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# **NEWSLETTER**

# **Edition March 2016**



## **Newsletter**

Dear all,

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

On behalf of the NOG Board and the NOG Curriculum Commission, Prof. dr. Rosemarie Buikema, dr. Kathrin Thiele, Trude Oorschot and Vibeke Otter

# **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 MA 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 April 1 (last call), 2016.

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### Professor Shannon Winnubst in Doing Gender Lecture Series (Utrecht University, NL)

The Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies (NOG) in cooperation with the Graduate Gender Programme (GGeP) at Utrecht University organizes the fifteenth 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.

Professor Shanon Winnbust (Ohio State University, USA) will give a lecture on Monday March 14, 2016. The Doing Gender Lectures take place in Utrecht and are free of charge. Registration <u>via email</u> is compulsory.

**Upcoming Doing Gender Lectures:** 

- May 18, 2016: Prof. dr. Tina Chanter (Kingston University London, UK)

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NOISE Summer School 2016 'Feminist Media Studies of Migration: European discourses and

#### lived experiences' (Utrecht University, NL)

The NOISE Summer School (organized by Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies) will be held from August 29 — September 2, 2016 in Utrecht. The 2016 edition is coordinated by dr. Eva Midden and dr. Koen Leurs (both Utrecht University). This year, the 24rd edition of NOIÇSE will introduce you to cutting-edge scholarship on media and migration at the intersections of feminist media and cultural studies, postcolonial studies, cultural anthropology, religion studies, communication, activism and the arts. Confirmed guest speakers are: Prof. dr. Mia Lövheim (Uppsala University, SE), Dr. Paul Mepschen (Leiden University, NL) and Dr. Lukasz Szulc (University of Antwerp, BE, and London School of Economics and Political Science, UK).

Deadline for application is April 22, 2016.

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### Society Must be Hacked Symposium: Revisiting Foucault in a High-Tech World (Utrecht, NL)

The Society Must be Hacked Symposium: Revisiting Foucault in a High-Tech World will be held on March 5, 2016, from 10.00-17.00 hrs in Utrecht (NL).

Confirmed keynotes include 'Carceral Hacking' by Professor Shannon Winnubst (Department of Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, the Ohio State University) and 'The Art of Resistance' by dr. Marc Schuilenburg (Department of Criminal Law & Criminology, VU University Amsterdam). Workshops and Contributions by Femke Snelting (Master Media Design and Communication, Piet Zwart Institute), choreographer Katja Heitmann, and dr. Liesbeth Groot Nibbelink (Department of Media & Culture Studies, Utrecht University).

The symposium is free and open to the public, and registration is strongly recommended to secure attendance. Email to register and receive symposium details and schedule updates.

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### Postcolonial Film series 2015-2016 (Utrecht University, NL)

The Postcolonial Studies Initiative is happy to announce its 6th film series with a selection of films, shown monthly, that draw on a variety of different contexts in our postcolonial world. The series is organized annually and invites all interested in our European postcolonial present and the representation of its political, cultural and aesthetic realities and challenges. We want to explore, through visual representations and cinematographic narratives, how these realities are analyzed and re-imagined in contemporary film. Each film will be introduced briefly by scholars connected to the PCI. The series will take place every third Tuesday of the month until April (in Drift 21, room 0.32, from 19.15-21.30 hrs). Admission to the screenings is free of charge.

Programme of the Postcolonial Film Series 2015-2016:

March 15: *Drone* (Tonje Hessen Schei, Norway, 2014). Introduced by Doro Wiese.

April 19: The Act of Killing (Joshua Oppenheimer, Indonesia, 2013). Introduced by Susanne Knittel.

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# ATGENDER Spring Conference Spaces of Feminist Learning and Teaching: queering movements, translations and dynamics (Utrecht University, NL)

Registration is now open for the ATGENDER Spring Conference 2016, which will be held on April 21-23, 2016 at Utrecht University (NL). The conference is co-organised by ATGENDER and the <u>Graduate Gender Programme</u> (Utrecht University) and is dedicated to spaces of feminist learning & teaching. The focus of the conference is on teaching and learning in queer and gender studies' classrooms, broadly understood as spaces inside and outside the university, traversed by multiple urgencies and agendas, as well as informed by complex negotiations at personal, social, economic and political levels.

