

International Conference 19-21 May 2022,
Carl von Ossietzky Universität of Oldenburg, Campus Haarentor

Local Answers to Global Transitions: Challenges to Women's and Gender Studies in Plurilocal Perspectives

Celebrating 20 Years of the Centre for interdisciplinary Women's
and Gender Studies (ZFG)

Where does Gender Studies
stand today?
What are the political and
institutional conditions?
Which theoretical concepts,
developments and perspectives
have proven themselves or have
changed?

Contributions and discussions by
scholars and activist-scholars
from Africa, Asia, Western and
Eastern Europe and participating
guests.

Opening: 19 May, 15:00
(BIS-Saal)

Closing: 21 May 14.00



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Niedersachsen/ Working Group of
Women's and Gender Studies'
Institutions in Lower Saxony (LAGEN)

**Annual Conference 2022:
"Knowledge, Power, Crisis, and
the Pandemic"**

19 May, 10:00 Opening
(BIS-Saal)

from 15:00: Transition to the ZFG
Anniversary Conference



Programme,
Registration,
Venue

Local Answers to Global Transitions
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Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, May 2022, 19 – 21
Campus Haarentor, BIS-Saal (Building B/ University Library)



PROGRAMME

for the latest and updated version please check the following link to our homepage:
<https://uol.de/zfg/das-zentrum/jubilaem-20-jahre-zfg>

Wednesday, 18 May

18.30

PUBLIC READING/ ÖFFENTLICHE LESUNG (in English and German/ in deutscher und englischer Sprache)

Searching for Maud: Tracing her Feminism, Activism and Cosmopolitanism in Carl von Ossietzky's public (after)life/ Auf der Suche nach Maud: Spuren ihres Feminismus, Aktivismus und Kosmopolitanismus in Carl von Ossietzkys öffentlichem (Nach-)Leben

PROF. DR. PURNA BANERJEE, *English Literary Studies, Presidency University in Kolkata (India)*
in cooperation with DR. LYDIA POTTS, *Migration & Gender Studies, CvO University of Oldenburg*

Thursday, 19 May

In the context of the Annual LAGEN¹ Conference

10.00 – 10.30

OPENING OF THE LAGEN CONFERENCE

PROF. DR. ALMUT HÖFERT, *History, Director ZFG Oldenburg*

PROF. DR. ANDREA BÜHRMANN, *Social Sciences, Director of the Göttingen Diversity Research Institute, Spokesperson LAGEN*

DR. SABINE JOHANNSEN, *Secretary of State MWK Lower Saxony Ministry of Science and Culture, video welcoming address*

10.30 – 12.30

KNOWLEDGE, POWER, CRISIS, AND THE PANDEMIC

Towards a Responsible Culture of Objectivity: Corona Discourses as Situated Knowledges

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PROF. DR.-ING. CORINNA BATH, *Gender and Technology Studies, Technical University of Braunschweig (Germany)*

DR. SMILLO EBELING, *Feminist Science Research, Technical University of Braunschweig Braunschweig (Germany)*

The Pandemic and Gender in African Contexts

AMINA HERSI, *Head of Gender Rights and Justice, Oxfam International (Kenya)*

Gender Medicine - Without Alternative Into Crisis Mode?

DR. ANGELIKA VOSS, *Human Biology, Frauen- und MädchenGesundheitsZentrum Region Hannover e.V. (Germany)*

12.30 – 13.30

MITGLIEDSVERSAMMLUNG LAGEN

13:30-14:30

LUNCH BREAK @MENSA

14.30 – 15.00

LAGEN WORKING GROUPS

15.00 – 15.30

OPENING OF THE ZFG CONFERENCE

PROF. DR. ANNETT THIELE, *Vice President for Early Career Researchers, Equal Opportunities and Diversity, CvO University of Oldenburg*

PROF. DR. ALMUT HÖFERT, *History, Director, ZFG Oldenburg*

DR. SABINE JOHANNSEN, *Secretary of State MWK Lower Saxony Ministry of Science and Culture, video welcoming address*

15.30 – 15.45

CONCEPTUAL REMARKS: 21 YEARS AFTER...

