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Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies

Newsletter

Dear all,

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

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Conferences / Courses / Lectures / Events

NOISE Summer School 2015 “Biopolitics, Necropolitics, Cosmopolitics: Feminist and Queer Interventions” (Utrecht University, NL)

The NOISE Summer School (organized by Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies) will be held from August 24-28, 2015 in Utrecht. The 2015 edition is coordinated by dr. Kathrin Thiele and dr. Christine Quinan (both Utrecht University). This year NOISE will introduce you to cutting-edge scholarship at the intersection of media and cultural studies, social sciences, gender studies, and the arts. The relation between discursive strategies and their socio-political effects on both local and global scales will be explored. We will focus upon the mechanisms that mobilize biopolitics within academic spheres whilst simultaneously attending to strategies employed in artistic and activist interventions through law, literature, media, science studies, and the arts.

Deadline for application is April 20, 2015.

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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), 2015.

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NOG National Research Day 2015 “Doing Gender in the Netherlands: Strategies, Tactics and Impact” (Radboud University Nijmegen, NL)

The Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies (NOG) would like to invite you to the annual National Research Day, on Friday June 12, 2015. The day is dedicated to the cutting edge work of junior researchers of Dutch universities in the field of Gender, Ethnicity, Sexuality and Diversity. The 2015 edition of the National Research Day will take place at the Institute for Gender Studies (Radboud University Nijmegen), which celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.

The day will be opened by NOG director Professor Rosemarie Buikema and the director of the Institute for Gender Studies, Professor Willy Jansen. The major part of the day will be dedicated to discussions of work in progress by means of paper presentations. The day will be concluded by an analysis of the highlights in gender research in the Netherlands today by Dr. Liedeke Plate (staff member Institute for Gender Studies).

Depending on the foci of the PhD paper proposals, parallel thematic sessions will be formed. Paper presenters prepare a presentation of 10 minutes to allow for plenary discussion and questions. Full papers will be distributed in advance among the panel participants. Feedback on the papers will be given by a senior NOG staff member. The language of the day is English.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is closed.

Deadline for registration as a participant without paper presentation is May 1, 2015.

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A Transnational Memory Seminar with Prof. Graham Dawson (Utrecht University, NL)

On March 30, 2015, Prof. Graham Dawson will give a seminar on “Storytelling, historical reconciliation and the politics of memory in the Irish peace process”. This seminar is supported by Utrecht University Focus Area: Cultures, Citizenship, and Human Rights. From *An Crann/The Tree*, launched a few weeks after the ceasefires of 1994 to collect stories about the ‘things that we need to hear’ (Damian Gorman), to the Haass Report of December 2013 with its advocacy of sharing the ‘multiple narratives of those who lived through the conflict’, storytelling derived from personal memory and life history has developed as a central practice in ‘coming to terms with the past’ within the context of the Irish peace process. This talk will address some of the key claims made about such storytelling in debates concerned with: (i) its role in establishing ‘closure’ or enabling ‘healing’ of traumatic wounds produced by political violence and injustice; (ii) its contribution to transformations in the self and in the society emerging from violent conflict; and (iii) its potential to engage divided and conflictual experiences and memories in dialogue leading to historical understanding, empathy and reconciliation. Reflecting on the evolution of these debates and the emergence of increasingly rich and complex practices concerned with life-story telling and listening, primarily within Northern Ireland and Britain, the talk will explore examples of grassroots initiatives in storytelling (such as An Crann/The Tree, Healing Through Remembering, the Dúchas Oral History Archive in West Belfast, film-makers Cahal McLaughlin and Jolene Mairs, and Building Bridges for Peace); consider the relation between such work and the official advocacy of storytelling (from the Report of the Victims’ Commissioner Sir Kenneth Bloomfield (1998) to the Report of the Consultative Group on the Past (2009), the Haass Report (2013), and the recent Stormont House Agreement (December 2014); and open up discussion of how the politics of memory might best be understood in this context.

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Drie lezingen over vrouwelijke filosofen door Cris van der Hoek (Atria Amsterdam, NL)

Wat was het gedachtegoed van de filosofen Carry van Bruggen, Simone de Beauvoir en Hannah Arendt? Hoe hebben ze het feminisme geïnspireerd? En wat kunnen we er nu nog mee? In de Maand van de Filosofie organiseert Atria samen met filosofe Cris van der Hoek drie lezingen over drie vrouwelijke filosofen.

