

**Patriarchal Entrenchments and Transformative Possibilities:
Men and Masculinities as Sites of Polarizing Struggle**
Keynote by Jeff Hearn
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In this session, I introduce what I see as some important theoretical elements in studying, analyzing and changing men and masculinities. I go on to discuss some of the diverse, and even polarizing, tendencies that affect and construct men and masculinities, and are enacted by men and masculinities. At this historical time, there seem to be profound, contradictory tendencies and forces upon men and masculinities: on one hand, the entrenchment and intensification of patriarchal, anti-feminist politics and practices, as, for example, in far right politics and misogynist organizing online; on the other hand, there are more signs than ever for transformative possibilities, as, for example, in dissatisfaction with narrow work orientations, greater concerns for care, and acknowledgements of vulnerabilities. The contradictions of patriarchal relations are becoming clearer and even more urgent - in science, art, personal everyday life, politics, and globally.

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