Solidarity is often invoked in political and social discussions. It is particularly cherished, and would constitute a fundamental civic virtue. It plays a key role in maintaining nation states together and would be a cornerstone of public welfare system. In brief, it operates as a cement of modern citizenship.

However, this value is also invoked transnationally, and would apply across borders. It is foundational to the process of European construction, and would also underpin the establishment of the UN system. It justifies why Western states engage in international aid, and would also explain transnational activism.

Solidarity is a polysemic and contested notion. While it is often taken for granted in public debate, any attempt to study it academically raises numerous questions. What is its precise content of solidarity and how does it work? Who has to show his/her solidarity and with whom? What are the borders and the limits of solidarity?

This workshop will address several of these questions through a discussion of transnational solidarity in global queer politics. When is this notion invoked and how? How can it be used at the same time to justify state support to LGBTQI refugees and to sustain the development of a global movement?

**9h30-11h: Session 1**

Chair: David Paternotte (ULB)

9h30-10h00: Matthew Waites (University of Glasgow), “The global queer politics of human rights: Between transnational solidarities and differences”

10h00-10h30: Sonia Correa (Sexuality Policy Watch), “Do sexual rights create a space for a ‘politics of friendship’?”

10h30-11h00: Discussion

**11h00-11h30: Break**

**11h30-13h00: Session 2**

Chair: Amandine Lauro (ULB)

11h30-12h00: Rahul Rao (SOAS), “Who is in solidarity with whom?”

12h00-12h30: Hakan Seckinelgin (London School of Economics), “Institutionalized solidarity and the making of the ‘universal’ subject of LGBT”

12h30-13h00: Discussion

**13h00-14h00: Lunch break**
14h00-16h00: Session 3
   Chair: David Berliner (ULB)
   14h00-14h30: Lukasz Szulc (London School of Economics and Political Science),
               “Queer Transnational Solidarity in Times of Communism”
   14h30-15h00: Agnès Chetaille (IRIS, CNRS)
               “West-East Solidarity and the Will to Knowledge: Thirty Years of Knowledge
               Production on Polish Gays and Lesbians by Western Activists (1981-2011)”
   15h00-15h30: Jon Binnie and Christian Klesse (Manchester Metropolitan University),
               “Transnational LGBTQI Cultural Activism and Politics of Solidarity”
   15h30-16h00: Discussion

16h00-16h30: Break

16h30-18h00: Session 4
   Chair: Ov Cristian Norocel (ULB)
   16h30-17h00: Ahmed Hamila (Université libre de Bruxelles/Université de Montréal),
               “Solidarity with SOGI Refugees: International Aid, Sexual Nationalism and
               Neocolonialism”
   17h00-17h30: Paul Mepschen (Universiteit van Amsterdam), “Pride and its
               Discontents: Sexual nationalism, queer solidarity, and the making of sexual
               boundaries in Europe”
   17h30-18h00: Discussion