

NEWSLETTER

NETHERLANDS SCHOOL OF STUDIES (NOV)

RESEARCH WOMEN'S



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

We also would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and an inspiring New Year!

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CALLS FOR PAPERS

- **Crisis and Renewal: Welfare States, Democracy and Equality in Hard Times (Reykjavik University, Iceland)**

When: June 2 and 3, 2011, University of Iceland, Reykjavik

What: An interdisciplinary conference jointly held by NORDWEL, REASSESS and EDDA. The economic crisis of 2008–2010 has had a major impact on the social and political systems of European states. In many countries, the crisis has seriously undermined established social rights and caused political turmoil in which fundamental issues about legitimacy, governance and responsibility in the political system have been called into question. The aim of this conference is to encourage discussion across disciplines on the impact of economic crises on democracy, equality and social welfare in the context of the current crisis as well in an historical perspective. We invite proposals for papers that analyze these issues with particular emphasis on the following themes: *The welfare impact of the economic crisis on individuals, groups and classes; Social policy: consequences and reaction; Men, women and economic crises; and Politics of reconstruction.*

Submission guidelines: The deadline for submission of an abstract is 1 February 2011. Authors of submitted proposals will be notified no later than 1 March, 2011. Paper proposals (ca. 250 words) as well as full contact information and details of current institutional affiliation should be sent to Kolbeinn Stefansson: kolbeinn@hi.is

More information: Contact Kolbeinn Stefansson: kolbeinn@hi.is

CONFERENCES / COURSES

- **NOV National PhD Research Day 'Doing Gender in the Netherlands: Discovering the Global in the Local' (Utrecht University, The Netherlands)**

Date: Friday February 18, 2011

Location: Utrecht, the Netherlands. Location will be announced later.

Theme: To celebrate the recognition of the Netherlands Research School of Women's Studies (NOV) as the national platform for gender research within the new plan for the 'Duurzame Geesteswetenschappen' ('Sustainable Humanities'), this National Research PhD Day is dedicated to the cutting edge work of junior researchers – working at Dutch universities - in the field of Gender, Ethnicity, Sexuality and Diversity. Open to PhD's and advanced research master students to present their work and open to everybody who would like to get an overview of cutting edge intellectual work.

More information: <http://www.genderstudies.nl> or nov@uu.nl

- **Genderstudies in theology and religion: a success story? (Groningen University, The Netherlands)**

Location: Groningen University, the Netherlands: Courtroom of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, Oude Boteringestraat 38

Date: January 27 – 28, 2011

Theme: Since the 1970's an increasing number of scholars have used 'gender' as a heuristic and hermeneutical instrument for the study of religious experiences, text and phenomena. This has led to the establishment of Gender Studies in theology and religious studies on the one hand, and to an integration of 'gender' and/or the genderperspective in the different disciplines of theology and religious studies on the other. In this expert meeting international renowned specialists will take stock of the current situation with respect to the mainstreaming of 'gender' and 'Gender Studies' by sharing research experiences. Its purpose is to come to a course of action to 'gendermainstream' the various disciplines of theology and religious studies: Hebrew Bible, New Testament, Church History, Systematic Theology, Practical Theology and Science of Religion. In addition, the subject of the relationship between Feminist Theology, University and Church will be addressed.

Application: Please register beforehand on the website below

More information: <http://www.rug.nl/ggw/nieuws/110127GenderStudies>

- **Feminist Critical Analysis: Witnessing the Past, Remembering the Future (Dubrovnik, Croatia)**

Location: Inter-University Center (IUC), Dubrovnik, Croatia

Date: May 30 - June 3, 2011

Theme: In the year 2011 the course 'Feminist Critical Analysis: Witnessing the Past, Remembering the Future' will address a number of issues that will both take us into the past - while critically assessing it - but will also allow us to look toward the future. By addressing time, highlighting women's time, and exploring the myriad, seductive and sobering ways that temporality plays out we will follow complex paths of discussion: we will continue to insert our concerns into the current debates of memory and witness studies; and, in the process, we hope to add yet more elements to the diverse and growing 'feminist memoir projects.' The course is built on the intellectual dialogue among a diverse body of scholars from different geographical locations and the participating faculty is drawn from different universities. Contemporary theory has through feminist theoretical contributions and other entry points, such as the issues of the body, space, and many others, highlighted the irreplaceability of the gender perspective; and, has, within this framework, appended memories of the past to the understanding of the future.