DR. LYDIA POTTS, *Migration and Gender Studies, ZFG Oldenburg*

DR. SYLVIA PRITSCH, *Cultural and Gender Studies, ZFG Oldenburg*

15.45 – 19.15

OPENING PRESENTATIONS:

PANEL 1: GLOBAL/ LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS AND THEIR IMPACT ON GENDER STUDIES

15.45 – 17.15

Paradox of Institutionalisation: Women's Studies Centres in India

PROF. DR. SAMITA SEN, *Global and Postcolonial Studies, University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)*

Rethinking Women's and Gender Studies: Possibility and Risk as Seen from a South African Perspective.

PROF. DR. DESIREE LEWIS, *Literary Studies, University of the Western Cape (South Africa)*

17.15 – 17.45

COFFEE & TEA BREAK

17.45 – 19.15

The Politics of Disruption: Gender in the 21st Century

PROF. DR. GABRIELE GRIFFIN, *Gender Studies, Uppsala University (Sweden), online*

The Political Ethos of Cohabitation – On Community and Belonging, Violence and Borders

PROF. DR. SABINE HARK, *Sociology, Technical University of Berlin (Germany)*

Friday, 20 May

9.00 – 11.00

PANEL 2: SOCIETAL TRANSITIONS AS THREATS LIMITATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES I

The Status of Gender and Women's Studies in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) after the Arab Spring

PROF. DR. FATIMA SADIQI, *Linguistics and Gender Studies, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University (Morocco)*

A 50-years History of Women's Studies in India

PROF. DR. PAULA BANERJEE, *South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Calcutta (India)*

Challenges Affecting Women in Central and Eastern Europe

DR. KINGA LOHMANN, *Gender Equality, KARAT Coalition (Poland), TBC*

PANEL 3: (UN-)GENDERING, DECOLONIZING, QUEERING I

Is Current Theorising on Same-sex Sexuality Relevant to the African Context?

PROF. DR. THABO MSIBI, *Educational Science, University of Kwazulu-Natal (South Africa), TBC*

Postcolonial Feminist Science and Technology Studies

PROF. DR. SIGRID SCHMITZ, *Science and Technology Studies, Humboldt-Universität Berlin (Germany)*

Activism – Some Postcolonial Queer-feminist Dilemmas

PROF. DR. DEBOLINA DUTTA, *Feminist Jurisprudence, O.P. Jindal Global University (India)*

11.30 – 13.30

PANEL 4: SOCIETAL TRANSITIONS AS THREATS, LIMITATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES II

The Position of Gender Studies at Tribhuvan University and the Interjection of Gender Discourses in Academia

PROF. PUSPA GHIMIRE and PROF. NEERA SHRESTHA, *Economics and Women's Studies, Tribhuvan University (Nepal)*

War Against Women – Inside the 'Emirate'

DR. ORZALA NEMAT, *Political Ethnography/ Development Studies, Director Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit AREU, Kabul (Afghanistan)/ SOAS London (England)*

Panel 5: (UN-)GENDERING, DECOLONIZING, QUEERING II

Queering Bodies/Images? In Between Media, Cultures, Species

PROF. DR. KERSTIN BRANDES, *Art and Visual Culture, University of Bremen (Germany)*

The Borders of AIDS: Race, Quarantine and Resistance

PROF. DR. KARMA CHAVEZ, *Mexican American and Latina/o Studies, University of Texas (USA), online*

How to Decolonise Music(ology) Between Modernism and the Popular

PROF. DR. CORNELIA BARTSCH, *Gender and Technology Studies, Technical University of Dortmund (Germany)*

13.30 – 14.00

LUNCH BREAK @MENSA

14.00 – 15.30

PANEL 6: CONFLICTS, GENDER POLITICS, ACTIVISMS

Sudanese Female Activists: Diversity within a Globalised Milieu

PROF. DR. BALGHIS BADRI, *Social Anthropology, Ahfad University for Women, Omdurman (Sudan)*

