



Newsletter

Dear all,

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

We wish you a very relaxing holiday break and an inspiring New Year!

On behalf of the NOG Board and the NOG Curriculum Commission,

Prof. dr. Rosemarie Buikema, dr. Kathrin Thiele and Trude Oorschot

Conferences / Courses / Lectures / Events

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 a new 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.

Upcoming Doing Gender Lectures in 2018:

- Dr. Zethu Matebeni and Prof. Kopano Ratele: 25 January
- Dr. Ewa Hayward: 22 February
- Prof. Jack Halberstam: 26 March
- Prof. Mieke Bal: April (tbc)

On 25 January 2018 from 15.30-17:00 we will host a public conversation on 'Decolonizing the University: Gender and Race in Academic Space' with Dr. Zethu Matebeni, Prof. Gloria Wekker, Prof. Kopano Ratele and Dr. Phoebe Mbasalaki in Utrecht.

The #MustFall movement in South Africa and the #ReThink movement in the Netherlands have

urgently addressed the need to rethink the epistemological foundations of academic knowledge production and the ways in which these foundations might be gendered and racialised. In this conversation between South African and Dutch scholars we'll discuss experiences, strategies and theories regarding the development of diasporic knowledge networks and new ways of inhabiting academic spaces.

Chair: Rosemarie Buikema

Registration [via email](#) is compulsory.

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Erasmus Mundus Master's Degree in Women's and Gender Studies – GEMMA (2018-2020)



Call for application for the Erasmus Mundus Master's Degree in Women's and Gender Studies is now open.

GEMMA is a joint interdisciplinary programme that provides high quality academic education and professional competencies for personnel working or intending to work in the areas of Women's Studies, Gender Studies and Equal Opportunities across Europe and beyond. Such a wide span of options and combinations makes the programme attractive to students worldwide. Courses are taught by the most distinguished and highly recognized professors in the fields of research in each one of the departments involved. GEMMA offers added value through its geographically balanced consortium which makes it possible for students to choose their international mobility route amongst seven participating universities.

At the end of their studies, GEMMA students obtain a double degree, issued by the two institutions where they have conducted their studies.

Prestigious Erasmus Mundus scholarships under the framework of Erasmus+ are offered to non-European students. The scholarships cover tuition fees, health insurance and includes a monthly allowance.

In addition, there are scholarships for scholars who wish to complete a research and teaching visit of 2 to 4 weeks at one of the GEMMA Consortium partner universities.

Deadline: February 15, 2018.

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InterGender/NOG Course 'Politics of Vulnerability' (Utrecht University, NL)



The InterGender Network and the NOG are jointly organizing the PhD course 'Politics of Vulnerability' on February 20-22, 2018 at Utrecht University. The course will focus on vulnerability as a political matter. In contemporary Western contexts, vulnerability is situated within the realm of individual responsibility and neoliberal conceptualization of productivity where it occupies a place of undesired failure or error. This course will offer possibilities to re-conceptualize vulnerability beyond these existing normative and devaluing frameworks. It will ask how it is possible to engage vulnerability beyond such neoliberal logics and without falling into a trap of either celebration of vulnerability or its understanding as a state that is to be necessarily 'overcome'. The course will, hence, focus on an

approach to the political question of vulnerability as both individual, psychical, and structural phenomenon and as one that is situated within specific local and global power relations. With the course we aim to address vulnerability as a process of living that materializes social individual and structural power relations while simultaneously opening possibilities for their reconfigurations. Thus, by providing an alternative approach to and a practical engagement with vulnerability – an approach that focuses on ambivalences, tensions, and spaces of in-between-ness – the course will offer the re-conceptualization of conditions of being as situated practices of living where the personal is political and the political is personal.

Teachers are Dr. Eva Hayward, Dr. Kathrin Thiele, Dr. Magdalena Górska and Dr. Loyal Ftouni.

Deadline: 7 January 2018

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Vacancies

GlobalGRACE jobs advertised by Goldsmiths (Goldsmiths University of London, UK)



Two jobs being offered by Goldsmiths to work on the GlobalGRACE project: a postdoctoral researcher and a project administrator.

Postdoc position: we are seeking an intellectually creative and highly motivated researcher to work as a Postdoctoral Early Career Researcher (ECR) and play a key part in the GlobalGRACE (Global Gender and Cultures of Equality) Project. Funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund of RCUK, GlobalGRACE seeks to bring together institutional research, artistic interventions, curatorial research practice and public exhibitions to investigate and enable gender positive approaches to wellbeing internationally.