Application details: Please send in a short narrative (up to 250 words) explaining your interest in the topic and your CV with your current complete contact information should be submitted by email. Submissions will be reviewed by the selection committee and

results will be announced by mid February. The number of participants is limited to 15 students from different countries. Please send your applications to Center for Gender and Politics, University of Belgrade at studijeroda@fpn.bg.ac.rs with Dubrovnik 2011 in the subject heading. Deadline for application is Friday, January 21 2011.

More information: studijeroda@fpn.bg.ac.rs

- **ATGENDER Conference: Feminist Legacies – Feminist Futures (Utrecht University, The Netherlands)**

Date: April 8, 9 and 10, 2011

Location: Utrecht University

Key-note speaker: Prof. dr. Donna Haraway (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Theme: ATGENDER is a new (2009) professional membership-based organization that continues the activities of three former gender studies networks: AOIFE (European Association for Feminist Research), WISE (Women's Studies in Europe) and ATHENA (Erasmus network for advanced women's studies). Researchers, activists, students, teachers and gender equality agents who have been active in these organizations are especially invited to join the meeting and explore what role the professional association ATGENDER can play to support and strengthen the European networks in gender. The conference welcomes new members at its second Spring Conference in 2011.

ATGENDER's aim is to connect Research, Activism, Teaching and Equality Policies on women and gender in Europe and to establish a European Gender Studies network. The European professional association for Gender Research, Education and Documentation, ATGENDER is delighted to invite researchers, activists, students, teachers and gender equality agents to its Spring Conference, 'Feminist Legacies, Feminist Futures'. To apply, please send a proposal for a contribution to one of the workshop themes that can be found in the registration form.

Application deadline: February 1, 2011

More information: see the website for the registration form and the call for proposals: www.atgender.org. If you have questions, please email: info@atgender.eu

FELLOWSHIPS / VACANCIES

- **4 Rosalind Franklin Fellowships (Groningen University, The Netherlands)**

What: The fellowships will be awarded to outstanding women scholars from any country and from any of the disciplines of the Faculty of Arts.

Submission guidelines: Successful candidates will set up their own research project(s) in the area of their choice, including funds to support a PhD project, and will be expected to attract external funding. They will also contribute to the (international) teaching programmes within the Faculty. The fellowship, of at most five years, comprises a salary in the range of a university lecturer, and a holiday allowance of 8%, as well as an end of year allowance. The salary and the duration of the fellowship depend on experience and qualifications. Following a favorable evaluation after at most five years, the fellow will be awarded tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor, including after three more years the ius promovendi (junior professorship). After a further four to seven years another evaluation will take place and if this proves favorable, a full professorship will be awarded. The period after which tenure and full professorship will be awarded is at most five and seven years, but may be influenced by academic results of the fellow before and during the fellowship. Applications only by email: rff-let@rug.nl

Deadline for applications: Friday January 7, 2011

More information: <http://www.rug.nl/let/onderzoek/rff/index>

- **7 PhD Vacancies and 2 Postdoc Vacancies (The Netherlands)**

What: 7 PhD positions (4 years, 1,0 fte ~ vacancies no. 1.10.078) and 2 postdoc positions (4 years, 0,75 fte ~ vacancies no. 1.10.079)

Programme description: Human beings are the subject of research of many different disciplines. The natural sciences study the human body and the material bases of human behaviour and mental activity. The social sciences establish and study regularities in individual and social behaviour. The humanities study artistic, literary and cultural expressions of human beings. Finally, there are normative disciplines such as law and ethics that see human beings as agents with responsibility and dignity. Apart from these academic perspectives, each of us operates with an implicit understanding of him- or herself in different practical roles. All these perspectives on what it means to be human interact with each other, but the question of how to deal with this diversity in views remains insufficiently studied. This question, and the role of the humanities in addressing this question, will be investigated in a four-year research programme, funded by NWO. The program consists of an intensive network of research activities, organized by Utrecht University, Erasmus University Rotterdam and Leiden University. The programme aims to make a number of contributions to the comprehension of practical self-understanding, and to provide an impulse for the discussion on the meaning and purpose of the humanities, their relation to other disciplines, and their role in society. Within the programme, ten interdependent subprojects and a variety of research and public activities have been planned.