The conference wants to stimulate active and reciprocal exchanges between researchers, activists, students, educators, graduates and those professionally engaged with gender studies and feminist research. We want to address issues related to learning and teaching of gender in many possible contexts. We invite those interested in feminist debates and practices of teaching gender in and beyond Europe to join us in a series of exciting panels, workshops and other events. The conference experience will be deepened by free training sessions, a wild social programme, and creative mind/body activities in the city of Utrecht. See the website for a list of the themes.

**Deadline** for <u>registering</u> is March 31, 2016

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#### Dialogue 'Technologies for civic innovation' (Erasmus University Rotterdam, NL)

The next dialogue of the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) Development Research Seminars 2016 Spring Series is held on March 7, 2016, from 16.15-17.45 hrs at the University of Rotterdam (NL). This event is entitled 'Technologies for civic innovation' and the dialogue partners are Clarisa Perullini and Luciana Comes (Maggacup, Argentina) and Ruben Korevaar (SIMAVI). Perullini and Comes will talk about 'How the use of a new menstrual technology can produce social and environmental impacts?' and 'Creating a new feminine habit through technological innovation'. Korevaar will talk about 'Innovation in Menstrual Hygiene Management' and 'How social and technological innovation support menstrual hygiene management and women empowerment'.

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#### Lecture by Paul Mepschen (University of Amsterdam, NL)

For the upcoming ir/relevance of race seminar, Paul Mepschen will give a lecture titled 'Superdiversity, autochthony, and the politics of race in the Netherlands'. The lecture will be held on Monday March 14, 2016, from 15.30-17.00 hrs in Amsterdam (NL). Paul Mepschen is lecturer in social anthropology at Leiden University and a postdoc at the University of Amsterdam. He has recently defended his dissertation *Everyday autochthony, difference, discontent and the politics of home in Amsterdam.* He is working on a new research project the European politics of LGBT-pride, while maintaining his interest in (the interconnections of) nationalist, class, cultural and sexual politics in post-Fordist Europe.

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# InterGender course 'Trans Studies and Intersectional Activism - Analyzing and Deconstructing the Gender Binary' (Södertörn University, Stockholm, SE)

InterGender, Consortium and Research School in Interdisciplinary Gender Studies, organizes a course for PhD students and Master students. Title of the course is: Trans Studies and Intersectional Activism-Analyzing and Deconstructing the Gender Binary' and the course will be held from May 25-27, 2016, at Södertörn University (Stockholm, Sweden). This course will focus on recent debates in Transgender Studies and intersectional activism on binary gender norms. The course aims at discussing different transfeminist approaches towards the analysis and deconstruction of the gender binary, its continuous discursive enactment as well as its relation towards intersectional power structures. Course coordinators are Ulla Manns, Edyta Just and Nina Lykke. Teachers are Dean Spade (Associate Professor of Law, Seattle University, US), Lann Hornscheidt (Professor in Gender Studies, Humboldt-University Berlin, Germany) and Wibke Straube (Senior Lecturer in Gender Studies, Karlstad University, Sweden). **Deadline** for application is March 20, 2016.

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#### Sexuality Summer School 2016 'Love and its Others' (University of Manchester, UK)

The Sexuality Summer School (SSS) is a postgraduate summer school held annually at the University of Manchester. The next Sexuality Summer School will be held on May 23-27, 2016. The theme is *Love and its Others*. During the same week the Summer School also hosts a series of public events including lectures, films and performances. The Sexuality Summer School brings together postgraduates, researchers and international scholars, as well as artists and filmmakers, to facilitate dialogue and discussions that speak to contemporary debates in queer and feminist sexuality studies, with a particular emphasis on the interdisciplinary study of culture. **Registering** is open to all PhD and Masters students studying sexuality and will go live on March 2.

