

# NEWSLETTER



## NETHERLANDS RESEARCH SCHOOL OF GENDERSTUDIES (NOG)

Dear all,

With this newsletter we wish to inform you of relevant events, paper calls, new releases and scholarships.

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### WHAT'S NEW?

#### • **Activiteiten Internationale Vrouwendag 8 maart 2012**

Dit jaar zijn er weer vele evenementen door heel Nederland rondom Internationale Vrouwendag. WOMEN Inc. heeft een agenda samengesteld waarin veel evenementen zijn opgenomen.

**Meer informatie:** <http://www.womeninc.nl/page/31047/nl>

#### • **Manifesto for Action on the Gender Dimension in Research and Innovation**

**What:** The Manifesto is the product of the 1st European Gender Summit which took place on 8-9 November 2011 in Brussels, under the patronage of the Polish EU Presidency, the EC, and the European Parliament. It distills 25 years of solid gender research evidence; extensive, recent dialogue between the scientists, gender research scholars and policy makers; and several public consultation and feedback efforts. It is envisaged as a work in progress, driven by a vision that it will be eventually made redundant through the efforts made to address each of its recommended actions. The end goal is to stop gender being an 'issue' and turn it into a stimulus for scientific curiosity and new markets for scientific knowledge.

The timing is important because right now policy makers at national and EU level are debating the framework for HORIZON 2020. Included in the framework proposal are explicit requirements for addressing gender issues in research content, cultures and participation. Through the Manifesto we can persuade policy makers that scientists support these objectives.

**Sign and support:** <http://bit.ly/rLS7cn>

## **CALLS FOR PAPERS**

### **• Feminism in Academia: An Age of Austerity? Current Issues and Future Challenges (Nottingham University, UK)**

**Date:** Friday September 28, 2012

**Location:** University of Nottingham, UK

**Subject:** The current age of austerity is posing significant challenges to feminist scholarship within academia. Recent government funding cuts to higher education are jeopardising the future of research in the arts and humanities more broadly, but the decline of centres, institutes and courses devoted to gender and women's studies has the potential to threaten the future of feminism in the academy. The increasingly competitive environment of employment in higher education is generating divisions and inequalities which put pressure upon the networks of support, co-operation and community which have been integral to feminist research, teaching and practice. Featuring a selection of keynote speakers, round table discussions and early career workshops, 'Feminism in Academia: An Age of Austerity' invites papers which examine 'austerity' in the broadest sense of the term.

**Keynote Speakers:** Professor Mary Eagleton (formerly Leeds Metropolitan University), Professor Mary Evans (Gender Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science)

**Application details:** Please send 300 word abstracts for twenty-minute papers to the event organisers Claire O'Callaghan and Helen Davies at

[feminismandausterityconference@gmail.com](mailto:feminismandausterityconference@gmail.com)

**Deadline:** Wednesday April 11, 2012

**More information:** <http://feminismandausterity.wordpress.com/>

### **• 'Gender in Times of Hightened Economic Crises' (Bern, Switzerland)**

**Date:** Friday September 7 and Saturday September 8, 2012

**Location:** Bern, Switzerland

**Subject:** The Swiss Gender Studies Association 2012 conference provides a platform for a first broader assessment of the economic restructuring processes and their meaning for gender and gender relations. The conference intends to instigate productive debates and foster critical understandings of these processes. Scholars are invited to present gender analyses of the following themes: 1) Crisis terminology 2) Participation in the labor market, 3) Care economy 4) Politics of crisis and crisis of the political, 5) Profit, wealth, financial sector 6) Economizing of life-world 7) Right wing populism and far-right radicalism

**Application details:** Conference languages: D, E, F; languages of the Call for Papers: D, E, F. Submit concise abstract (no longer than 400 words) to Elijah Strub,

[elijah.strub@izfg.unibe.ch](mailto:elijah.strub@izfg.unibe.ch)