General requirements: The postdoc should have a completed PhD in a field relevant to the specific subproject applied for. One should have strong network, organizational and guidance skills. Candidates are expected to have an excellent command of English, the capacity to collaborate in an interdisciplinary setting and willingness to contribute to the program as a whole. Also, the postdoc is expected to be capable of providing a substantial contribution to the coordination and organisation of the programme. PhD candidates should have a completed (research) master in a field relevant to the specific subproject applied for. Candidates are expected to have an excellent command of English, the capacity to collaborate in an interdisciplinary setting and willingness to contribute to the programme as a whole.

Application details: Deadline: 1 January 2011. You can send your CV, letter of motivation, the names and contact details of at least two academic references, and brief proposal (750 words) to drs. R.M. van Kempen, NWO Humanities, P.O. Box 93425, 2509 AK Den Haag, The Netherlands or by e-mail to: sollicitatie@nwo.nl. Please note 'vac. no. 1.10.078' or 'vac. no. 1.10.079' in your letter.

More information: http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOP_8AEGXZ or <http://www.uu.nl/faculty/humanities/EN/organisation/departments/departamentofphilosophy/EthicsInstitute/current/Pages/20101103-vacancies-humanities-practical-self-understanding.aspx>.

You can also contact Prof. Düwell: m.duwell@uu.nl.

- **Erasmus Mundus GEMMA Scholarships for Third Country and European Students for 2011-2013**

What: The application period for Erasmus Mundus scholarships is now open for Third Country (non-European) and European students + Third Country (non-European) scholars to take part in the fifth edition (2011-2013) of the GEMMA programme, a European master in Women's and Gender Studies.

1. Erasmus Mundus scholarships for students, Category A (= Third Country students) and Category B (= European students):

The GEMMA Consortium selects eligible students on the basis of CVs, study and academic merits, motivation, recommendations, language skills, etc. The European Commission confirms this selection and officially assigns the grants.

Students should be in possession of at least a University Bachelor degree (or its equivalent: 180 ECTS, minimum 3 years of study) and should have proven knowledge of the languages of instruction of the universities in which they wish to complete their studies.

The scholarship covers: the tuition fees, medical insurance, installation costs (€4.000 per year, only for Category A students), living expenses (€1.000 per month for Category A students and €500 per month for Category B students) during the two years of the master.

2. Erasmus Mundus grants for scholars:

Third Country scholars can apply for research visits at one or various GEMMA European partner institutions. These visits can last between 2 weeks and 3 months and the grant is calculated on the basis of 1.200 Euros per week.

Application deadlines:

- January 10, 2011 for Third Country and European students who would like to apply for an Erasmus Mundus grant
- between March 1, 2011 until April 30, 2011 for Third Country and European students who do **not** wish to apply for an Erasmus Mundus grant
- April 30, 2011 for Third Country scholars

More information: <http://www.ugr.es/~gemma/>

- **Post Doc Sexuality Studies (Social Scientific Approaches; Northwestern University, IL, USA)**

What: Application for a two-year post-doctoral fellowship in social scientific approaches to sexuality studies, to run September 2011 - August 2013.

General requirements: Applicants must have completed all the requirements for the Ph.D. (or equivalent) by September 1, 2011, or have received their degree within the last five years. Applications are welcome from scholars who study sexuality from a social science perspective (broadly construed). The Fellow will be affiliated with both the Gender Studies Program and a department at Northwestern, which must be either Anthropology, History, Human Development and Social Policy, Linguistics, Performance Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, or Sociology. That is, the Fellow must have relevant expertise in both sexuality studies and one of these fields, and must be prepared to teach courses that are cross-listed in both Gender Studies and the affiliated department. The Fellow will pursue a program of independent scholarship under the guidance of a faculty mentor and will teach two undergraduate courses each year.