- [Dinsdag 31 maart 2015: Carry van Bruggen \(1881 – 1932\)](#)
- [Dinsdag 14 april 2015: Simone de Beauvoir \(1908 – 1986\)](#)
- [Dinsdag 28 april 2015: Hannah Arendt \(1906 – 1975\)](#)

Cris van der Hoek is filosofe en docent filosofie aan de Hogeschool van Amsterdam en Universiteit Utrecht. Ze stond aan de wieg van Vrouwenstudies Wijsbegeerte en is redactielid van het tijdschrift

Wijsgerig Perspectief. Ze is medeauteur van *Het F-boek: feminisme van nu in woord en beeld*. Toegang is gratis, maar [aanmelding](#) is noodzakelijk.

Public lecture “Recent Standpoints on Decoloniality” by Sandra Harding (University of Amsterdam, NL)

Lecture by Sandra Harding (Distinguished Professor of Education and Gender Studies, UCLA) organized by ARC-GS together with Ir/relevance of Race in Science and Society. The lecture is entitled “Recent Standpoints on Decoloniality” and will be held on April 14, 2015, at the University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands).

Social justice movements, such as feminism, anti-racism, and postcolonialism, have produced a standpoint methodology that is more competent to maximize objectivity than the conventional requirement that natural and social science research be value-free. The need for “strong objectivity” arises when research communities lack diversity and are isolated from democratic social tendencies. Research that starts off questioning nature and social relations from the daily lives of economically and politically vulnerable groups can increase its own reliability and predictive power. Such research insists on the conventional goals of fairness to the data and to its severest criticisms. It retains central commitments of the conventional notion of objectivity while escaping its limitations. In this presentation the focus will be on Latin American decoloniality standpoints and what they can tell us not only about coloniality and anti-coloniality in Latin America, but also about European modernity and its sciences and technologies. The lecture is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

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Institute for Gender Studies: 30 jaar! (Radboud University Nijmegen, NL)

Het Institute for Gender Studies (IGS) van de Radboud Universiteit bestaat in 2015 30 jaar! Het IGS is een interdisciplinair instituut voor onderwijs, onderzoek en maatschappelijke dienstverlening op het gebied van genderstudies, vrouwenstudies en seksualiteitsstudies.

Het IGS onderzoekt de positie die mannen en vrouwen in onze en andere samenlevingen innemen, hoe ideeën over mannelijkheid, vrouwelijkheid en seksualiteit tot stand komen en hoe deze door de tijd heen veranderen. Genderstudies geeft inzicht in hoe genderverschillen sociaal en cultureel geconstrueerd worden en veranderen, en stelt vragen bij de achtergronden en gevolgen daarvan.

De stafleden verzorgen onderwijs op bachelor en (research)master niveau binnen zes faculteiten, waarbij ze beogen studenten inzicht te geven in hoe gender werkt op sociaal, cultureel en psychisch niveau en hen te leren een genderperspectief te hanteren binnen hun disciplines.

Daarnaast richt het IGS zich op het maatschappelijk en publiek beschikbaar maken van het onderzoek naar dit ordeningsprincipe en de gevolgen ervan voor de verhoudingen tussen vrouwen en mannen en verspreidt deze kennis via o.a. openbare lezingen en deelname aan tentoonstellingen en publieke debatten in de media. Zie [hier](#) voor meer informatie over de jubileumactiviteiten.

Launch “Hollaback!” website (Amsterdam, NL)

Do the words “psst, schatje!” or “hey sexy!” sound familiar? Do you ever feel unsafe or uncomfortable walking the streets? If you've ever experienced or witnessed street harassment in Amsterdam or anywhere else, Hollaback! Amsterdam has your back! Hollaback!, an international anti-street harassment organization, will launch its BRAND NEW Amsterdam website. Here, you can write about your own experiences of street harassment, learn about strategies to combat it, and get information about upcoming events and initiatives. Join us at our launch event on April 14, 2015, from 18.30-20.30 hrs in Amsterdam.