**Submission Deadline:** Monday April 16, 2012

**More information:** send an email to Lilian Fankhauser, [lilian.fankhauser@izfg.unibe.ch](mailto:lilian.fankhauser@izfg.unibe.ch) or see <http://www.gendercampus.ch/d/sggf/10/03/default.aspx>

### • **International workshop: 'Beauty: Commons vs. Contests' (Antwerp University, Belgium)**

**Date:** Wednesday 24 – Friday 26 October, 2012

**Location:** University of Antwerp, Belgium

**Subject:** UCSIA organizes in collaboration with members of the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Department of History of the University of Antwerp the two-day international workshop *Beauty: Commons versus Contests*. The programme wants to investigate the way that beauty is being commodified and how it is being negotiated and renegotiated in local and global contexts via magazines, advertisement and television. Moreover it wants to look at the effects of globalizing beauty standards on people's identification and wellbeing.

**Keynote speakers:** Nancy Etcoff (the Harvard Medical School), Banu Gökarıksel (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), Thomas Kühne (Clark University), Liesbeth Woertman (University of Utrecht)

**Application details:** Papers may address any of the following subtopics: 1) Local and Global Cultures of Beauty. 2) Construction of Beauty: Psychological Perspective. 3) (Globalizing) Beauty Standards: The Role of the Media, Advertisement and Industry. 4) Beauty and Society: Physical and Mental Health, Plastic Surgery, Deontology. Candidates should send in the completed submission form, accompanied by a short academic curriculum vitae and an outline of the proposed paper. This can be done through the online submission form

([http://www.ucsia.org/main.aspx?c=\\*UCSIAENG2&n=104863](http://www.ucsia.org/main.aspx?c=*UCSIAENG2&n=104863)). The selection of participants will be communicated by the beginning of June 2012.

**Deadline:** Sunday May 13, 2012

**More information:** [http://www.ucsia.org/main.aspx?c=\\*UCSIAENG2&n=104858](http://www.ucsia.org/main.aspx?c=*UCSIAENG2&n=104858)

### • **16th Berlin Roundtables on Transnationality: 'From Rebellion to Revolution: Dynamics of Political Change' (Berlin, Germany)**

**Date:** Wednesday October 17 – Saturday October 20, 2012

**Location:** Berlin, Germany

**Subject:** Based on an international essay competition, we will invite approximately 45 applicants to discuss their research, concerns and agendas with peers and prominent scholars in Berlin. The competition is open to students and scholars (max. up to 5 years after Ph.D.), journalists and activists interested in revolutionary processes (e.g. government agencies, NGOs). The Irmgard Coninx Foundation will cover travel to and accommodation in Berlin.

**Keynote Speakers:** Nancy Fraser (The New School for Social Research) and Amr Hamzawy (University of Cairo/Freedom Egypt Party)

**Application details:** Conference papers can address but are not limited to the following topics: dynamics of political/system change; democratization and human rights in revolutionary processes; violence; mass mobilization; (new) media and revolution today; role of elites and elite competition/coalitions and more

**Deadline:** Saturday June 30, 2012

**More information:** <http://www.irmgard-coninx-stiftung.de/revolutions.html>

## **CONFERENCES / COURSES**

### • **Cultuurhistorisch Seminar over 'New Materialism', gender en geschiedschrijving (Utrecht University, NL)**

**Datum:** maandag 5 maart, 15.00 – 17.00 uur

**Locatie:** Drift 21, Sweelinckzaal, Utrecht

**Lezingen:** Dr. Rick Dolphijn (Media- en Cultuurwetenschappen, Universiteit Utrecht) spreekt over 'Pushing Dualism to an Extreme: On the Philosophical Impetus of A New Materialism'. Dr. Geertje Mak (Gendergeschiedenis, Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen) geeft een lezing over 'De vele gedaanten van het two sex system: van discoursanalyse naar analyse van praktijken'.

