

QUEERING MIGRATION STUDIES -
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

FRIDAY 28 - SATURDAY 29/10/2016

2. CONFERENCE OF THE RESEARCH NETWORK
GENDER AND MIGRATION
@LOWER SAXONY

CARL VON OSSIETZKY UNIVERSITY
OLDENBURG

The conference explores how migration processes are structured by heteronormative concepts of identity, sexuality and family. How are migrating subjects constructed as heterosexual and defined as definitively either male or female? And what are the specific conditions of flight and migration for persons who do not conform to these normative constructions?

These questions are linked to processes of national definition and social stratification on the basis of inclusion/exclusion via sex and gender, legality and illegality. What are the conditions that lead to the understanding of migrants as being either a threat to national integrity or as their being instrumentalised in order to confirm the self-perception of the West as liberal? And what does this mean for migrants' concepts of the self?

At the intersection of Queer Studies, Gender Studies and Migration Studies, the conference offers an interdisciplinary forum for exchange between members of the network "Gender and Migration@Lower Saxony" and to national and international experts in the field as well as to activists and practitioners.

FRIDAY, 28/10

SATURDAY, 29/10

14:00 - 14:30 hrs

09:30 - 10:15 hrs

14:30 - 15:30 hrs

WELCOMES AND INTRODUCTIONS

KEYNOTE LECTURE

CLOSING AND DISCUSSION

BY THE ZFG/OLDENBURG

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Zeynep Kivilcim (Istanbul University/tr):
Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transsexual
Syrian Refugees in Turkey

Karma R. Chávez (University of Texas/us)
Susanne Hofmann (University of
Göttingen/de)
Helma Lutz (Goethe-University
Frankfurt/M./de)

Lydia Potts & Sylvia Pritsch

10:15 - 11:45 hrs

Frankfurt/M./de)

(ZFG/Oldenburger University/de)

PANEL 2: QUEERNESS & MIGRATION
IN CULTURAL STUDIES

Zeynep Kivilcim (Istanbul University/tr)

Sabine Hess (University of Göttingen/de)

IN CULTURAL STUDIES

Jennifer Rosenberg (Women's Refugee
Commission/us)

Helen Schwenken

Tina Büchler (University of Bern/ch):
Claiming Home: Migration Biographies
and Everyday Lives of Queer Migrant
Women in Switzerland

(Osnabrück University/de)

Maneuvering the Relationship between
Toxic Masculinity and Queer Syrian
Refugees in Lebanon beyond its Current
Production as Ahistorical

14:30 - 16:00 hrs
KEYNOTE LECTURES

Maya El Helou (lb):
Women in Switzerland

Further Information and Registration
Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Frauen- und
Geschlechterforschung (ZFG) /
Centre for interdisciplinary Women's and
Gender Studies Research

Karma R. Chávez (University of Texas/us):
A Child Refugee Crisis and Other Queer
Rhetorics of Immigration

Refugeeness as a Status of Queerness

Randi Gressgård (University of Bergen/
no): Revisiting Queer Necropolitics in the
Age of Migration and Resilience

Homonalationalism in Migration:
Refugeeness as a Status of Queerness

16:30 - 18:00 hrs
PANEL 1: QUEER ACTIVISM AND
SELFORGANIZATION

13:00 - 14:30 hrs
PANEL 3: RESEARCH PERSPECTIVES
ON LGBTIQ – MIGRATION – FLIGHT

Ahmed Awadalla (Berlin/de)

Fadi Saleh (University of Göttingen/de):
Resettlement and its Discontents:
Resettlement and the Securitization
of Syrian, Refugee Queerness

GLADI (Berlin/de)

Rosa Heimer (European Institute for
Gender Equality/lt):
Producing and Excluding Self-Repressed
Sexual Others: The UK Approach to
Sexuality-Based Asylum Claims

Sevag Ohanian (LesMigras, Berlin/de)

Jennifer Rosenberg (Women's Refugee
Commission/us):
Dangerous Liaisons: Gender, Violence &
Exclusion in LGBT/Sex Worker Refugee
Contexts

18:30 - 20:00

10:15 - 11:45 hrs

www.uni-oldenburg.de/zfg/
www.nds-lagen.de/forschung/migration-und-gender/

MEETING OF THE RESEARCH
NETWORK GENDER AND MIGRATION@
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Deadline for Registration
23/10/2016

20:00 hrs

10:15 - 11:45 hrs

Venue
Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg
(BIS-Saal)
Uhlhornsweg 49-55
26129 Oldenburg

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Commission/us):
Dangerous Liaisons: Gender, Violence &
Exclusion in LGBT/Sex Worker Refugee
Contexts

Raga meets Activism - Music and Talk with
C.S. Lakshmi (SPARROW/in)_and Sumathy
Murthy (Musician, LesbIt/in)

Concept & Organization
Verena Hucke, Renata Kutinka, Lydia Potts,
Sylvia Pritsch (ZFG Oldenburger University)

