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 LAGEN¹ 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

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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)

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
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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 POTTEN, 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
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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)

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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

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