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Public lecture “Homosexual Listings in the 20th Century Hungary” by Judit Takács (University of Amsterdam, NL)

Lecture by Judit Takács on April 24, 2015. The lecture is organized in the framework of Dr Bojan Bilić's research project: [Post-]Yugoslav LGBT Activism: Between Nationalism and Europeanisation. Similarly to other iron curtained countries, gay life during state socialism was not very well documented in Hungary – except perhaps by certain secret police files. This paper presents historical evidence about the existence of ‘lists of homosexuals’ compiled for official state use from

the early 20th century and introduces a special list of 995 alleged homosexuals, which was annexed to the correspondence between the State Security Centre and the Minister of Defence in 1942, contemplating the possibility whether or not to use homosexuals as forced labourers within the wartime Labour Service System. The practice of special state surveillance on homosexuality seemed to subsist after the communist takeover. In fact, compiling 'homosexual inventories' providing potential blackmail victims to be coerced into becoming police informers was part of regular police work in urban areas and especially in Budapest, the capital city of Hungary – according to documents I have found at the Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security. It should also be noted that none of the Hungarian Penal Codes have ever included any direct reference to homosexuality: it was always certain forms of unnatural fornication that were criminalised, while the exact content of the term has never been clearly defined. Even though the general prosecution of unnatural fornication ceased to exist in 1961, the Hungarian Penal Code openly discriminated between same-sex and different sex partners concerning the age of consent in a sexual relationship until 2002. The lecture is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

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GEMMA Erasmus Mundus Master's Degree in Women's and Gender Studies

GEMMA is an interdisciplinary programme with 7 European partners (incl. Utrecht University) that provides high quality academic education and professional competence for students intending to work in the areas of Women's Studies, Gender Studies and Equal Opportunities across Europe. GEMMA provides the unique opportunity to benefit from mobility as students are expected to study at two European universities. This inter-university and interdisciplinary postgraduate programme offers a unique opportunity to obtain a double diploma from both the home and mobility university, also acknowledged by all GEMMA Consortium members. The call for applications for self-financed students from European and non-European countries is open until April 30, 2015.

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PhD course: Research methods from a gender perspective (Radboud University Nijmegen, NL)

The Institute for Gender Studies and the Faculty of Management Sciences (Radboud University Nijmegen), the Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies and the Hochschule Rhein-Waal (Kleve) are organizing the PhD course 'Classical and modern debate on the use of qualitative and quantitative research methods from a gender perspective' on May 22 and June 5. Students will be able to recognize gender bias in the application of qualitative and quantitative research methods. They will be able to critically reflect upon the choice and application of research methods from a gender perspective in their own PhD research. The organisers are dr. Inge Bleijenbergh and prof.dr. Willy Jansen.

Deadline: May 13, 2015.

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Public Lecture by Eithne Luibhéid (University of Amsterdam, NL)

On June 4, 2015, Eithne Luibhéid (Professor of Gender and Women's Studies, University of Arizona, USA) will give a public lecture entitled "A Comparative Approach to Family Migration: Interactions, Interchanges, and Flows" at the University of Amsterdam. This lecture is part of an international two-day workshop on "The Problematisation of Family Migration, which is a joint initiative of the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance (ACELG), the UvA Department of Political Science, the Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies (IMES) and the Amsterdam Research Centre on Gender and Sexualities (ARC-GS). Family migration is among the most salient and most controversially debated issues on European migration policy agendas today. 'The' migrant family has become the focal point of a wide range of concerns and fears related to national identity, social cohesion, and cultural diversity. This talk argues for the importance of not beginning with any specific definition of "family" but rather, critically tracking how nation-state immigration laws, policies, practices, and discourses produce changing configurations of what counts as family. It also suggests the necessity of exploring how flows,

linkages, and interchanges among differently positioned nation states, grounded in histories of imperialism and capitalism, ensure that national-level family migration policies continually articulate hierarchies of empire, gender, race, class, and sexuality. It concludes that family migration policies must be understood as technologies of power and resistance, which produce not just exclusions but also differentiated inclusions at multiple scales, and affect not just migrants but also citizens and diasporas. Attendance of this lecture is free and open to all. **Deadline** for registration [by email](#) is May 29, 2015.

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Fellowships / Vacancies

Vacancies for 2 PhD researchers (4 years 100%) (Ghent University & VU University Brussels, BE)

We offer two vacancies for doctoral research within the framework of the FWO (Fund for Scientific Research Flanders) research project "Harmful Cultural Practices: A critical analysis of cross-cultural discourses and moral understandings of gender, sexuality and embodiment". Both researchers will work closely together under the joint supervision of Prof. Dr. Gily Coene (VUB) and Prof. Dr. Chia Longman (UGent). One researcher will be based at the [Centre for Research on Culture and Gender](#) at Ghent University. One researcher will be based at [Rhea, Centre of Expertise in Gender, Diversity and Intersectionality](#), Vrije Universiteit Brussel. The concept of 'harmful cultural practices' is increasingly used in development and human rights discourse to refer to practices such as female genital cutting, honour related violence or forced marriages. The aim of this project is

(1) to critically question the analytical viability and the strategic potential of the notion of harmful cultural practices;

(2) to gain a better insight into the way in which women in a migration context experience and negotiate moral and cultural understandings concerning gender, sexuality and embodiment, and

(3) to develop an alternative framework that incorporates different cultural perspectives and epistemologies and that allows to question, explain and challenge gender inequalities and discriminatory practices.