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#### Inaugural Lecture Prof. Sandra Ponzanesi (Utrecht University, NL)

Sandra Ponzanesi is Professor of Gender and Postcolonial Studies at the Department of Media and Culture Studies/Graduate Gender Programme (Utrecht University). She is also Head of Department Humanities at University College Utrecht (UCU).

Her expertise is gender and postcolonial critique from a comparative and interdisciplinary perspective. Her research areas include postcolonial studies, transnational feminist theories, comparative literature, Italian colonial history, European migration studies, visual culture, postcolonial cinema, media and conflict studies. She studied English and Commonwealth Studies at the University of Bologna (Italy) and University of Sussex (UK) and received her PhD, in Comparative Literature and Gender Studies at Utrecht University. She was Visiting Professor at the University of California Los Angeles Women's Studies Program and visiting scholar at the University of California, Riverside and Gemma Scholar at Rutgers University.

She is founder and coordinator of the Postcolonial Studies Initiative (PCI) and PI of the ERC consolidator project CONNECTINGEUROPE 'Digital Crossings in Europe: Gender, Diaspora and Belonging'.

Save the date: Prof. Ponzanesi will give her inaugural lecture on April 15, 2016 at Utrecht University.

# Lezing Internationale Vrouwendag 'Vrouwen naar de top – why so few?' (Radboud University Niimegen, NL)

Zoals ieder jaar organiseert het Institute for Gender Studies (Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen) een lezing in het kader van Internationale Vrouwendag. Dit jaar vindt deze lezing plaats op dinsdag 8 maart 2016 van 13:00 tot 14:00. De lezing is voor iedereen vrij toegankelijk. De lezing wordt verzorgd door prof. dr. Yvonne Benschop, hoogleraar organizational behavior bij de faculteit der Managementwetenschappen en mede-directeur van de onderzoeksgroep Gender and Power in Politics and Management.

Al zijn de voorbeelden van vrouwelijke leiders tegenwoordig iets minder schaars, er zitten nog altijd vooral mannen aan de top. Dit geldt zowel voor het bedrijfsleven als voor de overheid, en universiteiten doen het zeker niet beter. Yvonne Benschop laat de laatste cijfers en feiten zien en gaat in op de verschillende verklaringen van dit fenomeen. Ze neemt u mee in de wondere wereld van de lekkende pijplijn, het vermeende gebrek aan ambitie van vrouwen en de organisatieprocessen waardoor de kwaliteiten van vrouwen systematisch onderschat worden. Ze bespreekt strategieën van en voor

#### Congres 'Vrouwen in de spotlight' (Radboud University Nijmegen, NL)

Op 8 maart 2016 (start: 14.45 uur, inloop half uur eerder) organiseert het Netwerk Vrouwelijke Hoogleraren het congres 'Vrouwen in de spotlight'. Dit is al weer de zesde editie. Drie vrouwelijke top hoogleraren van de Radboud Universiteit en het Radboudumc betreden de bühne om u mee te nemen in hun onderzoekswereld. Prof. dr. Ashley Terlouw zal een lezing geven over 'Handtastelijkheden en handenschudden: over 'normaal' omgaan met vrouwen door migranten'. Prof. dr. Maria Hopman geeft een lezing over 'Van homo sapiens tot homo sedentarius: waarom een mens bewegen moet!' en Prof. dr. Daniela Muller geeft een lezing over 'Samenwerken met de duivel. Over ketters, heksen en demonen'.

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#### Thema-avond 'seksuele vrijheid' Amnesty Nijmegen (Nijmegen, NL)

Op 9 maart 2016 (inloop 19.30 uur, start 20.00 uur) organiseert De Vrouwengroep van Amnesty Nijmegen een avond over seksuele vrijheid. Op deze avond zijn er twee interessante gastsprekers: Ine Vanwesenbeeck die zal spreken over 'Seksuele vrijheid en rechten: verleden, heden, toekomst' en Marijke Naezer die dieper in zal gaan op haar onderzoek naar hoe jongeren in de sociale media omgaan met seksualiteit.

