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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?