

### **Newsletter**

Dear all,

With this newsletter we wish to inform you about relevant events, fellowships/vacancies and calls for papers.

The NOG-team.

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### **Conferences / Courses / Lectures / Events**

#### One-Year PhD Training in Gender Studies (Utrecht University, NL)

The Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies (NOG, Utrecht University) offers a one-year interdisciplinary programme (10 months) for graduated MA students and PhD students from abroad. The training package consists of NOG courses and research seminars. All courses are taught in English from multicultural, (Western) European perspectives. A certificate is issued after completion of each individual course. Please note that this training doesn't officially constitute a MA or PhD degree, although an ECTS system is in place. The Dutch academic year runs from September to the end of June. The one-year PhD Training starts yearly in September.

Pre-requisite for admission: A Master's degree or the equivalent of a M.A. in gender or gender-related areas. The NOG Board will make a profound evaluation about the global value of your foreign higher education.

**Deadline** for registration is February 1 (early bird), and April 1 (last call), 2014.

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#### Lecture Ala'a Basatneh in Doing Gender Lecture Series Spring 2014 (Utrecht University, NL)

In the spring of 2014 the Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies (NOG) in cooperation with the Graduate Gender Programme (GGeP) at Utrecht University organises the twelfth round of the Doing Gender Lecture Series. These lectures stress the importance of doing gender work combined with an active involvement in the practice of gender theory and research. Ala'a Basatneh (Loyola University of Chicago) will give the upcoming Doing Gender Lecture on Tuesday March 25, 2014. The lecture is entitled 'How to start a Revolution?' and will be held at Utrecht University from 16.00 - 17.30 hrs. This lecture is jointly organized with Movies that Matter.

The Syrian Ala'a Basatneh is a 21 year old student pursuing her Bachelor Degree in political sciences at the Loyola University of Chicago. Next to her academic activities, she is also a human rights and political activist, playing an important role in the Syrian Revolution. From behind her

computer, she has been helping coordinating the revolution through diverse forms of social media. And with 1,200 Facebook friends and 2,000 followers on Twitter, she has built up an impressive network. She posts demonstrations as Facebook events, plots escape routes using Google Maps and uploads footage shot by demonstrators. She also ensures that all kinds of recording equipment get to her friends, once ordinary students who now want to overthrow the rule by terror of President Bashar al-Assad. During the lecture, Ala'a will talk about her personal experiences and explain how she organizes this revolution using social media. She will comment on the increasing restriction of women's rights by Syrian extremists in the north of Syria and discuss social media as a new form of activism.

The Doing Gender Lecture Series takes place in Utrecht and is free of charge. Registration is not compulsory, but highly appreciated.

Registration by email or tel. 030 - 253 6001.

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## Conference 'The Demand Dynamics of Trafficking in Women for Sexual Exploitation' (Nicosia, CY)

The Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies in collaboration with the European Parliament Office in Cyprus invite you to the conference entitled 'The Demand Dynamics of Trafficking in Women for Sexual Exploitation' on March 4, 2014, from 9.00 - 14.30 hrs at the Conference Centre Filoxenia, Nicosia, Cyprus.

The aim of the conference is to discuss and share knowledge, experiences and expertise on the main issues relating to demand reduction at the EU level and at the MS level. The conference is organized within the framework of the project 'Stop Human Trafficking: Researching Strategies to Discourage Demand for Services from Victims of Sex Trafficking', coordinated by the Immigrant Council Ireland and funded by the Prevention of and Fight against Crime Programme, European Commission. Guest speakers include Myria Vassiliadou, EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, Mary Honeyball, Member of the European Parliament, Eva Biaudet, Ombudsman for Minorities, Finland, Eliza Savvidou, Commissioner for Administration and Human Rights, among many others.

