



CALL FOR PAPERS

"Gender and videogames" Conference

Tuesday 12th July 2012 - Thursday 14th July 2012



**Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, IUFM
Lyon, France**

You are invited to submit proposals for presentation at the international and interdisciplinary "Gender and videogames" Symposium, June 12-14, 2012.

Born in the 1960s, videogames matured in a few decades into a major cultural and economic phenomenon. In the meantime, the success they enjoy among teenagers has been fueling numerous controversies, conducted by non-practitioners and focusing mainly on the following topics: addiction, disconnection from reality, the conditioning of imaginaries.

Game studies have shown the limits of this "risk paradigm", namely by scrutinizing the reality of gaming practices and the representations unfolding in videogames.

Furthermore, while gender forms the anthropological frame of the phenomena of subjectivation and objectivation specific to videogames, we might observe that, as far as French academia is concerned, this approach remains virtually unthinkable for scholarly analysis.

The main aim of this symposium is to investigate, in a perspective attuned to gender problematics, videogames themselves (content analysis, myth and saga studies, consideration of gaming categories) ; the modalities (technical, aesthetic, economic) of their production ; their reception (gamers and their practices, playful and subversive uses, discourses on videogames) ; the way they relate to other cultural products (film, literature, visual arts and so on).

Even if the relevance of some approaches seems self-evident (cultural studies, queer studies, aesthetics, communication studies, history, philosophy, ethnology, sociology, psychology), we encourage participation from a wide range of viewpoints. We are indeed convinced that game studies have to be built upon a plurality of approaches and methodologies. Hence, multidisciplinary proposals will be particularly appreciated.

Deadlines:

300 word abstracts in French or in English (as well as a short CV) should be submitted by Friday 30th September 2011.

Announcement of accepted proposals will be made by the end of December.

Further details will be provided at the time of acceptance.

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