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GENERAL SEMINAR

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will give a talk titled:

**“‘Carceral’ or ‘Sex-Positive’? Violence, Pleasure and the Question of the Explicit
Body in Feminist Practice”**

Abstract

Much of this paper will be invested in looking back and revisiting. The first section tries to historicise and define pornography for the purposes of the present discussion. The second briefly reviews the primary terms of the debate around pornography, pleasure and violence as they emerged in 1980s America, when demands for legal curbs on the pornography industry were made by feminists. The third section briefly analyses the work of a few female American performance artistes (1960-1990), while also looking at one instance of a feminist protest in Northern Ireland (1980s) These events, I will suggest, point us towards modalities of making the female body explicit that destabilise established ‘partitions of the sensible’ in their particular contexts.

Date: Wednesday, 21st March, 2018; Time: 3 – 5 pm

Venue: CSSSC’s Seminar Room, Patuli Campus

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(Convener, Seminar Committee)
All are welcome to attend.