Act Up: Thirty Years Fighting AIDS (New York, 1-2 Jun 17)

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Deadline: Jan 31, 2017

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2017 is the 30th anniversary of the founding of ACT UP, the international advocacy group fighting to end the AIDS crisis. During the AIDS crisis ACT UP played a fundamental part in the fight against AIDS, promoting a social awareness of the disease. Today, the organization continues to fight, leading educational campaigns all over the world. To coincide with the anniversary of its foundation, we would like to reflect on what has changed and what has not. Along with the one--day conference there will be a screening of the movie “United in Anger: A History of ACT UP” (2012), as well as an exhibition of The ACT UP Oral History Project.

We invite papers on AIDS, and on its social impact, on ACT UP, and on the role played by similar institutions in the fight against AIDS, on the past, as well as on the current state of things. All disciplines are welcomed, from art history, literature, history, to sociology, gender studies, politics, and health studies.

Possible topics include but are not limited to:
Public/private bodies
Sex education
Protest in the digital age
Writing about AIDS/ the Language of the AIDS crisis
Representations of AIDS
The concept of ‘post-AIDS’
‘Going Viral’
History and role of ACT UP

Please submit a 300-word abstract to conference.actup.york@gmail.com for a 15-20 minute paper or presentation by January 31st, 2017.Proposals should include the title of the paper, the presenter’s name and a short bio.

Reference:
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