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#### Lecture Prof. Daria Berg (Leiden University, NL)

Daria Berg (D.Phil. Oxon, Chair Professor of Chinese Culture and Society at the University of St Gallen, Switzerland) will give a lecture on 'Cyberbabe, Cybervamp, Consumption Celebrity: Anni Baobei and the Web-based Spectacle of Female Self-Fashioning in Twenty-first Century China'. The lecture will be held on March 11, 2016, from 15.00-17.00hrs at Leiden University (NL).

Using Anni Baobei as a case study, this lecture aims to analyse first, how China's cybersphere creates a new type of celebrity; and second, how her online writings constitute a new kind of web-based media spectacle, negotiating government censorship by shunning political topics while catering to popular taste and consumer demands. Analysis will focus on the main characteristics of Anni Baobei's writings, investigating how they debate Chinese women's new dreams and nightmares in the twenty-first century.

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#### Summer Programme Introduction to Sexuality Studies (University of Amsterdam, NL)

Sexuality and gender define what it is to be human: they are at the core of our existence. But how does society define and reinforce these concepts? How do these concepts impact our relationships within society, and what analytical tools have been developed to study their role in social and familial relationships? This three-week summer course provides an excellent interdisciplinary introduction to the important debates around sexuality and gender in the social sciences. Students will be equipped with the analytical tools to study these themes critically and reflexively.

The course is from June 19 – July 7, 2016 and is 6 ECTS. **Deadline** for applications is April 1, 2016.

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## Summer School 'The Knowledge of the Curator' (University of Groningen, NL)

The Department of Art History at the University of Groningen (NL), in collaboration with the Groninger Museum, Göttingen University's Curatorial Studies programme, and the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, offers a unique and innovative summer school programme that puts students in direct contact with internationally renowned scholars, museum directors, and curators, including special guest Prof. Ivan Gaskell (Bard Graduate Center, New York City). The summer school will be held from July 17-23, 2016. Level of participants: MA, PhD, Postdoc, Junior Curator and Museum Professionals. In a curriculum that unites critical reading, thinking, and discussion with hands-on experience and presentations, participants will create an exhibition with objects from the collection of the Groninger Museum and travel to Amsterdam to meet/work with curators on site.

Deadline for application is May 1, 2016.

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#### Boekpresentatie biografie Catharina Halkes (Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen, NL)

De biografie Catharina Halkes, 'lk verwacht iets groots'. Levenswerk van een feministisch theologe 1920-2011 (<u>Uitgeverij Vantilt, 2016</u>), geschreven door Annelies van Heijst en Marjet Derks, wordt op 24 maart 2016 (van 15-17 uur) gepresenteerd op de Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen.

Catharina Halkes haalde internationaal het nieuws omdat ze de paus niet mocht toespreken. Helemaal waar was dat niet, maar het publicitaire effect beviel haar wel. Al jong nam ze geen genoegen met beperkingen voor vrouwen in kerk en samenleving. Ze mobiliseerde andere vrouwen om daar tegenin te gaan. Gedreven door een visioen van gelijkwaardigheid eiste ze een andere spirituele gemeenschap. Inhakend op achtereenvolgende vernieuwingsbewegingen van haar tijd sprak ze een

groot publiek aan. Ze gold als een boegbeeld omdat ze zich durfde uit te spreken. In academische kring behoorde ze tot de weinige vrouwelijke professoren. Eenduidig was ze allerminst: keurig en radicaal, een gesoigneerde dame die sigaren rookte, een neerlandica die als feministisch theologe naam maakte, een hoogleraar die geen proefschrift had geschreven, en een echtgenote en moeder met daarnaast een compleet ander leven. De toegang tot de boekpresentatie is vrij, maar meld alstublieft uw komst via email bij Uitgeverij Vantilt o.v.v. Catharina Halkes.