The project is situated at the crossroads of ethics and anthropology and draws on theoretical insights from feminist ethics and epistemology, the anthropology of moralities and contemporary theories of religion and secularism. It involves a conceptual and empirical inquiry applying discourse, narrative and intersectional analysis. The project includes different case studies on moral and cultural understandings of gender, sexuality and embodiment in a migration context in Belgium.

Deadline for applications for both positions is May 1, 2015.

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Calls for Papers

CIRR Issue "Women in European Politics"

The *Croatian International Relations Review* now receives articles for its summer 2015 issue. CIRR, published in English by the Institute for Development and International Relations since 1995, is a peer reviewed journal in the social sciences. It welcomes submissions from political science and international relations, sociology, economics, law and related fields. Articles that develop theoretical arguments or offer strong empirical evidence as either comparative or single-case studies are welcome. Along with articles within the regular thematic scope of the journal, this issue will include a thematic block on the topic Women in European Politics. Croatia, the newest EU member state, recently elected its first female president – Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović from the conservative Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ). Another female political leader – German chancellor Angela Merkel – is widely considered as the central and most influential political personality in the Union. Altogether, there are six female heads of state or government in the EU – four of them are from the new member states and only one does not belong to the People's Party bloc. This fact opens many intriguing questions: can we say that Europe's East progressed further on the emancipatory path than the West of the continent (and is this a result of revolutionary emancipationist policies conducted by the former communist authorities)? Further on, can we speak of a gradual return to the long-lost matriarchate in which the leading role in

society was assigned to a powerful mother figure? Do we see different politics in relation to a different gender? Is the election of female candidates just a statistical necessity because of the growing number of women in politics or does it reflect a deeper shift in preference of electorates to allow for changes in politics, be it the election of female candidates or political newcomers? These and other questions concerning the role of women in European politics are discussed in the next issue of *CIRR*. **Deadline** for submission of abstracts is April 15, 2015.

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Conference “Decriminalisation and Demedicalisation: Rethinking Family Planning for the 21st Century” (London, UK)

Call for essays for the conference “Decriminalisation and Demedicalisation: Rethinking Family Planning for the 21st Century” which will be held on June 10, 2015, in London (United Kingdom). Delegates who attend will gain an improved understanding of clinical developments in contraception and abortion care, knowledge of the role(s) of different members of the clinical team and will get the chance to network with other professionals in the field of contraceptive and abortion care. Objectives:

- To improve understanding of clinical developments in contraception and abortion care
- To improve understanding of the wider social and policy factors that shape women’s abortion and contraception needs today
- To improve understanding of the legal issues surrounding abortion
- To improve knowledge of the role(s) of different members of the clinical team
- To network with other professionals in the field of contraceptive and abortion care

Prize: First prize of £250.00 and a one year RSM membership; Second prize of a one year RSM membership

Open to: Trainee grade junior doctors and medical grade students within the field of sexual health and associated specialism within GU/SRH. RSM and non-members of the RSM may apply. Applicants are invited to submit a 1,500 word essay based on any research objective of their choice in relation to fertility and fertility control in the older woman. **Deadline** for submission of abstracts is April 24, 2015.

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III European Geographies of Sexualities Conference “Crossing Boundaries: Sexualities, Media and (Urban) Spaces” (Rome, IT)

Call for papers for the III European Geographies of Sexualities Conference “Crossing Boundaries: Sexualities, Media and (Urban) Spaces”, which will be held from September 16-18, 2015, in Rome (Italy). Following two previous conferences held in Brussels in 2011 and in Lisbon in 2013, this conference aims to bring together all those scholars, activists and subjects within geography (and beyond) who are interested in creating a space of open debate and discussion around multiple issues related to the relation between media, (urban) space and sexualities. We invite the submission of papers, panels, and other original contributions dealing with these themes. We encourage contributions in a diverse range of formats. Alongside traditional academic conference papers, we welcome panel discussions, open space discussions, film screenings, installations and other contributions. We seek to foster networking, debate and discussions across national borders, across language communities, and across academic disciplines. Language: we plan a multilingual conference, and encourage participants to present in the language they feel most comfortable in using among English, French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. **Deadline** for submission of abstracts is April 30, 2015.