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# Lunch Lecture: Queer Paradigms and 'Different Normativities' in China and Beyond (University of Amsterdam, NL)

The Amsterdam Research Centre for Gender and Sexuality ARC-GS organizes a lecture including lunch on March 6, 2014, from 12.00 - 14.00 hrs. Elisabeth L. Engebretsen will give the lecture, entitled 'Queer Paradigms and "Different Normativities' in China and Beyond'. She received her PhD in Anthropology from the London School of Economics where she also gained an MSc in Gender Studies. She is currently a Research Fellow at the International Institute for Asian Studies in Leiden, working on a project on urban poverty, graduate unemployment and well-being in China.

Using the case of same-sex marriage strategies in contemporary China, this talk explores two key questions: why and how is it that the globally travelling 'gay marriage equality' discourse has met with reluctance locally in China? Furthermore, could normal life - exemplified by the popularity of complicit marriage strategies among Chinese queers - ever be really 'queer' (enough)? In this talk Engebretsen appropriates Ching Yau's notion of 'different normativities' as a way to critically investigate the usefulness of 'queer' and its divergent manifestations in scholarship and activism, especially in the context of determining transgressive and conformist practices, and in the complex project of recognizing (sexual and gender) difference.

**Deadline** for application via email is February 28, 2014.

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#### 5th WLEC - Women's Leadership and Empowerment Conference 2014 (Bangkok, TH)

We are happy to announce the Women's Leadership and Empowerment Conference (WLEC) 2014, hosted by Tomorrow People Organization on March 1-3, 2014 in Bangkok, Thailand. The official language of the conference in English. Attendance of delegates from more than 40 countries is expected. WLEC 2014 is a three-day program, which consists of three components: study session

'women's leadership and empowerment of disadvantaged groups', presentations of submitted papers and open discussions. It is open to those interested in gaining leadership skills and new knowledge as well as those who want to share their own achievements. This highly exciting and challenging international conference is intended to be a forum, discussion and networking place for academics, researchers, professionals, administrators, educational leaders, policy makers, industry representatives, advanced students, and others. More specifically, it targets:

- Government officials and policy makers: Learn about the best practices, learn more about the new approaches related women's issues and social equality, network with other policy makers and NGOs working in the related fields.
- NGOs: Network with other international NGOs, possible donors and colleagues from around the world and share your achievements and strategies with others.
- Graduate students: Meet your colleagues from around the world, make new friends, and improve your knowledge and communication skills.
- Company representatives: Chance to improve your leadership skills, learn more about the new approaches related to the topics, meet your colleagues, exchange ideas and establish new connections and partnerships.
- Scholars: Learn some new approaches, hear about others' experiences and pass on your knowledge and experience on to the others.
- Others: Interested in making some positive changes around them and gaining new knowledge, skills and friends and becoming more useful to their own communities.

The 5th Annual Women's Leadership and Empowerment Conference will provide unlimited resources and opportunities to interact with prominent leaders in the field of leadership and women studies and greatly expand on your global network of scholars and professionals.

Registration via this website.

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#### **EUCIS-LLL Training Session on 'Erasmus+' (Brussels, BE)**

The European Civil Society Platform on Lifelong Learning (EUCIS-LLL) is organising a training session on March 5, 2014, in Brussels, Belgium, to inform stakeholders about the new Erasmus+programme. New policy objectives linked to the programme will be discussed, as well as new opportunities under the three new programme key activities, concrete changes compared to the Lifelong Learning Programme, participation of civil society and cooperation with National Agencies. Representatives from the Commission, from Belgian Agencies as well as successful project coordinators will intervene to help you seize the right oppportunities and build up innovative initiatives. A registration fee is asked to participants in order to cover organisational costs (65€ for regular participants and 45€ for EUCIS-LLL members).

Registration via this website.

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School InterGender Research Course (University of Karlstad, InterGender is a consortium of international partners (amongst other the NOG, Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies) which offers a large scale research training programme meeting the needs of PhD students in different phases of their training. The InterGender Research School is happy to announce the following course taking place during spring 2014: 'Revisiting 'doing gender': Language and Gender in Interaction'. The teachers are Don Kulick (Professor of Anthropology, University of Chicago, USA), Ann-Carita Evaldsson (Professor of Education, Uppsala University, Sweden) and Erica Sandlund (Senior lecturer, English Linguistics/affiliated researcher, Center for Gender Studies, Karlstad University, Sweden). The course is held at the University of Karlstad, Sweden, from May 6-8, 2014.