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## **Vacancies**

#### Assistant Professor Gender Studies & Postcolonial Studies (Utrecht University, NL)

The Department of Media and Culture Studies (MCW) at Utrecht University (NL) is currently seeking an assistant professor (UD) Gender Studies & Postcolonial Studies, whose research both supports and enhances the three strands of our existing research program 'Doing Gender: Media, Art and Politics' encompassing:

- 1. Art & Beyond (Cultural Industry; Aesthetics & Ethics).
- 2. Postcoloniality & Social Justice (subaltern archive, postsecular, postsocialist citizenship, cosmopolitanism, migration, human rights, transitional justice, social inclusion and activism).
- 3. Contemporary Feminist Theory (epistemologies, colonial, posthuman, affect theory, new media). Any prospective candidate should ideally combine research and teaching experience in transdisciplinary feminist and postcolonial theories, with a special focus on activism, the arts and aesthetics in feminist, queer, critical race and/or critical whiteness studies.

Deadline for submissions is March 27, 2016.

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#### Senior Onderzoeker Atria (Amsterdam, NL)

Atria is het kennisinstituut voor emancipatie en vrouwengeschiedenis. Onder het motto: 'Sharing the past, debating the present and creating the future', houdt Atria zich bezig met onderzoek, beleidsadvies, de informatieverzorging en stimulering van maatschappelijk en politiek debat over de positie van vrouwen. Het doel is bij te dragen aan de realisering van gelijke rechten en kansen voor vrouwen en mannen.

Atria zoekt per direct een Senior Onderzoeker (v/m). De Senior Onderzoeker draagt zorg voor het acquireren, initiëren, coördineren, ontwikkelen en uitvoeren van (wetenschappelijk) onderzoek, aansluitend bij het Beleids- en werkplan van Atria en de afdeling Collecties, Onderzoek en Advies in het bijzonder. **Deadline** voor sollicitatie is 18 maart, 2016.

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# Professor in Gender Studies (University of Tampere, FI)

Applications are invited for the post of Professor in Gender Studies in the University of Tampere (Finland). The post of Professor is located in the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Degree Programme in Social Sciences. The successful applicant will be appointed starting January 1, 2017, until further notice.

A professor shall carry out and supervise scientific work, give and promote education in the field, follow developments in science in the field and participate in societal interaction and international cooperation in his/her field, and provide teaching in the degree programme of social sciences.

A candidate applying for a professorship must hold an appropriate doctoral degree, have high-level academic qualifications and experience in directing scientific research, be able to provide high-quality, research-based education and supervision, as well as have a track record of international academic activities. **Deadline** for application is March 22, 2016.

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# PhD in International Environment and Development Studies – Gender dimensions of community-based policing in post conflict contexts (Norwegian University of Life Sciences, NO)

The Department of International Environment and Development Studies (Noragric) at the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) invites applications for a doctoral fellowship in International Environment and Development Studies. The selected candidate is expected to start the doctoral studies in August/September 2016. The Department hereby invites proposals for PhD projects that are aimed at developing new knowledge in relation to gender dimensions of community-based policing in post conflict contexts. The fellowship will be linked to the EC Horizon 2020 – funded project 'Community-Based Policing in Post-Conflict Police Reform', where the fellow will be connected to the Gender Issues team. The project takes a qualitative approach, includes eleven case studies spread across South Asia, Africa, Latin America and South-Eastern Europe, and has four crosscutting themes: Gender, Youth, ICT and Police Training and Education. **Deadline** for application is March 29, 2016.

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## Three PhD scholarships 'Spinoza and Political Affect' (University of Aberdeen, UK)

Three PhD scholarships are available to work with Dr. Beth Lord at the University of Aberdeen (UK) on the topic of 'Spinoza and Political Affect'. These are fee-waiver scholarships (no stipend for living costs)

open to applicants of all nationalities commencing full-time, on-campus study in October 2016. Proposals are invited under any of the following three project areas.