Gender Activism and Studies in Conflict Zones: Lessons from Libya

HALA BUGAIGHIS, *Gender Activism and Studies, Jusoor Center for Studies and Development (Libya)*

Gender's Crooked Path: Feminism Confronts Russian Patriarchy

PROF. DR. ELENA ZDRAVOMYSLOVA, *Sociology and Gender Studies, European University at St. Petersburg (Russia), TBC*

PANEL 7: IDENTITY IN INTERSECTIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Ukraine and East/West Sexual Geopolitics

PROF. DR. RANDI GRESSGÅRD, Gender Research, University of Bergen (Norway)

Precarious Recognition - LGBTIQ*-Families in Germany Between Trends of Legal Equality, Heteronormativity and Social Inequality

PROF. DR. MONA MOTAKEF, Sociology of Gender Relations, Technical University of Dortmund (Germany)

Muslim Women's Religious Concepts of Self in Pedagogical Fields

DR. MELTEM KULAÇATAN, Social Pedagogy and Migration Studies, CvO University of Oldenburg

15.30 – 16.00

COFFE & TEA BREAK

16.00 – 18.30

ROUNDTABLE: INTER-/ TRANSDISCIPLINARITY – INTER-/TRANSNATIONALITY IN GENDER STUDIES

PROF. DR. BALGHIS BADRI, Regional Institute of Gender, Diversity, Peace, and Rights, Ahfad University for Women Omdurman (Sudan)

PROF. DR. PAULA BANERJEE, South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Calcutta (India)
Transnational Perspectives in Gender Studies (TraGS)

DR. ANTKE ENGEL, Philosophy, Distance-Learning University Hagen/ Institute for Queer Theory (iQt), Berlin (Germany)

DR. SARAH FARAQ, Asian and Oriental Studies, Universität Zürich (Switzerland)
Promoting Gender Equality and Diversity through Shared Knowledge Production (PRO GED)

PROF. DR. SHEILA MEINTJES, Political Studies, University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa)
TraGS

DR. LYDIA POTTS, Migration and Gender Studies, CvO University of Oldenburg
TraGS

GHIWA SAYEGH, Gender Research, University of Paris VIII (France), TBC
Kohl Journal (Beirut, Lebanon)

Saturday, 21 May

9.00 – 10.30

PANEL 8: SOCIETAL TRANSITIONS AS THREATS, LIMITATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES III

(Re)Positioning Black African Women's Voices in Gender Studies: Lessons from South Africa
SAMIERA ZAFAR, Social Justice Education, University of Toronto (Canada)

'All has failed so far, so where to next?': Feminists Theorising and Engaging the State for Gender Equality and Gender Justice in South Africa 1992 to 2022

PROF. DR. SHEILA MEINTJES, *Political Studies, University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa)*

PANEL 9: POTENTIAL AND TRANSFORMATION OF CONCEPTS

Mostly Different, Hardly Ever Familiar: Early Modern History and Some of its Uses for Gender Theory

DR. MONIKA MOMMERTZ, *History, University of Basel (Switzerland)*

Queer_ing Pedagogy: Un_Learning/ Un_Teaching in a Plurilocal Project

DR. ANTKE ENGEL, *Philosophy, Distance-Learning University Hagen/ Institute for Queer Theory (iQt), Berlin (Germany)*

10.30 – 11.00

COFFEE BREAK

11.00 – 13.30

CLOSING PRESENTATIONS

PANEL 10: GENDER – POLITICS – KNOWLEDGE: CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES

The Feminist Canon? - Decolonising the Mind

PROF. DR. BABLI MOITRA SARAF, *English & Multimedia and Mass Communication, Indraprastha College for Women (India), TBC*

The Politics of Sexual Difference in Contemporary Islamic Thought

PROF. DR. BETTINA DENNERLEIN, *Gender Studies und Islamic Studies, University of Zurich (Switzerland)*

Feminist Imaginations

PROF. DR. PUMLA DINEO GQOLA, *Literature & Women and Gender Studies, Nelson Mandela University (South Africa), TBC*

FINAL DISCUSSION & SNACK LUNCH