The course centers on exploring key aspects of the relationships between language, gender, and social interaction. Current and earlier debates in the area of language, gender and interaction are revisited with a focus both on the commonalities and differences between different approaches. Providing methodological discussions and illustrative examples on how researchers go about collecting and analyzing data, the overreaching focus of the course is how gender issues and other

forms of inequalities have been addressed in recent discourse research. We will pay particular attention to research on language and sexuality, enactments of differences, and on interactional accomplishments of gender in various settings. A core idea behind the research examined is the ethnomethodological concept of 'doing gender' that had been present in some form since midseventies and firmly established during the 1990s. The course will, firstly, investigate the relationship between language and gender, both theoretically and empirically. Secondly, the course encompasses research using an ethnomethodological and conversation analytic approach in the study of identity and interaction. The course is aimed at doctoral students in gender studies and related fields, suitable for anyone with an interest in how gender is 'done' in language and embodied action as well as for anyone working with or is interested in working with spoken language data (recordings) in their own research.

**Deadline** for application is March 7, 2014.

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### 8 Maart: Internationale Vrouwendag Atria (Utrecht, NL)

Je blikveld verruimen, netwerk uitbreiden en investeren in jezelf? Kom dan op zaterdag 8 maart naar de Internationale Vrouwendag van Atria, kennisinstituut voor emancipatie en vrouwengeschiedenis op 8 maart, van 13.00 - 18.00 uur in Utrecht. Krijg meer zicht op de gevolgen van beleid voor jouw persoonlijke situatie en investeer in vrouwen wereldwijd! Deze feestelijke dag staat in het teken van inspiratie, emancipatie en informatie. Een breed scala aan sprekers zal verleden, heden en toekomst met elkaar verbinden. Sprekers zijn onder andere Renée Römkens (directeur Atria), Lilianne Ploumen (Minister voor Buitenlandse Handel en Ontwikkelingssamenwerking), Willemien Ruygrok (directeur Adviesbureau Europa), Elisabeth van der Steenhoven (directeur WO=MEN) en Zehra Sariaslan (VN jongerenvertegenwoordiger). Daarnaast kun je je inschrijven voor diverse workshops en je laten verrassen op onze 'Geld & Groei' Markt.

Aanmelden via deze website

Meer informatie -->

## International Conference 'Imagining the Past. Ken Russell, Biography and the Art of Making History' (Brussels, BE)

The international conference 'Imagining the Past: Ken Russell, Biography and the Art of Making History' seeks to show how Russell's work helps us to understand how cinema (re)constructs narratives about ourselves and the past. The conference will be held on March 19 and 20 at RITS in Brussels, Belgium.

There will be discussions of Russell's approach to biography, his documentaries on artists, and the feature films in which he imaginatively presents the lives of artists. Organisation: Christophe Van Eecke (UM), Muriel Andrin (ULB), Karel Vanhaesebrouck (ULB & RITS School of Arts). Participation is free but registration is required due to the limited seating capacities.

Registration via email.

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LOVA International Summer School 2014 and Writing Workshop (Amsterdam, NL) The LOVA International Summer School 2014 will be held from June 30 - July 4, 2014, in Amsterdam. The focus lies on 'Body Work(s)': the lectures concentrate on the body in ethnographical research. Most of the workshops pay attention to the improvement of the presentation skills we all need in daily life and working environments, where students are used to social media, and infotainment is gaining ground in our classrooms. Through fieldtrips you gain knowledge of the culture and history of Amsterdam. You will study hard and reflect on your own research projects. Our principle objective is to train you in ethnographic research methods and to bring students and life long learners in touch with gender scholars and anthropological perspectives on feminist, queer and gender studies. With our hands-on approach and interactive workshops we encourage critical thinking and discussion with your fellow participants and tutors.