Application details: Deadline: February 15, 2011. Applicants should send the following materials in PDF format by email attachment to the email address below, with the subject heading of 'Postdoc Application': a cover letter; a full curriculum vitae; a two-page summary of the dissertation; a two-page research plan for the fellowship period; titles and short descriptions of at least two courses that you could teach and that might be appropriate for cross-listing between Gender

Studies and your department; a writing sample consisting of either a dissertation chapter or an article; a full graduate school transcript from your doctoral-degree-granting institution; and three letters of recommendation. Applications can be sent to: Clare Forstie at sexuality@northwestern.edu.

More information: <http://linguistlist.org/issues/21/21-4698.html>

- **GEXCEL Visiting scholar positions for doctoral students and post-doctoral scholars (Örebro University, Sweden)**

What: Visiting scholar positions for doctoral students and post-doctoral scholars for 2011 are now open for competition in the GEXcel theme 11-12: "Gender Paradoxes in Academic and Scientific Organisations", at Örebro University, Sweden.

Programme description: Örebro and Linköping Universities, Sweden, are the base for the Centre of Gender Excellence - Gendering Excellence (GEXcel): Towards a European Centre

of Excellence in Transnational and Transdisciplinary Studies of Changing Gender Relations, Intersectionalities and Embodiment. With support from the Swedish Research Council, GEXcel

is carrying out new research and seeks to become the foundation for a more permanent International Collegium for Advanced Transnational and Transdisciplinary Gender Studies. For

more information on GEXcel, please see: <http://www.genderexcel.org/>

Proposals are invited from doctoral students outside Sweden for fellowships in late spring or autumn 2011. Fellowships include salary (with a deduction for existing doctoral salary), housing stipend and travel costs to Sweden. Up to four doctoral fellowships of 1-2 months are available. Fellows selected for the program will be expected to participate in a research workshop in May 16-17, 2011 in Örebro and return to their residency in autumn.

Proposals are invited from postdoctoral scholars (priority given to applicants from Europe, including Sweden) for up to four fellowships of two to six months' duration. Fellowships include salary (with a deduction for existing salary), housing stipend and travel to Sweden. Fellows selected for the program are expected to participate in a research workshop in May 16-17, 2011 in Örebro and in the joint programme in October 2011. The residency period is otherwise negotiable.

Proposals must include a current cv, an abstract of the proposed project, a description (maximum: five pages) of the project to be undertaken during the fellowship, and a short bibliography. Applicants must explain specifically how the work will contribute to understanding the research theme and the subthemes (see <http://www.genderexcel.org/?q=node/223>).

Application details: Deadline: January 31, 2011. See for the specific requirements here: <http://www.genderexcel.org/>

More information: <http://www.genderexcel.org/>

NEW RELEASES

- **'Agency, Migration and Citizenship in Sex Trafficking' by Rutvica Andrijasevic (former NOV PhD student)**

Author: Rutvica Andrijasevic is Lecturer in Politics at The Open University, UK and is a member of the Feminist Review Collective.

Subject: This book resets the agenda on sex trafficking. Methodologically daring, it brings poststructuralist approaches on migration, labour and political subjectivities to existing studies on European integration, labour markets and gender-based violence. By linking a number of scholarly debates and discursive areas that are not commonly brought together in studies on sex trafficking, this study sets out to expose the link between sex trafficking and the constitution of citizenship, and advance a scholarly re-conceptualization of 'sex trafficking' grounded in the particularity of the European situation. Based on original ethnographic interviews with migrant women in the sex sector, the book shifts the theorization of sex trafficking away from the criminalization paradigm and towards a new theory of agency and citizenship.

More information: About the book:

<http://www.palgrave.com/products/title.aspx?pid=345860>. For the Content page and a sample chapter: <http://www.palgrave.com/PDFs/9780230237407.Pdf>.

- **Themanummer Historica: 'Vreemde vrouwen? Gender en identiteit' (Dutch only)**

Onderwerp: In dit nummer onder anderen een interview met de bekende Australische historica en biografe Barbara Caine; een artikel van Marijke Naezer over het proces van multiculturalisering in de vrouwenhulpverlening, en een pleidooi van Matty Klatter voor een herwaardering voor Mencia de Mendoza.

Meer informatie: Dit nummer van Historica kost €7,- en is te bestellen bij de VVG, p/a Aletta, Obiplein 4, 1094 RB Amsterdam, tel. 020-6651318. Kijk op www.gendergeschiedenis.nl of neem contact op met Sophie Bollen (sbollen@vub.ac.be)

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