**Aanmelden:** Iedereen is welkom

**Meer informatie:** Voor toezending van de teksten die u ter voorbereiding kunt lezen: prof. dr. Joris van Eijnatten: [J.vanEijnatten@uu.nl](mailto:J.vanEijnatten@uu.nl)

• **Lecture by Rosi Braidotti: 'Writing and Being Written by Nomadic Subject (Gent University, Belgium)**

**Date:** Wednesday 7 March 2012, 14.00 -17.00 hrs

**Location:** Het Pand, Zaal Rector Blanquaert, Onderbergen 1, Gent

**Subject:** This is the first lecture in the series Gender Research Seminar, which is open to PhD and Master students.

**Registration details:** [hendrikapetronella.vandenbrandt@ugent.be](mailto:hendrikapetronella.vandenbrandt@ugent.be)

**More information:** <http://www.ugent.be/nl/actueel/agenda/1329906319438>

• **Symposium: 'Women reading across traditions' (Utrecht University, NL)**

**Date:** Thursday 8 March 2012, 13.30 - 17.00 hrs

**Location:** Heidelberglaan 3, Campus De Uithof, Utrecht. University Library: Boothzaal

**Subject:** The theme of women reading scriptures has been elaborately explored, but what happens when 'our' well-known texts are read or recited in the presence of other believers? Women that read across tradition face two main challenges: they have to make meaning of well-known texts in a new trans-religious, and at times also trans-cultural context, and they have to make meaning as agents of faith communities where they as women have experiences of being marginalized. This dual challenge seems enormous, but experience shows that it can act as a creative impulse to unfold new meanings beyond the commonly accepted interpretations of Scripture. This symposium explores the reading experiences, hermeneutical strategies and exegetical discoveries of Christian and Muslim women engaged in interreligious dialogue, when they share texts from Holy Scripture (the Bible, the Qur'an, the Hadith collections). Experts will share their views and experiences with the topic of reading across traditions.

**Keynote speakers:** Dr. Gé Speelman, Syafaatun Mirzana, Dr. Anne Hege Grung and Dr. Marianne Moyaert

**Registration details:** attendance to the seminar is free, but please register at [a.c.m.boere@uu.nl](mailto:a.c.m.boere@uu.nl).

**Deadline:** Monday 5 March 2012

• **Film en Debat LNVH 'Mevrouw de professor' (Dutch only)**

**Datum:** woensdag 8 maart, 15.30 – 18.30 uur

**Locatie:** Filmtheater 't Hoogt, 't Hoogt 4, Utrecht

**Wat:** Het Landelijk Netwerk Vrouwelijke Hoogleraren (LNVH) nodigt u graag uit voor de première van de documentaire 'Mevrouw de professor' en het aansluitend debat 'Dat schiet niet op, vrouwelijk talent naar de top!'

**Aanmelden:** bijwonen van de middag is kosteloos, wel graag aanmelden via [info@lnvh.nl](mailto:info@lnvh.nl)

**Meer informatie:** <http://www.lnvh.nl/>

• **Doing Gender Lecture Series 2012, Prof. Inderpal Grewal (Utrecht University, NL)**

**Date:** Thursday March 15, 2012; 16.00 - 18.00 hrs

**Location:** Utrecht, Domplein 4: Marnixzaal (Utrechts Centrum voor de Kunsten)



**Subject:** The lecture *Outsourcing Patriarchy: National anxieties, Transnational mediations* concerns the recent uses of the term 'honor killing' in the newspapers in India. I examine how and why such a term emerges in the context of transnational media in India and the implications of this for feminist media research.

Inderpal Grewal is Chair and Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Yale University. She is the author of among others *Home and Harem: Nation, Gender, Empire and the Cultures of Travel* (1996) and has written and edited (with Caren Kaplan) *Gender in a Transnational World: Introduction to Women's Studies* (2001, 2005) and *Scattered Hegemonies: Postmodernity and Transnational: Feminist Practices* (1994). Currently she is working on a book length project on the relation between feminist practices and security discourses.

In 2012 the Netherlands Research School of Genderstudies (NOG) in cooperation with the Graduate Gender Programme of Utrecht University will organize [Doing Gender Lectures](#) with Inderpal Grewal (March), Bracha Ettinger/Griselda Pollock (April), Femke Halsema (May) and Ella Shohat/Robert Stam (June).