Additional to the LOVA ISS 2014 we offer a writing workshop from July 7-8, 2014. The workshop is

meant for those of us, who are in need of writing methods, a space to free-write and to concentrate on our writing goals. We guarantee small groups and the courses and workshops are in English.

**Deadline** for application is March 15 (early-bird) and May 15 (last call), 2014.

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# Lecture Jacueline Scott 'Conflicting Family Interests: A Challenge for Family Policy' (University of Antwerp, BE)

On March 19, 2014, from 19.00-21.00 hrs Jacueline Scott will give a lecture entitled 'Conflicting Family Interests: A Challenge for Family Policy' at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. Scott is Professor of Empirical Sociology, Faculty of Politics, Psychology, Sociology and International Studies, Queens' College, Cambridge. In her lecture, she focusses on the crucial interlinks between family members in terms of changing norms in partnerships and parenting. The paper on which the lecture is based has three parts. First she discusses how partnerships and parenting are informed by changing gender roles. She examines gender role change in terms of both public attitudes and work-family conflict. Second, she explores the evidence on changes in parenting across time, with reference to young children and adolescents. Third, she brings together these gender and generational perspectives to examine how family life can impinge on the wellbeing of different family members. In the conclusion, Scott argue that the various interests of family members can conflict in a way that poses challenges for contemporary family policy. Welfare systems were originally based on the assumption of a stable family and a gendered division of labour. Such assumptions are clearly problematic. It is therefore a contentious issue as to how family policy can best support partnerships and parenting.

Registration via this website is mandatory

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### Intensive Workshop 'Equality, Inclusion and Its Discontents' (Utrecht University, NL)

Although structural social, cultural and economic inequalities obviously exist, we cannot assume to know their inner workings and precise effects. Patterns of in- and exclusion are surprisingly rigid and flexible at the same time. Women and other underprivileged subjects carry the 'sticky signs' (Ahmed 2004: 92), of histories of exclusion and inequality .Throughout the major institutional transformations and crises of several centuries, gender and ethnicity have shown great resilience as categories of in- and exclusion. This necessitates research methodologies which allow for both generalization (social and economic history, statistics, cohort studies, comparative research, economics) and case studies (historical and cross-cultural comparisons, ethnography, affect studies).

On April 16, 2014 an intensive workshop will be held, from 13.30-17.00 hrs in Utrecht. The steering group of the Strategic Theme Institutions of the Open Society (IOS) pillar Equality, Inclusion and Social mobility (EIS) has invited three UU scholars to present their interdisciplinary and jointly executed research plans as well as intended research proposals to the wider Institutions community. UU and other researchers are cordially invited to join this intensive workshop in order to get an insight in the way in which multidisciplinary analysis is deployed within the Humanities, Anthropology and Law studies in order to analyse processes of in- and exclusion at the intersections of public and private domains. Additionally, participants are invited to discuss the proposed projects and possibly become partner in one of the envisioned research applications to be submitted and/or conferences to be organized. The central question which will be addressed in the Intensive Workshop is: What happens when new institutional, cultural and social practices challenge and redefine distinctions between public and private? How do the struggles for new institutional forms interact with patterns of in and exclusion along lines of gender and ethnicity?

Speakers and referents include Dr. Susanne Burri (Law, UU), Dr. Marieke van Eijk (Gender Studies, UU), Dr. Deen Freelon (Mediastudies, University of Washington), Dr. Mirko Schäfer (Mediastudies, UU), Prof. dr. Berteke Waaldijk (Gender Studies, UU). The afternoon will be chaired by Prof. dr. Rosemarie Buikema (Gender Studies, member of the steering group EIS).

Deadline for registration via email is April 4, 2014.

