
In der Zeit vom 24. Mai bis Mitte Juli wird **Dr. Victoria Grace** die Gastprofessur des Maria Goeppert Mayer-Programms am Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Frauen- und Geschlechterforschung (ZFG) an der Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg innehaben.

Frau Dr. Grace war drei Jahre als Dekanin der Faculty of Arts an der University of Canterbury, Neuseeland tätig. Sie hat das dortige Studien-programm Feminist Studies/Gender Studies aufgebaut und lehrt dort seit 10 Jahren. Während dieser Zeit war sie an der Weiterentwicklung vom Studienprogramm zum Department of Gender Studies maßgeblich beteiligt. Drei Jahre lang leitete sie das Department.

Professor Graces Arbeitsschwerpunkte sind feministische Theoriebildung (insbesondere in Auseinandersetzung mit Jean Baudrillards medien- und kulturtheoretischem Ansatz), soziale und kulturelle Prägungen des Körpererlebens von Frauen (insbesondere am Beispiel von nichtorganisch bedingten Unterleibsschmerzen von Frauen), Forschungsmethodologie in der Geschlechterforschung sowie der Umgang mit Frauenkörpern in der Medizin (in medizinsoziologischer Perspektive insbesondere am Beispiel medizinischer Forschung und am Beispiel des Umgangs von Ärzten und health services mit Krankheiten von Frauen).

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Dr. Grace wird folgende Lehrveranstaltungen im Studiengang „Frauen- und Geschlechterstudien“ an der Universität Oldenburg durchführen:

„Language and Embodiment“

Blockveranstaltung in Kooperation mit Prof. Smilla Ebeling

Does the immune system exist? Does chronic pain have a lot to do with meaning? How do metaphors materialize? What does it mean to explore language and meaning as “embodied”, or to approach the materiality of bodies in terms of meaning? In the seminar, we will work on questions like these considering different theories about language, metaphors, meaning, and embodiment including feminist, phenomenological, poststructuralist and discourse analytic approaches.
Veranstaltungsbeginn: 1.6.; 18-20h;
Raum A07 0-025

„Gender and Health“

Seminar in Kooperation mit Prof. Heike Fleßner

Thematische Schwerpunkte des Seminars sind Geschlecht und Gesundheit in deutschsprachigen und angloamerikanischen Theoriediskursen sowie Befunde und neuere Diskussionen, insbesondere zu Biomedizin, Adoleszenz und Gesundheit unter Gendergesichtspunkten.
Veranstaltungsbeginn: 23.4., 10-12h,
Raum A 01 0-004

Während ihres Aufenthaltes steht Dr. Victoria Grace interessierten Institutionen für Vorträge zu den folgenden Themen zur Verfügung:

Discourse and Embodiment: The Limits of Feminist Poststructuralism

Feminist psychologists and interdisciplinary researchers in the Anglo-American world have made significant advances during the 1990s in understandings of the politics of gender through the use of a poststructuralist critique, and associated discourse analytic methods. This paper examines the limits of (feminist) appropriations of poststructuralist theories of language, using the case study of researching gender and embodied experience of chronic pain as a starting point. Problems inherent in the postulate that meaning is constituted within language are examined, particularly with reference to critical phenomenological perspectives that reveal the disembodied nature of poststructuralist theorisations. It is argued that there is a need for a re-think of the predominant use of poststructuralist theories of meaning and experience, and associated methods of discourse analysis, if feminist psychologies are to ensure theoretical insights are consistent with a non-dualist construct of embodiment.

The Discursive Condition of Viagra

Sexuopharmaceuticals represent a biomedical solution to a medically-defined problem of some form of sexual ‘dysfunction’. This paper presents New Zealand-based research that involved interviews with 33 men who had used Viagra. The paper examines how they discursively constituted meanings around masculinity, erections, and the role of Viagra. It is argued that the relationship between discourses of mechanistic functionality of erections, the primacy of the male as performer, and the partner’s pleasure as measure of success, create the conditions of possibility for a pharmaceutical solution directed at the male. The problem is configured as the uncertainty accompanying the instability evident in the relationship between these discourses. The men’s discourse on the solution, Viagra, confirms this analysis.

Words that Speak: Gender, Meaning and Women’s Chronic Pelvic Pain

Chronic pain is often unable to be explained in biomedical terms, and tests the limits of a biomedical model. There is a concern to develop approaches to understanding chronic pain that overcome the problems inherent in a rigid mind/body dualism, approaches that overcome the distinction between biological and socio-psychological phenomena in absolute terms. Questions surrounding *meanings* in the context of pain are opening up new lines of inquiry and new models of understanding at the interface of medicine and the social sciences. This paper explores the possibilities for a ‘biocultural’ approach to generating understandings of women’s chronic pelvic pain with a particular focus on gender.

Baudrillard and the Meaning of Meaning

Signification, semiology, signs – these are all concepts that Baudrillard variously takes up in the full scope of his work over the last 40 years. But the specific question of language and meaning has not received much attention. In this paper I explore some of the ground Baudrillard travels in relation to language and meaning, and through doing so identify important points of connection with a few other authors whose tracks he appears to have crossed or be crossing. The main purpose of this exercise is to attempt a reading of the question of Baudrillard on language and meaning that distills what seem to be key points and clarifies some conundrums. I identify the overwhelming significance of the dual non-dual (which is not even a paradox, let alone a contradiction). Linkages with other theorists and writers on language and the meaning of meaning might serve to broaden understanding of the base from which Baudrillard takes his bearings.

Die einzelnen Vorträge variieren in Form und Länge.

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