**Application details:** Entrance is free, but please register by sending an email to: [NOG@uu.nl](mailto:NOG@uu.nl)

**More information:** <http://www.genderstudies.nl>

### • Manchester Sexuality Summer School: 'Homophobia and Other Aversions' (Manchester University, UK)

**Date:** Tuesday May 22 – Friday May 25, 2012

**Location:** Manchester, UK

**Subject:** The Summer School is an annual event intended for postgraduates and researchers working in the broadly defined area of sexuality studies. The Summer School addresses current debates within queer studies, emphasizing in particular its implication for the interdisciplinary study of culture. It offers an opportunity for students to discuss queer debates with researchers in the CSSC as well as international scholars brought in for the event. Applications welcome from Doctoral and Masters' level students from any university.

**Confirmed Speakers:** Ann Cvetkovitch, Mary Cappello and Lois Weaver

**Application details:** Registration can be done online from Thursday March 1 onwards.

**More information:** email [sexualitysummerschool@gmail.com](mailto:sexualitysummerschool@gmail.com) or see <http://www.arts.manchester.ac.uk/subjectareas/englishamericanstudies/research/cssc/summerschool/>

### • Warsaw Summer School in Gender 2012 (Warsaw University, Poland)

**Date:** Monday August 13 – Friday August 24, 2012

**Location:** Warsaw, Poland

**Subject:** The Warsaw Summer School in Gender is organized in collaboration with American Studies Center, University of Warsaw, and with the support of the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw. The program is dedicated to students with Bachelor's degrees, postgraduate students, MA and PhD students. The 2012 Warsaw Summer School in Gender Studies will examine the internal logics of backlash and feminism, asking how both sets of ideas have traveled to Eastern and Central Europe. How can we define the specificity of both American and Eastern European feminism and resistance to feminism? What are the key figures of backlash and how has the new generation of feminists in the region reacted to them? These and many other questions will be addressed through study of feminist theory, historical documents, fiction, essays as well as films from all over the world.

**Application details:** Applicants must submit a CV, a cover letter and a copy of their diploma. Please place all the current contact information at the top of your CV and send the application documents by e-mail to the address below. Use "Summer School Application 2012" as the subject. The total cost of the program is \$1000.

**Deadline:** Sunday May 13, 2012

**More information:** [info@warsawsummerschool.com](mailto:info@warsawsummerschool.com) or see [www.WarsawSummerSchool.com](http://www.WarsawSummerSchool.com)

## FELLOWSHIPS / VACANCIES

### • Full PhD Scholarships available at ICS (The Netherlands)

**What:** The Interuniversity Center for Social Science Theory and Methodology (ICS) is an institute for postgraduate studies of the Universities of Groningen, Utrecht, and Nijmegen, in the Netherlands.

**Programme description:** The ICS offers a postgraduate program for a small selection of excellent graduates in one of the social sciences (including economics, history, mathematics or computer sciences). The structured program consists of training in advanced theory construction and research methods by means of courses, tutorials, and individual study. Supervision and monitoring are intense: each PhD student is supported by a personal supervision team and meetings on a regular basis.

**Deadline:** Saturday March 31, 2012.

**More information:** send an email to [ICSApplcations.fsw@uu.nl](mailto:ICSApplcations.fsw@uu.nl) or see <http://www.ics-graduateschool.nl/vacancies/>

### • Vacancy for an extraordinary Professor OPZIJ chair in 'Gender, Cultural Memory and Diversity'

**Programme description:** Opzij, the feminist monthly periodical as well as the directorate of the Weekbladpers took the initiative to set up a special chair for genderstudies at one of the Dutch universities. This new profile for the fifth Opzij rotating chair focuses on '(Power and Strategy): 'Gender, Cultural Memory and Diversity'.

**Criteria:** The applicant must have a broad scientific experience which is evidenced in a dissertation and (international) publications in the field related to the chair. For this position, it is imperative that the applicant has a sound knowledge of Gender Studies and Cultural Sciences and contacts with (international) networks in relevant research fields.