Project administrator: we are seeking a highly organized individual who is experienced in independently planning and implementing the administration and finances of large complex projects. Working alongside the Project Leadership Team of the GlobalGRACE (Global Gender and Cultures of Equality) Project, which is funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund of RCUK, the Project Administrator will support academic researchers as they bring together institutional research, artistic interventions, curatorial research practice and public exhibitions to investigate and enable gender positive approaches to wellbeing internationally.

Deadline: 8 January 2018

[Read more on the postdoc position →](#)
[Read more on the project administrator →](#)

PhD position on 'Innovation Through Gender in Computing', Kassel University, DE



INTeGER project focuses on interrogating the role that gender intersectionality plays in producing innovation in the field of computing. Precisely because gender bias in computing has been identified as preventing innovation and socially responsible IT design (examples abound in research spanning from algorithms and machine learning, to speech recognition technologies), more interdisciplinary research that bridges gender studies, science and technology studies and computer science is needed: http://www.uni-kassel.de/go/qedis_integer

Application deadline: **10 January 2018**

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PhD Opportunity at the University of Bern (Switzerland)



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Exciting PhD opportunity at Bern Universität (Switzerland), for which you will need solid German skills due to the focus of the project.

Project 1: Women as Shapers of Religious Oppositional Discourse and Counter Models in Reaction to the European Culture Wars of the 19th and early 20th Centuries;

Project 2: Gender, Sexuality and Religion in Contemporary Negotiations of Belonging in the German-Speaking Context.

Deadline: **13 January 2018**

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Call for Papers

Special issue: *Contesting whiteness at its intersections: European racial formations - Dutch Journal of Gender Studies*



Guest Editors: Jovita dos Santos Pinto (University of Bern) and Elisa Fiore (Radboud University), and dr. Katrine Smiet (Radboud University/ Utrecht University).

'Europeanness' is often uncritically associated with 'whiteness'. In the rhetoric and imagery of far-right political movements across Europe, the presence of migrants, refugees and communities of Colour is framed as a threat to the (implicitly white) national identity and community. In the 2007 campaigns of the Swiss People's Party, this is most literally depicted with a white sheep pushing a black sheep off the national flag. However, it is not only in the rhetoric of the far-right that Europeanness is conflated with whiteness. The investment in whiteness as a cornerstone of European national identities is a legacy of colonial epistemology that still persists today. Since the aftermath of WWII, liberal discourse has been entrenched in a discourse of 'racelessness', where racial markers are still recognised and producing exclusions, while race is nevertheless regarded as irrelevant or overcome for continental Europe (Goldberg 2009). In most European public discourses, People of Colour figure as outsiders-within: as 'tolerated guests' at best, as imminent threat to national security at worst. As critical race scholar Fatima El-Tayeb argued, the 'inability or rather unwillingness to confront, let alone overcome, the glaring whiteness underlying Europe's self-image has rather drastic consequences for migrant or minority communities routinely ignored, marginalized, and defined as a threat to the very Europe they are part of' (El-Tayeb 2011, p. xxv).

The special issue seeks contributions that discuss whiteness in relation to current developments and societal challenges. Please see the CFP document for more details.

[Download here the documentation for this CFP](#)

Deadlines and timeline publication:

- Deadline submission of abstracts for special issue: **1 January 2018**
- Notification of acceptance before: 1 February 2018
- Deadline first version articles (max. 6000 words incl. references and bibliography): 1 April 2018.
- Reviews from external reviewers received: 1 June 2018
- Final version from authors (max. 6000 words): 1 July 2018
- Publication: 21 September 2018

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Call for Papers: *Graduate Conference in Gender Studies (CEU, Budapest)*



INEQUALITIES
narrative & critique
resistance & solidarity
Budapest, May 3-5, 2018

“Inequality” and “equality” have become central concepts in a wide range of domains engaged with struggles against injustice, from the structures of social movements, political and policy discourses, to activist practices, artistic productions, and academic inquiry, particularly in Gender Studies. With this conference we aim to examine the cultural and political infrastructures and productions that underpin, enable, deploy, or contest ‘official’ discourses of equality in policy or legislative frameworks. In a context in which discourses of equality are often embedded in and supportive of projects of nationalism and quite sympathetic to neoliberal infrastructures of value, precarization and normalization, it is critical to investigate possibilities of addressing persisting injustices, and the varied forms such an address might take.

