

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

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



PROGRAMME

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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 (BIS-Saal)

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 (BIS-Saal)

KNOWLEDGE, POWER, CRISIS, AND THE PANDEMIC

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

¹ Landesarbeitsgemeinschaft der Einrichtungen für Frauen- und Geschlechterforschung in Niedersachsen/ Working Group of Women's and Gender Studies' Institutions in Lower Saxony)

Science Communication for Respons-able Culture of Objectivity

DR. SMILLO EBELING, *Feminist Science Research*, Technical University of Braunschweig (Germany) and DR.-ING. CORINNA BATH, *Gender and Technology Studies*, Berlin (Germany)

The Pandemic and Gender in African Contexts

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

Gender Medicine - Without Alternative Into Crisis Mode?

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

12:30 – 13:30 (A14 Hörsaal 3)

MITGLIEDSVERSAMMLUNG LAGEN

13:30-15:00

LUNCH BREAK

Meals available until 14:15

15:00 – 15:30 (BIS-Saal)

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 – 16:00 (BIS-Saal)

CONCEPTUAL REMARKS: 21 YEARS AFTER...

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

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

16:00 – 16:15 (BIS-Saal)

COFFEE & TEA BREAK

16:15-19:00

OPENING PRESENTATIONS:

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

16:15 - 17:45 (BIS-Saal)

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

Paradox of Institutionalisation: Women's Studies Centres in India

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

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)*

17:45 – 18:15 (BIS-Saal)

COFFEE & TEA BREAK

18:15 – 19:00 (BIS-Saal)

Moderation: PROF. DR. BARBARA PAUL, *Art and Visual Culture, Deputy Director, ZFG Oldenburg*

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

9:15 – 10:45

PANEL 2: SOCIETAL TRANSITIONS AS THREATS LIMITATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES I (BIS-Saal)

Moderation: PROF. DR. IHKLAS N. OSMAN, *Gender in multidisciplinary areas, Ahfad University for Women (Sudan)*

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), online*

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

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

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

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

Postcolonial Feminist Science and Technology Studies

PROF. DR. SIGRID SCHMITZ, *Science and Technology Studies, Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg (Germany)*

Activism – Some Postcolonial Queer-feminist Dilemmas

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

10:45-11:15 (BIS-Saal)
COFFE & TEA BREAK

11:15 – 12:45

PANEL 4: SOCIETAL TRANSITIONS AS THREATS, LIMITATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES II (BIS-Saal)

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

Women in Times of War

PROF. DR. ANTELAK ALMUTAWAKEL, Gender and Literature Studies, Sana'a University (Yemen), online

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: CONFLICTS, GENDER POLITICS, ACTIVISMS (Aula)

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

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)

12:45 – 14:00

LUNCH BREAK @MENSA

14:00 – 15:30

PANEL 6: (UN-)GENDERING, DECOLONIZING, QUEERING II (BIS-Saal)

Moderation: PROF. DR. SULE E. EGYA, African Literature and Cultural Studies, Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University (Nigeria)

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)*

PANEL 7: IDENTITY IN INTERSECTIONAL PERSPECTIVES (Aula)

Moderation: DR. ULRIKE KOOPMANN, *Educational and Migration Studies, CvO University of Oldenburg*

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)*

Ukraine and East/West Sexual Geopolitics

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

15:30 – 16:00

COFFE & TEA BREAK

16:00 – 18:30

ROUNDTABLE: INTER-/ TRANSDISCIPLINARITY – INTER-/TRANSNATIONALITY IN GENDER STUDIES (BIS-Saal)

Moderation: DR. LYDIA POTTS, *Migration and Gender Studies, CvO University of Oldenburg*

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)*

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

PROF. DR. ADELINA SÁNCHEZ ESPINOSA, *English Literature and Women's and Gender Studies University of Granada (Spain)*, TBC

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

Saturday, 21 May

9:15 – 10:45

**PANEL 8: SOCIETAL TRANSITIONS AS THREATS, LIMITATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES
III (BIS-Saal)**

Moderation: PROF. DR. MELANIE UNSELD, *Historical Musicology, University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna (Austria)*

(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 (Aula)

Moderation: DR. KATHARINA HOFFMANN, *History, Oldenburg*

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)*

10:45 – 11:15

COFFEE & TEA BREAK

11:15 – 12:45

**PANEL 10: GENDER – POLITICS – KNOWLEDGE: CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES
(BIS-Saal)**

Moderation: DR. LYDIA POTTS, *Migration and Gender Studies, CvO University of Oldenburg*

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

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

The Politics of Sexual Difference in Contemporary Islamic Thought

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

13:00 - 13:30 (BIS Saal)

FINAL DISCUSSION

Moderation: PROF. DR. ALMUT HÖFERT, *History, Director ZFG, CvO University of Oldenburg*

13:30

SNACK LUNCH



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