

Call for Papers: The Quest for a Partner in the Past and Today. Researching Data from Matchmaking Media and Agencies

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Over time the way individuals search for a partner has changed quite drastically and so have partner preferences, partner choice, as well as dating and relationship expectations and practices. The aim of this workshop is to bring scholars from various fields in the humanities and social sciences together that study patterns and shifts in human mating behavior using data from matchmaking media and agencies, such as matrimonial and contact advertisements from (historical) newspapers and magazines, dating and marriage agencies, dating sites, such as Match.com and dating apps, like Tinder and Grinder.

We welcome both substantive and methodological papers, as well as quantitative and qualitative approaches, and we encourage authors to draw comparisons through time and space. The purpose of the workshop is to produce a special issue or an edited volume and to form an international network of researchers, who are working on human mating on the basis of a diversity of interesting sources.

Abstracts should not exceed 1.000 words and can be sent to Paul.Puschmann@ru.nl and jpujadasmo@uoc.edu until **October 1, 2022**