Summer School for Sexualities, Cultures, and Politics (Belgrade, RS)

IPAK.Center and the Faculty of Media and Communications of Singidunum University, Belgrade, Servia, are organizing the Summer School for Sexualities, Cultures and Politics on August 18-24, 2014. Confirmed lecturers and courses offered:

- Jack Halberstam (University of Southern California, USA): Wild Bodies: Gender, Sexuality and Power
- Eszter Timar (Central European Umiversity, Budapest, Hungary): Derrida's Queer Bio-Politics
- Bracha L. Ettinger (European Graduate School, Saas-Fe, Switzerland): Duende and Light. Trust and the Subreal in Art and Psychoanalysis

Participants should be postgraduate students (preferably MA or PhD student or young researchers) interested in exploring the issues of Gender, Queer, Cultural Studies, Visual Arts and Humanities and related areas. However, outstanding BA students are also considered and have the chance to enroll. Participants from all countries are eligible to participate. All applicants should send the following documents: Application form, paper abstract (appr. 500 words max. as part of the application form) for a presentation not exceeding 15 mins. The maximum number of participants is 35 and the maximum number of students delivering presentation will ideally be 24 (4 presentations per session). Please indicate in the application form whether you wish to deliver a presentation or not by simply posting your abstract or ignore if not applicable. The Summer School will grant the participants who deliver presentations appropriate certificate with 6 credits (ECTS), applicable on MA or PhD level at participant's home universities, and 2 for those who participate without presentation. Registration via this website.

**Deadline** for early applications is April 20 (20% discount), May 20 (10% discount) and June 20 (last call, regular fee).

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### Fellowships / Vacancies

Two grants from Atgender for participation Women's Worlds Conference (Hyderabad, IN) Atgender is offering two grants of 800 euros to its members to participate in the Women's Worlds Conference (August 17-24, 2014, Hyderabad, India). Atgender, as also in last Women's Worlds Conference on Ottawa, Canada (2011), is presenting its activities and in specific is organizing a workshop on 'Women's Studies & Equal Opportunities Associations: new challenges, new obstacles?'. In this workshop we want to introduce European Atgender to a global audience and bring up questions about our threads and possibilities at the moment. We also want to learn from similar networks of other continents and hopefully establish some co-operation. All, who are interested in gender studies, in theory or in praxis, are most welcome to discuss and share. Atgender would like to offer the opportunity to its members to participate in this workshop. Getting the grant requires participation in preparation of this workshop and taking part to other joint activities (meetings with other organizations).

**Deadline** for application is March 15, 2014.

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#### University of California Berkeley Call for Scholars (University of California, USA)

The Beatrice Bain Research Group (BBRG) is the University of California, Berkeley's critical feminist research center, established in 1986 to support and coordinate feminist scholarship across disciplines. The BBRG is particularly interested in enabling research on gender in its intersections with sexuality, race, ethnicity, class, nation, religion, postcoloniality, globalization and transnational feminisms. This announcement concerns two of its programs:

1. The BBRG Scholars-In-Residence Program
2. The BBRG Affiliated Scholars Program

Deadline for application for the first pregram is March

Deadline for application for the first program is March 15, 2014. Applications for the second

program are accepted throughout the academic year.

Read more on the BBRG Scholars-In-Residence Program -->
Read more on the BBRG Affiliated Scholars Program -->

#### Job Offer at the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) is organising a call for applications with a view to establishing a reserve list for an Administrative Agent - Statistician. Based in Vilnius, Lithuania, EIGE is a regulatory agency of the European Union (EU) entrusted with specific objectives envisaged to contribute and strengthen the promotion of gender equality. Reporting to the Head of Operations, the jobholder will assist in socio-economic research covering all areas of equality between women and men and will provide technical and statistical support to the Gender Experts in the implementation of EIGE's Work Programme. In particular the jobholder will be responsible for literature reviews, qualitative and in particular quantitative research and report writing on different gender equality topics as well as other tasks and projects. The jobholder will also take part in defining and commissioning research tasks/projects, preparing calls for tenders and supporting the research teams involved.

Deadline for application is March 17, 2014.

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## **Calls for Papers**

## NOG National Research Day 2014 'Doing Gender in the Netherlands: Feminism in Transition (Activism, Institutions and Canons)' (University of Amsterdam, NL)

The Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies (NOG) would like to invite you to the annual National Research Day, on May 23, 2014. The day is dedicated to the cutting edge work of junior researchers of Dutch universities in the field of Gender, Ethnicity, Sexuality and Diversity. This year the National Research Day will be hosted by our colleagues of the Amsterdam Research Centre for Gender and Sexuality (ARC-GS, University of Amsterdam). The *Doing Gender in the Netherlands Day* is open for presentations of PhD students, postdocs and advanced research master students registered at Dutch universities. There are several options to participate: as a paper presenter, as a listener, and as a referee.

