

**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

18:30 (BIS-Saal)

**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 LAGEN<sup>1</sup> Conference

10:00 – 10:30 (BIS-Saal)

**OPENING OF THE LAGEN CONFERENCE**

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

PROF. DR. ANDREA N. 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**

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

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

Science Communication for Responsible 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)

Compounding Inequalities; Africa and the Pandemic

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

Gender Medicine - Without Alternative in Pandemic Crisis?

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

Women's and Gender Studies: Possibilities and Risk

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

Sudanese Women Activism: Challenges, Impact and Prospects

PROF. DR. BALGHIS BADRI, *Social Anthropology, Ahfad University for Women, Omdurman (Sudan)* and DR. MAI IZELDEEN OSMAN, *Women and Gender Studies, Ahfad University for Women, Omdurman (Sudan)*

### 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 in the Aftermath of the Arab Spring

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

To Celebrate or Not to Celebrate? A History of WSRC 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)*

Pedagogy, Pandemic and the Postcolony

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

10:45 – 11:15 (BIS-Saal)

**COFFEE & 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)

Yemeni Women's situation during War March 2015

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

Interjection of Gender Discourse in Academia and the Position of Gender Studies at the Tribhuvan University in Nepal: Opportunities and Challenges

PROF. DR. 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)*

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*

Between “New” and “popular”: How to Decolonise Music(ology)?

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, Transnational Perspectives in Gender Studies (TraGS), University of Calcutta (India)

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

DR. ORIANNA CALDERÓN-SANDOVAL, Women's and Gender Studies, GEMMA Erasmus Mundus Master's Degree in Women's and Gender Studies University of Granada (Spain)

### 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)framing Women and Gender Studies in South African Higher Education: Radical Ruptures with Sate Policy

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 A. 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

Beyond Secular Liberalism's 'Other': Gender Studies and Islam

PROF. DR. BETTINA DENNERLEIN, *Gender Studies and 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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