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## STREAM 4

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### Analyzing the Complex Challenges of the LGBTQ Community in the 21st Century

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Submissions to the conference can be in the form of long abstracts (up to 1500 words), developmental papers (3000-5000 words, including references) or full papers (8000 to 10000 words including references) by the deadline of **April 30th 2018**.

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How can an ethical-analytical framework focused on social equity help illuminate the challenges faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) persons, particularly those LGBT persons experiencing other life challenges as well?

The purpose of this stream is to engage in just such an analysis of the complex analytical and ethical challenges presented among LGBTQ youth and elders. Persons in this stream take as their point of departure the premise that LGBTQ persons are also visible minorities and in the 21st century may be still be among the most marginalized.

Thus, academics and community activists will argue that society needs to be concerned with the lives of diverse LGBTQ persons, particularly those navigating multiple identities, including homelessness and race; aging and job discrimination; loneliness and isolation; food insecurities and queerness. Thus, because these variables present us with a limited situation independently, the need for an ethical response that analyzes the entire person or persons is critical and stands as the hallmark of this stream.

Topics within the stream can be varied and all topics within the frame of this stream will be considered.