

**NOI♀SE**

**Advanced European Summer School in Women's Studies from  
Multicultural and Interdisciplinary Perspectives**

**2003 SUMMER SCHOOL**

## **New European Identities and Mediated Cultures: Revisiting the Politics of Location**

### **Location and dates:**

Antwerp, September 2003, 8<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.  
University of Antwerp, city-campus,  
[http://www.ufsia.ac.be/algemene\\_info/wegwijzer.html](http://www.ufsia.ac.be/algemene_info/wegwijzer.html)

### **Synopsis of the Summer School in European Women's Studies**

The notion of the politics of locations is one of the epistemological foundations of feminist theory and gender knowledge. It has developed over the last twenty years from a political slogan into a fully-fledged methodological framework, which encompasses several theoretical variations. One of the most relevant aspects of this notion is that it explores the parameters for the kinds of subject positions that have become available as a result of changing gender roles in society. The politics of location, however, also works at the macro-level as a tool by which global power relations can be assessed in the light of feminist politics and gender concerns. This has led, among others, to discussions about the transnational nature of feminist subjectivity and to intersectional methods of analysis, which account simultaneously for a variety of axes of marginalization: gender, class, race, ethnicity, age, and sexuality.

This two-week course will present a cartography of these new subject positions within a European perspective, with special emphasis on the power relations that construct them. Very inter-disciplinary in orientation, it presents approaches from the humanities (history, literature, the arts), the social sciences (sociology, political theory, anthropology) and philosophy. Great emphasis will be placed on the construction of locations at the micro as well as the macro-levels, and thus on memories, genealogies and the impact of cultural products in both institutionalising and propagating certain forms of remembrance. Equal weight will be given, however, to the material and social context within which identities and locations are negotiated. Empirical data on Equal Opportunities will be provided and discussed within the context of the European welfare states and their re-structuring. Throughout this debate, cross-references will be made to the new technologies, and their overwhelming impact upon issues related to gender identity and to the status of women and other minorities in contemporary societies

## **AIMS**

This advanced training course offers a diversified, but coherent programme of study from an inter-disciplinary perspective. It is meant for M.A students and starting Ph.D students and it will provide special and separate tuition seminars to these two groups. The school consists of two clusters, which focus on the following themes:

### **Themes/ Clusters:**

1. Historical Frames of Identity
  - a. Thinking in Motion: Nomadism & Virtualities
  - b. A woman remembered: locating women's memories in history.
2. Equal Opportunities
  - a. The societal organisation of equal opportunities
  - b. The cultural presence of women

### **Formula:**

- 2 lectures in the morning
- working groups in the afternoon
- social programm
- 2 excursions: Brussel & Tervuren
- All participants are expected to participate in the entire programme during the two weeks.

### **Accommodation for students:**

International Seamens' House, Falconrui 12, 2000 Antwerpen, Belgium  
<http://www.zeemanshuis.be/engels/indexe.htm>

a location at 5 minutes from the university campus, with the possibility to take the meals there. The reception can be reached by telephone on the following numbers: (+32) (03) 227.54.33 or (+32) (03) 205.62.00. You can also fax on the following number: (+32) (03) 234.26.03.

Participants can also arrange their own accommodation.

### **Teachers in the course:**

Rosi Braidotti	(Utrecht University - the Netherlands),
Magda Michielsens	(University of Antwerp - Belgium),
Helma Lutz	(WWU Münster, Institut für Allgemeine Erziehungswissenschaft - Germany),
Berteke Waaldijk	(Utrecht University - the Netherlands),
Andrea Pető	(Eötvös Loránd University & University of Miskolc - Hungary)
Petra Meier	(Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena - Germany),
Mara Kuhl	(E-histories in the city),
Ingrid Pincus	(Örebro universitet - Sweden).

More teachers are contacted to teach, so look at the website for additions and updates.

## **THE ORGANISATION**

The NOI♀SE European Summer School, a two-week intensive course, is by now a well-established event, which has been organised annually since 1994, hosted by different NOI♀SE partner universities, with the participation of a broad range of students and teachers from all over Europe and beyond.

The NOI♀SE Summer School 2003 will be coordinated by the International Office Women's Studies in Utrecht, the Netherlands and hosted by The Women's Studies Centre at the University of Antwerp in Belgium.

## **TARGET GROUP**

The NOI♀SE Summer School aims at advanced final-year undergraduate students, as well as postgraduate and PhD students. Applicants should have a background in the field of Women's Studies. Special tutorials will be organised for MA students in Women's Studies, and for PhD students who want to discuss their research. Therefore, those groups of students are especially invited to apply.

**NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:** max. 50

## **CREDITS: 9 ECTS**

After fulfilment of all requirements (preparation of assignments and reading, active participation and final essay of 10 - 15 pages), participants receive the

NOI♀SE Certificate from Utrecht University for 240 hours of work.

## **TUITION FEES**

Tuition fee for the course is including reading materials. NOI♀SE grants are available for a number of students from NOI♀SE partner universities, see list below. NOI♀SE organises inexpensive accommodation for all participants (not included in tuition fee). Participants have to make their own travel and visa arrangements. They also have to take care of proper medical, travel and damage insurance coverage.

The tuition fee for the Summer School will be € 450. For Belgium students there is the possibility to participate at a reduced fee. You can apply for this separately.

## **WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?**

- ❑ Working language will be English.
- ❑ Preparation: the participants are required to prepare the readings and the assignments sent to them in advance.

**NOI♀SE PARTNER UNIVERSITIES**

Universitaire Instelling Antwerpen,  
Belgium

Syddansk Universitet, Denmark

Universidad Complutense de Madrid,  
Spain

Aristoteleio Panepistimio Thessaloniki,  
Greece

Universita degli studi di Bologna, Italy

Universita di Firenze, Italy

Universita della Calabria, Italy

Universita degli studi di Milano, Italy

Universiteit Utrecht, Netherlands

Åbo Akademi University, Finland

University of York, UK

University of Lancaster

University of Lund, Sweden

Linköping University, Sweden

Lodz University, Poland

University of Ljubljana (ISH),  
Slovenia

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND  
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***IN ANTWERP, BELGIUM***