The day will be opened by NOG director Professor Rosemarie Buikema and ARC-GS director Dr. Rachel Spronk. The major part of the day will be dedicated to paper presentations. The closing remarks will be made by Dr. Liza Mügge (staff member ARC-GS). Depending on the PhD paper proposals thematic sessions will be formed, either plenary or paralleled depending on the number of accepted papers. Paper participants prepare a presentation of 10 minutes to allow for plenary discussion and questions. Full papers will be distributed in advance among the panel participants. Prepared feedback on the papers will be given by a senior NOG staff member. It is possible to add suggestions for preferred referees. The language of the day is English.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is February 28, 2014.

**Deadline** for registration either as paper presenter or as listener is February 28, 2014.

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# HERMES Seminar 2014 'Reading Reconsidered: History, Practices, Materialities, Affects' (Helsinki, FI)

Call for Papers for the Annual International Post-Graduate Seminar in collaboration with the universities united in the HERMES-network on June 8 to June 13, 2014.

The Hermes 2014 seminar at the University of Helsinki invites participants to reflect on the various facets and strategies of reading in the context of the cultural and technological transformations of our time. We welcome examinations of reading from a wide variety of approaches. Issues to be

discussed might include, but are not restricted to:

- Textually-embedded reader roles
- Reading and affect
- Histories and representations of reading
- The materiality of texts and reading
- Embodied reading, the physicality of reading
- Academic and amateur reading strategies
- Empirical reading research
- New technologies, reading platforms and environments of reading and their effects

Deadline for submission of abstracts is February 28, 2014.

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### International Conference of the International Association for Gender Equity (Accra, GH)

Call for papers for the International Association for Gender Equity (IAFGE) 2014 International Conference (the 4th Conference) on April 7-11, 2014 at Accra, Ghana. The theme is 'Capacity Building for Gender Equality and Women Empowerment'. The theme is carefully chosen to emphasize the strategic role of human resource in the development of any nation. In agreement with Groot and Moolen (2001), focusing on gender capacity building involves planned development of knowledge, skills and attitudes in individuals and groups of people, without prioritizing the male or female gender. Consequently, the objectives of IAFGE 2014 include the following: - Educate participants on the need/importance of capacity building for self and national development.

- Provide a forum for a re-think that demands all stakeholders to focus on effective planning, review and implementation of gender-responsive development programmes.
- Establish linkages between individuals/groups in the effort to achieve a non-gender biased environment for successful living in society.
- Ability to be relevant in the design, development and maintenance of societal institutions such as socio-economic and political institutions as well as existing meaningful operational infrastructures and processes in the environment.
- Educate every individual, male and female, on the importance of identifying and developing his/her potentials for meaningful contribution to societal development.
- Knowledge of the challenges facing effective capacity building and ways to overcome them.

Considering the multidisciplinary nature of the theme and for effective coverage of related discussions, well- researched empirical and theoretical papers to be presented at the conference are expected to include such areas as philosophical and theoretical considerations, education, continuing education, mentoring, curriculum, evaluation, training and retraining, skill acquisition, management, policy formulation and programmes as well as psychological and counseling issues, monitoring, review, health, industries, entrepreneurship, mainstreaming, women's work, mentoring, socio-cultural institutions, etc. You are free to contribute on other areas of interest that are not listed of theme. must he within the scope the Deadline for submission is February 28, 2014.