The deadline for abstract submissions is **January 5, 2018**. Please send the title and abstract (300 words) to in-equalities@ceu.edu, including a short biographical statement (100 words) of the presenter, institutional affiliation, and any technical assistance required. Applicants will receive a response regarding their submission by February 1, 2018.

This conference is organized by doctoral students of the Gender Studies Department at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary. The conference organizers will look into housing options should your attendance be contingent on this kind of support. There is no participation fee, and lunch and refreshments will be provided for participants. For inquires you can email us at in-equalities@ceu.edu.

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International Scientific Conference “Corporeal Archives” (Faculty of Media and Communications, Belgrade, Serbia)



On June 1 and 2, 2018 the Faculty of Media and Communications (Singidunum University, Belgrade, Serbia) is organizing the conference ‘Corporeal Archives’.

Technological advances have enabled a vast array of archives, satisfying our insatiable need to collect, store and preserve, and, further, allowing us to go beyond the institutional repositories of information. Derrida’s claim that “nothing is less clear today than the word ‘archive’” has proven to be accurate and convincing in present-day societies. The bio-cultural record which engages both data production and accumulation has established the body as a crucial “artefact” within a discourse of individual/micro/macro archives.

Proposals of 300 words should be submitted, along with a short bio to: corporeal.archives@fmk.edu.rs

The official language of the conference will be English.

Deadline for abstracts submission: **1 March 2018**

Notifications of acceptance: 15 March 2018

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Gloria Wekker wint Joke Smitprijs 2017



Gloria Wekker is de winnares van de Joke Smitprijs 2017. Wekker ontving de prijs op maandag 11 december uit handen van minister Ingrid van Engelshoven (Emancipatie) in Amsterdam. De Joke Smit-prijs is een tweejaarlijkse Nederlandse regeringsprijs en een oeuvreprijs. De prijs is dit jaar voor de 15e keer uitgereikt. Een jury onder leiding van Eva Jinek koos Gloria Wekker vanwege haar langdurige strijd voor de verbetering van de positie van zwarte vrouwen in Nederland. Volgens de jury heeft Wekker een cruciale bijdrage geleverd aan het onderwijzen en stimuleren van studenten, journalisten, activisten en andere geïnteresseerden op het gebied van gender en etniciteit. Ze maakte het concreet en tilde tegelijkertijd het academische en maatschappelijke debat hierover naar een hoger niveau.

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New Editors of philoSOPHIA: A Journal of Continental Feminism



Introducing the new editors of 'philoSOPHIA: A Journal of Continental Feminism'.

After five years of dedicated editorship, Lynne Huffer (Emory University) and Shannon Winnubst (Ohio State University) will end their term as co-editors in May 2018. It is with great excitement that we announce the new, Advisory Board approved co-editors, Kyoo Lee and Alyson Cole. We thank Lynne and Shannon for their hard work and welcome Kyoo and Alyson.

Both Cole and Lee bring valuable experience to the journal. They have collaborated on many other projects including a Mellon-funded faculty seminar and graduate teaching at CUNY. They have journal experience as guest editors of a special issue of Women's Studies Quarterly (WSQ), Safe (2011), and both are on the the WSQ editorial board. Cole is also on the editorial board of International Journal of Criminology & Sociological Theory Currently, Lee is serving as an Associate Editor of Derrida Today and on the editorial board of Open Humanities Press; from January 2018, she will join the Advisory Board of Simone de Beauvoir Studies.

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PhD thesis defense Phoebe Mbasalaki on 'Re-imagined Sexualities: Lived Experiences of Black Township Women who Love Women' (Utrecht University, NL)

On January 24, 2018 Phoebe Mbasalaki (NOG PhD student) will defend her PhD thesis. The dissertation centres the lived experiences of black township women in same-sex relationships in Cape Town and Johannesburg. The main question 'how do black township women construct their same-sex sexuality' called for a mixed methods approach of qualitative and quantitative data. Set against the back-drop of one of the most progressive constitutions in the world and high levels of unemployment and homophobia, Mbasalaki presents how township women enact being African and homosexual while residing in a predominantly heterosexual space. The prevailing trope of homosexuality being 'un-African' reveals a contradictory discursive frame of rights versus belonging.

Date: Wednesday January 24, 2018

Time: 12:45 - 13:45 hrs

Location: Senaatszaal, University Hall, Domplein 29, Utrecht

Supervisors: Prof. R. Buikema (UU), Prof. G. Wekker (UU) and Dr. Z. Matebeni (University of Cape Town)

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