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UWIN Best Paper Award on Gender Economics

The 5th edition of the competition UWIN Best Paper Award on Gender Economics is now open. The competition is aimed at all young economists and researchers from the 17 countries belonging to the geographical area of UniCredit. The prizes will be awarded to two outstanding papers on Gender Economics. The two best papers will receive €5,000 gross each and will be published in the Working Paper series of the Foundation. The competition is open to all young researchers from the area where UniCredit operates who meet the following requirements:

1. Be either citizens of any of the 17 countries where UniCredit is present or currently employed or enrolled in a Ph.D. programme at a university or institution located in any of these 17 countries within the geographical area of UniCredit
2. Be born after 1979.

Deadline for submission is April 30, 2015.

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Conference “New Materialist Politics and Economies of Knowledge” (University of Maribor, SI)

Call for papers and panels for the Sister-Sixth Conference on the New Materialisms, entitled “New Materialist Politics and Economies of Knowledge”, which will be held on October 2-4, 2015, at the Faculty of Law of the University of Maribor (Slovenia). As a result of the growing community of New Materialist studies in Europe and beyond, two New Materialisms conferences are organized for this year. This is the sister conference to the Sixth New Materialisms Conference “Transversal Practices: Matter, Ecology and Relationality” conference taking place September 27-29, 2015, at The Victorian College of the Arts, The University of Melbourne (Australia). Keynote speakers are Dr. Vera Bühlmann, Prof. Diana Coole, Dr. Anna Hickey-Moody and Prof. Katerina Kolozova. There will be a round table on “New Materialism and Legal Research” organized by Prof José Caramelo Gomes and Dr Tomaz Kerestes. The conference addresses as an area of debate the nexus of 1) politics and activism, 2) the economy and law, 3) philosophy and the power of knowledge, 4) genealogy and information; 5) the role of creativity in political economies through public engagement and pedagogy. What is the new materialist impetus to make situated analyses of the im/material processes in these areas?

Deadline for submission of abstracts is May 15, 2015.

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Special Issue on Gender, Citizenship, and Immigration: A Comparative Perspective on the Mediterranean

Call for papers for a special issue of the [Journal of Levantine Studies \(JLS\)](#), an interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal published biannually in print and online by the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. The special issue is about Gender, Citizenship, and Immigration: A Comparative Perspective on the Mediterranean.

We welcome submissions offering insights on the new developments in the triad of citizenship, gender, and immigration, particularly manuscripts dealing with structural economic problems, political instability after the “Arab Spring,” and ongoing conflicts in specific countries—many of which have resulted in unprecedented fatalities. We specifically welcome contributions from scholars and social activists that analyze the inclusionary and exclusionary experiences of women, children, and members of LGBTI communities, labor and political migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers or return migrants.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is May 31, 2015.

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Issue “Untimely Bodies: Futurity, Resistance, and Non-Normative Embodiment”

Feral Feminisms, a new independent, inter-media, peer reviewed, open access online journal, invites submissions from artists, activists, scholars and graduate students for a special issue entitled, “Untimely Bodies; Futurity, Resistance, and Non-Normative Embodiment,” guest edited by Kristin Rodier and Joshua St. Pierre. Submitted contributions may include full-length academic essays (about 5000-7000 words), shorter creative pieces, cultural commentaries, or personal narratives (about 500-2500 words), poetry, photo-essays, short films/video, visual and sound art, or a combination of these.

This special issue of *Feral Feminisms* calls for submissions that explore the intersection of embodiment, temporality, and resistance. Time is necessarily embodied and is our opening into meaning, language, community, and resistance politics. How then are bodies that move, desire, communicate, fuck, laugh, stim, stutter, jiggle, give birth, and leak possible openings for more hospitable, generative, and anti-oppressive futures? Resisting dominant norms need not entail an outright refusal of the future, but rather, the refusal of a particular future. How can non-normative embodiments as sites of resistance reimagine and reinhabit rather than simply reject dominant temporal narratives?

Deadline for submission of abstracts is June 5, 2015.

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