

# L♥VE, LONELINESS, SEX AND HARASSMENT – IN WORKING LIFE

**Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 13.00 – 16.00 at Roskilde University, building 25.1 - Room: 25.1-035**

Birgitte Bonnerup & Annemette Hasselager, who teaches at MPO, published in the autumn 2017 a book called *Love and loneliness in working life (Kærlighed og ensomhed i arbejdslivet*. København: Hans Reitzels Forlag).

This book takes up issues that mean a lot for all of us despite the fact that they haven't yet had a place either in textbooks or in Academia in general. Textbooks about organizational theory in general and organizational psychology in particular write about sex and gender only when it has to do with harassment, unfair distribution of power and management jobs or work life balance: nothing about love and loneliness.

The #MeToo movement has taken up the harassment point of view – sex and power relations at work and in the marketplace. In some areas, male-female polarization is lined up in a very rigid way, and many parts of the LGBT movement question the binary understanding of sex/gender and the thinking that one should play with different gender identities (queer) or that one can construct one's own gender in a radical way with surgeries and hormones.

There seems to be a lot of engagement, emotions and affect related to these issues and many find it difficult to speak about what they think and to have open-minded discussions. Political correctness and political incorrectness is another polarization. The scene seems split and disconnected – both in work life and in Academia.

This seminar tries to make sense of what is going on and finding out why it is going on now.

## **Program:**

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13.00-13.20 Steen Visholm: *Intro*

13.20-14.15 Birgitte Bonnerup and Annemette Hasselager: *Love and loneliness in working life*

14.15-14.30 Break

14.30-15.15 Anne-Marie Cummins: *Why now? Explaining the transgender zeitgeist and attacks on thinking.*

15.15-16.00 Debate

**Anne-Marie Cummins** is a Senior Lecturer in Sociology at the University of the West of England Bristol, a Group Analyst in training and an experienced Group Relations consultant. Anne-Marie was for many years the UK Editor of *Organisational and Social Dynamics* (Karnac press) and is the co-editor of *Further Researching Beneath the Surface: Psycho-Social Research Methods in Practice: Volume 2* (Karnac, forthcoming). She is a member of the UWE Psycho-Social Studies research group, a member of OPUS and the OPUS Listening Post Steering group which was set up in 2017

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