- Spinoza and the dynamics of political movements
- Spinoza and the politics of nonhuman animals
- Spinoza, political affect, and political decision-making

Though housed in Aberdeen's Philosophy department, the projects are interdisciplinary in nature. Researchers may come from different disciplinary backgrounds. They will be expected to engage with relevant literature from various fields and to consider avenues and activities for impact and public engagement for their project. **Deadline** for application is April 29, 2016.

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#### Professor of Gender Studies (University of Vienna, AT)

The University of Vienna (Austria) announces the position of a Professor of Gender Studies for a period of three years. The professorship shall cover the area of "(Re-)Production of (Gender)Hierarchies: Linguistic, Cultural and Social Factors Stabilizing Difference" and is located at the interface between Social Sciences, Philosophy, Educational Sciences and Cultural Studies. We expect an outstanding international research profile, that combines a profound engagement with theoretical concepts and their critical analysis with empirical research in at least one of the above-mentioned disciplinary fields. The course taught by the professor will be geared towards students of the interdisciplinary MA curriculum "Gender Studies" as well as towards BA, MA and doctoral students from different social science, cultural studies, philosophy and educational science curricula. We expect the successful candidate to be able to read and supervise theses in German. Classes and communication with students and colleagues can be conducted in English. **Deadline** for application is May 1, 2016.

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# **Calls for Papers**

National Research Day 2016 'Doing Gender in The Netherlands: TRANS\* approaches, methods & concepts' (Leiden University, NL)

The Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies (NOG) would like to invite you to the annual National Research Day, held this year on Friday June 10, 2016. The day is dedicated to the cutting edge work of junior and senior researchers of Dutch universities in the field of Gender, Ethnicity, Sexuality and Diversity. The 2016 edition of the National Research Day will take place at the Leiden University Centre for the Arts in Society. Faculty, Postdoctorate fellows, PhD candidates and Research Master students are cordially invited to participate in this event.

The Doing Gender in the Netherlands Day is open for presentations by PhD students and Research Master students registered at Dutch universities as well as Postdocs and Faculty who would like to share some of their current research with other gender scholars. This year the National Research Day is called 'Doing Gender in The Netherlands: TRANS\* approaches, methods & concepts'. There are several options to participate: as a paper presenter, as a participant without paper presentation, and as a respondent.

The day will start with a welcome speech by the Vice-Rector of Leiden University, Professor Simone Buitendijk, who leads the Diversity Steering Group, followed by a brief opening address by NOG director Professor Rosemarie Buikema, Dr. Liesbeth Minnaard (NOG board member) and Dr. Eliza Steinbock (NOG curriculum committee member). Dr. Trish Salah (Queen's University, Canada) will then give an agenda-setting keynote speech, which outlines trans\* many productive possibilities.

The second part of the morning as well as the afternoon will be dedicated to discussions of work-inprogress by means of paper presentations. Thematic parallel sessions on "doing gender research" and also "doing diversity work" will run in 90-minute slots. Each session will be moderated by a NOG staff member, who will respond to the panel presentations and facilitate discussion.

The academic program of the day will be concluded with a round table discussion on the (un)foreseeable future of doing gender and diversity from a trans\* (however interpreted) perspective, featuring position papers by Netherlands-based scholars, artists and activists. We invite you to continue the discussion over drinks. The language of the day is English.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is March 4, 2016. Accepted papers are due May 20, 2016.

Deadline for registration either as a paper presenter or as a participant is March 4, 2016.

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Furthermore: on Thursday June 9, 2016 (from 14-17 hrs) Dr. Salah, scholar and poet, will conduct a workshop on the politics of cultural translation and the aesthetics of minority and diasporic literature, that will include a creative writing exercise. Maximum capacity is 25 people, open from Research Master to faculty level. NOG students can receive 1 EC for their active participation and by writing an

essay. Register by email, with a 200-word motivation for participating in the workshop before Thursday May 26. More information to follow.