**Contact:** Inquiries about the position may be addressed to prof. dr. Maaïke Meijer ([m.meijer@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:m.meijer@maastrichtuniversity.nl) - 043-3882725) or to prof. dr. Rein de Wilde ([r.dewilde@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:r.dewilde@maastrichtuniversity.nl) - 043-3883486)

**Deadline:** Tuesday May 1, 2012

**More information:**

<http://www.academictransfer.com/employer/UM/vacancy/13011/lang/en/>

## PRIZES

### • The Catharine Stimpson Prize for Outstanding Feminist Scholarship

**What:** Named in honor of the founding editor of *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, the Catharine Stimpson Prize is designed to recognize excellence and innovation in the work of emerging feminist scholars and is awarded biannually to the best paper in an international competition. Leading feminist scholars from around the globe will select the winner. The prizewinning paper will be published in *Signs*, and the author will be provided an honorarium of \$1,000. All papers submitted for the Stimpson Prize will be considered for peer review and possible publication in *Signs*.

**Criteria:** Feminist scholars in the early years of their careers (less than seven years since receipt of the terminal degree) are invited to submit papers for the Stimpson Prize. Papers may be on any topic that falls within the broad rubric of interdisciplinary feminist scholarship.

**Deadline:** Thursday March 1, 2012

**More information:** <http://www.jstor.org/page/journal/signs/stimpson.html>

## PhD DEFENSES

### **Forthcoming:**

#### • **Koen Leurs - Utrecht University, NL**

**Date:** Wednesday June 27, 2012 at 12.45 hrs

**Location:** Academiegebouw, Domplein 29, Utrecht

**PhD Thesis:** 'Digital crossroads. A transdisciplinary analysis of gender, diaspora and youth cultural identities of Moroccan-Dutch youths across digital media spaces.'

**Supervisors:** Prof. dr. R. Buikema and dr. S. Ponzanesi

**Registration:** no registration; free entrance

### **Defended:**

On February 10, 2012 **Domitilla Olivieri** defended her PhD dissertation 'Haunted by Reality. Toward a Feminist Study of Documentary Film: Indexicality, Vision and the Artifice' at Utrecht University.

On February 28, 2012 **Iris Shiripinda** defended her PhD dissertation 'Sex, Hiv and Aids. Practices and ideas of Zimbabwean women on sexuality and prevention of infection' at the Radboud University Nijmegen.

## NEW RELEASES

### • **Book presentation 'Life Writing Matters in Europe'**

**Date:** Thursday March 15, 2012; 16.00 - 18.00 hrs

**Location:** Free University Amsterdam, De Boelelaan 1105, Amsterdam, Main building, Room 10A-04

**Editors:** Marijke Huisman, Anneke Ribberink, Monica Soeting & Alfred Hornung

**Subject:** Both the practice and study of life writing flourish worldwide, especially since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. This major watershed in the history of Europe has generated intensive memory work through life writing, in the former satellite states of the Soviet Union and far beyond. Highlighting auto/biographical practices in western and eastern, old and new or future parts of Europe, the essays in this volume discuss the construction of individual, cultural and political identities within a changing landscape from the late eighteenth century until the present. *Life Writing Matters in Europe* contains a selection of reworked papers presented at the international conference 'Life Writing in Europe' (2009) that was the starting point for the network IABA Europe (<http://www.iaba-europe.eu>)

**More information:** <http://www.oslit.nl/book-presentation-life-writing-matters-in-europe/>

### • **Videolink to Rosi Braidotti's new publications**

**Author:** Rosi Braidotti

**Subject:** Here you can find a link to the video trailer of Rosi Braidotti's two new books: *Nomadic Subjects: Embodiment and Sexual Difference in Contemporary Feminist Theory* (second edition, Columbia University Press, 2011a) and *Nomadic Theory: The Portable Rosi Braidotti* (Columbia University Press, 2011b)

**More information:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-C5fhenwqoY>