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### International Conference GENTOUR 2014 (University of Aveiro, PT)

The Organising Committee of the International Conference GENTOUR 2014 is now preparing the second edition of this International Conference. The Conference GENTOUR 2014 will be held at the University of Aveiro (Portugal), from May 7-10, 2014, under the name of 'Does gender equality foster new paths for social and economic development? —A tourism perspective'. As this conference will be held in conjunction with the INVTUR 2014 International Conference, participants will also be able to take part of all plenary and parallel sessions as well as of BiT - Forum for Tourism Research. Authors are invited to submit for consideration works related to the following topics, which include, but are not limited to: Competitiveness, Work-family balance, Business/management, Entrepreneurship, Economic growth, Education, Leadership, Employment and equal opportunities, Business networks, Gender pay-gap, Gender roles and stereotypes, Innovation, Internationalisation,

Marketing, Public and corporate policies, Women's travel, Gendered geographies, Organisational culture, Career pathways and decision-making.

All submissions will be subject to a double-blind peer review process and all accepted abstracts will be included in a book of abstracts. The abstracts of the accepted posters will be published in a special issue of the *Journal of Tourism and Development*. Authors of the accepted abstracts will be invited to submit the corresponding full paper, which will be considered for publication in several academic journals.

Deadline for submission of full papers is March 1, 2014.

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#### **ATGENDER Spring Conference 2014 (Barcelona, ES)**

The European Association for Gender Research, Education and Documentation ATGENDER has established a tradition of organizing Spring Conferences dedicated to research and teaching/learning in Women's, Gender and Feminist Studies, but also to activism, policy making, and dissemination of information. The 4th ATGENDER Spring Conference & General Assembly 'Setting a New Agenda for the Equality Policies' will be hosted by Barcelona Provincial Council in the Francesca Bonnemaison Centre in Barcelona, Spain, from June 25 - 27, 2014. ATGENDER - committed to fostering an interchangeability of its Spring Conferences' topics which are respectively research, teaching/learning, and activism/policy making - dedicates this year Spring Conference to:

- Gender equality and policy making
- crossroads and intersections of feminist activism and equality polices
- establishing connections between equality agents, feminist activists, information specialists and those involved in academic gender studies

The conference is meant to gather ATGENDER and non-ATGENDER members interested in the interaction and exchange between gender studies research, teaching, and gender equality. The keynote speakers for this year conference will be Alison Woodward from Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Mieke Verloo from Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen. Other keynote speakers will be announced soon.

If you are involved in use of critical knowledge about gender in designing, inventing, and organizing policies and projects, you are invited to present and discuss your experiences at this conference. We welcome different formats such as papers, panels, round tables, workshops and expert meetings to reflect, discuss, evaluate and present results. For a list of topics and the requirements for submission please visit the website.

Deadline for submission is March 17, 2014.

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### Yaoundé PhD Seminar 'Theories of Justice' (Cameroon)

The Yaounde PhD Seminar 'Theories of Justice' is an international, interdisciplinary and bilingual French and English - seminar held since 2012 in Yaounde and put together by the Hoover Chair of UCL and the Center for Studies and Research on Political and Social Justice of UCAC. It gathers mainly African and non-African professors and PhD students as well as professionals and civil society representatives to discuss on justice-related issues. The seminar is divided in two main parts: 1. a symposium section from August 18-22, 2014, which comprises courses and public conferences, presentations by PhD students of their project and feedback on thesis projects by visiting professors. 2. a touristic section from August 22-24, 2014, which will consist in a weekend in Kribi, Limbe or Fumban and will end with a photo exhibition on 'Cameroonian Women and Justice'. Once in Cameroon, accommodation, transportation and catering will be fully provided by the CERJUSP.

The organizing committee will consider applications from PhD students – one half African PhD students (max. 12) and the other half non-African PhD students (max. 12) – who are interested in these topics. Applicants will be selected according to their project or ongoing thesis on aspects related to theories of justice regardless of their field (philosophy, law, medicine, theology, sociology, anthropology, economics, political science, history, human rights, etc.). However priority will be given to those whose research is gender-related as well as female candidates. NB: students

finishing their Master degree and willing to start a PhD are welcome to attend the seminar as readers and are asked to send a brief resume.

Deadline for application is March 31, 2014.

