

Bizarre Feminism: Surrealism In The Service of a Movement

The definition of feminism continues to morph to keep up with our changing world, genders, and viewpoints.

In a more narrow context, feminism has operated within the structures of surrealism for decades. Critics say a feminist viewpoint cannot exist within a structure developed inherently by men. Others say it is a powerful tool in understanding, reexamining, and undoing the structures within our relationships and societies which may seek to undermine feminism. How can - and perhaps should - surrealism serve feminism to be most effective? Is it possible to leverage an inherently male structure to drive a broader conversation about gender and equality?

This session will focus on key uses of surrealism as an accelerator of feminism, exploring how and when the written word warps reality in order to create a bizarre new world that brings issues of inequality to light in powerful, strange ways.