisis.com or visit <http://traffordrapecrisis.com/>

This convention is supported by The Manchester Feminist Theory Network, UCU and The Psychology of Women Section of the BPS

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I wish to express my interest in attending the above conference, please contact me regarding details and payment.

Title Forename Surname

Organisation (if applicable)

Postal address Postcode

Email: Telephone

Dietry Requirements: *(any meat provided will be Halal)* Vegetarian/ Vegan

Other Dietry Requirements please let us know

Do you have any disability or need for any special arrangements?

The venue has disabled access and car parking

Please let us know if you need a signer

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Due to the high level of interest in the keynote speakers, the content of their presentations, and in an effort to reduce delegates' note-taking burden a set of DVDs of the whole day will be available for purchase. Expressing you interest now will reserve your discounted pre-order price of £25.

I would like to purchase the DVD set at the pre-order price of £25 yes / no

A masterclass will be held the day after the conference (Saturday 10th March), please indicate if you are interested in attending this session. yes / no

Signed: Date: /..... /.....

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