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#### V Annual Conference on the New Materialisms (Barcelona, ES)

Call for papers for the V Annual Conference on the New Materialisms, entitled 'New Materialist Methodologies: Gender, Politics, the Digital', on September 25-25, 2014 at the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya in Barcelona, Spain. Scholars and postgraduate students are invited to submit proposals for 20 minute presentations in reference to four concepts: gender, politics, methodologies, and the digital. Even though the conference focuses around four different concepts, the aim is not to offer prescriptive definitions of these terms. Rather, we hope that the concepts will be opened up and reconnected with each other in ways that enable the study of differing processes of reality's unfolding.

Topics of presentation may include, while not being limited to: Revisiting the concept of gender, The mattering of digitality, and The political/politics of New Materialism.

Confirmed keynote speakers are Peta Hinton (Research Fellow at the ICI Berlin 2013/14), Felicity Colman (Reader in Screen Media, Manchester Metropolitan University) and Jussi Parikka (Reader in Media & Design at the Winchester School of Art, University of Southampton (UK) & Docent in Digital Culture Theory at University of Turku). Conformed workshops are 'New Materialisms in Practice: Methodological encounters' (directed at postgraduate students) led by Ilona Hongisto, Katve-Kaisa Kontturi and Milla Tiainen and 'Feminist networking: towards the futurities of research' (directed at senior researchers) led by the research groups Gender & ICT, (UOC) and the management committee of the COST Action IS 1307. We invite proposals for individual papers, proposals to participate in the methodological workshop and proposals to participate in the networking workshop.

Deadline for submission is May 1, 2014.

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# International Conference 'Material Matters in Times of Crisis Capitalism' (Justus-Liebig University, Giessen, GE)

Call for papers for the international conference 'Material Matters in Times of Crisis Capitalism: Transnational Feminist and Decolonial Approaches' at the Justus-Liebig University in Giessen, Germany, on November 13-15, 2014. The question of materiality has emerged as a central topic in studies concerned with the body, affect, sexuality, bio-politics and digital culture in recent years. Under the umbrella term 'new materialism', this interdisciplinary and multifaceted academic debate seems to have revived a Marxist vocabulary. Yet, the question of why 'materiality' matters in times of crisis capitalism is rather absent in this debate. This conference takes up this question by focusing on why and how materiality matters in times of crisis capitalism. Starting from the assumption that crisis is not exceptional in capitalism but its constant companion and that it represents the foundation from which the modern/colonial world system has evolved, this conference draws on critical feminist economics and decolonial feminist thought and practice on material

The conference has three inter-related aims: first, to examine from transnational feminist perspectives the impact of the global crisis on people's livelihoods; second, to explore the theoretical contributions of the triad of feminism, coloniality and political economy; and, third, to consider critical feminist economics and decolonial approaches to thinking alternative economies and convivial futures.

In this spirit we have invited key contemporary thinkers, who have linked academic work to political activism and social intervention. Confirmed keynote speakers for the conference include: Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak (Columbia University), Rhoda Reddock (University of the West Indies, St. Augustine), Lourdes Benería (Cornell University), Gülay Toksöz (Ankara University), Gladys Elizabeth Tzul Tzul (Benemérita Universidad de Puebla), Marina Gržinić (Academy of Fine Arts, Vienna).

As well as inviting academic papers this conference also calls for contributions from activists and artists in a variety of formats such as blogs, radio programmes, video clips and performances.

**Deadline** for submission of abstracts is May 1, 2014.

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#### Clepsydra Issue 13

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#### Call for an expert

SOMO, The Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations, is an independent, not-for-profit research and network organisation working on social, ecological and economic issues related to sustainable development. For their programme 'Multinationals in Conflict Affected Areas (MCAA)' they are doing research on how multinationals impact (post)conflict-areas. They also work together with local organisations and communities to monitor the activities of multinationals and their impact on human rights and the environment. To help with a paper on these topics, they are looking for an expert on these issues, specifically related to gender, for example: how the multinationals can impact women and men in different ways (think about employment, loss of livelihoods, community development, etc).

If you think you can help, please <u>send</u> an email with your resume and a short description of relevant experience on the topics gender/conflict/multinationals.

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