# Conference 'Proud In Europe? LGBTI Emancipation in Comparative Perspective' (University of Amsterdam, NL)

Call for proposals for panels for the two day conference 'Proud In Europe? LGBTI Emancipation in Comparative Perspective' which will be held on August 4-5, 2016 in Amsterdam (NL).

In August 2016 the city of Amsterdam will host Europride. In the two days preceding the canal parade an international scientific conference will take place in collaboration with the Amsterdam Research Center for Gender and Sexuality (ARC-GS) of the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and its partners. The conference takes Europride as an occasion to question and compare the state of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) emancipation within Europe.

This two-day conference will offer a space to reflect from different European contexts on gains made in the fight for LGBTI rights as well as blind spots and pitfalls encountered on the way. The focus of the conference will be on tracing developments regarding LGBTI politics throughout Europe from various perspectives and disciplines from the social and behavioural sciences, the humanities, and law. Please see the website for more information on the themes of the 24 panels.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is March 31, 2016.

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#### Edited volume Gendered discourses on companionship in travel writing

Call for papers for an edited volume with the working title 'Who carries the luggage? Gendered discourses on companionship in travel writing'. We invite scholars to contribute to this study by looking at discourses that underlie texts dealing with men and women travelling together. We welcome papers that focus on any particular text or genre that belongs to the broad category of (pre-modern, modern and postmodern) travel literature. These include real or fantastical travel journals, travelogues and travel guides, blogs and accounts on social media, but also documents such as pilgrim stories, and classical texts such as the Bible, Homer's Odyssey and the Ramayana. **Deadline** for submission of abstracts is April 1, 2016.

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#### Special collection 'Forced migration and digital connectivity in(to) Europe'

Call for papers for 'Forced migration and digital connectivity in(to) Europe' edited by Koen Leurs and Kevin Smets. With this special collection of *Social Media* + *Society*, a high standing, peer reviewed, open-access journal published by Sage, we seek to bring together cutting-edge research on forced migration in(to) Europe and the way in which digital technologies and digital connectivity and in particular social media play a role in the lives of forced migrants. The collection aims not only to present empirical evidence for discussions about forced migration and digital connectivity, but also to offer new theoretical insights on the issue. Approaching forced migration as a complex societal, political and cultural phenomenon, we seek to consider different aspects of digital connectivity, such as the use of social media by migrants, activists and trolls, issues of affectivity, representation, materiality, mobility, solidarity, political economy and the communication industry, as well questions related to gender, race, sexuality, nation, class, geography and religion; identity; diaspora; media literacy; policy; legislation and human rights. **Deadline** for submission of abstracts is April 15, 2016.

The special collection is developed in tandem with two events:

- 1) The symposium 'Connected migrants: encapsulation or cosmopolitanism?' taking place in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, from December 14-16, 2016.
- 2) Two panels on 'Forced migration and digital connectivity in(to) Europe', to be submitted to the <u>Association of Internet Research annual conference</u>, to be held in Berlin (Germany) from October 5-8, 2016.

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### International Conference 'Discourses on Migration & Mobility' (Hammamet, TN)

The Tunisian Association for English Language Studies (TAELS) organises an International Conference on: 'Discourses on Migration & Mobility', to be held from November 25-26, 2016 in Hammamet (Tunisia). The interdisciplinary theme this conference addresses is meant to bring under scrutiny the multi-dimensional aspect of migration and mobility in a globalised world dominated by trans-national movement and cross-border mobility. The conference will build upon the initial power and intensity of recent scholarship to further explore the politics and poetics of migration and mobility as represented in literary works as well as with regard to other discourses and academic fields. Locating migration and mobility at the cross-roads between literary, cultural and media studies, this conference offers a vibrant research platform for scholars from different areas of study to provide critical input on the versatile patterns of migration and mobility. TAELS editorial board will select a number of papers that will be published after peer-reviewing in a collective volume on the proceedings of the conference.

**Deadline** for submission of abstracts is May 31, 2016.

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