

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

UNIVERSITY AND THE RESEARCH  
NETWORK GENDER AND MIGRATION@  
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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)

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**14:30 - 16:00 hrs**

Women in Switzerland

KEYNOTE LECTURES

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

Maya El Helou (lb):  
Maneuvering the Relationship between  
Toxic Masculinity and Queer Syrian  
Refugees in Lebanon beyond its Current  
Production as Ahistorical

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

Ghiwa Sayegh (Kohl Journal/lb):  
Homonationalism in Migration:  
Refugeeness as a Status of Queerness

Age of Migration and Resilience

Homonationalism in Migration:  
Refugeeness as a Status of Queerness

**16:30 - 18:00 hrs**

**13:00 - 14:30 hrs**

PANEL 1: QUEER ACTIVISM AND  
SELFORGANIZATION

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)

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Sevag Ohanian (LesMigras, 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

**18:30 - 20:00**

Deadline for Registration

MEETING OF THE RESEARCH  
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**20:00 hrs**

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

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Commission/us):

Raga meets Activism - Music and Talk with

Dangerous Liaisons: Gender, Violence &  
Exclusion in LGBT/Sex Worker Refugee  
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C.S. Lakshmi (SPARROW/in) and Sumathy  
Murthy (Musician, LesBit/in)

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Murthy (Musician, LesBit/in)

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

