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AIDS: THE CULTURAL AGENDA

In November 1988, ICA Talks begins a series of discussions on the cultural implications of AIDS. The series looks at the language and images at our disposal to understand AIDS; it investigates the inadequacies of many media reports, and at medical misinformation.

Thursday 12 November
Policing Desire: Pornography, AIDS and the Media
Simon Watney with Craig Owens
7.30 pm
Tickets £2.00 + ICA Day Pass 60p

In Western societies, the image of the body is used to project powerful ideas of health, beauty and normality. Drawing on social and psychoanalytic theory, Simon Watney's book Policing Desire looks at media coverage of AIDS and criticises media misuse of images of the diseased body. He discusses the book with art critic Craig Owens.

Thursday 19 November
Dangerous Sexualities
Frank Mort with Lucy Bland
7.30 pm
Tickets £2.00 + ICA Day Pass 60p

AIDS has made sex a massive issue for the '80's. But historian Frank Mort argues that fears of AIDS have a longer history. In his book, Dangerous Sexualities, he traces their origins in what he calls 'systems of sexuality' first formed in the nineteenth century. Frank Mort discusses his work with historian Lucy Bland.

Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 March 1988
AIDS: The Cultural Agenda.

A weekend conference drawing together speakers from the US and Great Britain. The conference brings together critics with policy makers, health educators and people with AIDS, campaigning groups and medical experts, to discuss cultural strategies for the fight against AIDS.

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