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Cruising the 1970s: Unearthing Pre-HIV/AIDS Queer Sexual Cultures

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Core questions:

- How can we best **reconstruct** and **understand** LGBTQ social and sexual cultures of the 1970s? What can this knowledge **contribute** to understandings of queer politics and identity in Europe's **present and future**?
- In what ways were the '**queer 1970s**' experienced and historicized differently in **distinct European countries**?
- What are the **blindspots** in official histories of this decade? In arriving at our current cultural attitudes and political policies towards LGBTQ people, what '**alternative histories**' have been **sidelined or obscured**?
- What **challenges** are posed by engaging with hidden or fleeting elements of subcultural history? For instance, how can these be **located** and then subsequently **archived**?