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Programme



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Hosted by Women's & Gender Studies, Faculty of Arts,
University of the Western Cape, in collaboration with colleagues
at UNISA & the RINGS conference committee.

DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

- 08:00 – 08:45 Registration with Coffee & Tea
- 08:45 – 09:00 Opening & Welcomes
(Chair: Tamara Shefer)
Duncan Brown (Dean of Arts, UWC)
Jeff Hearn (Chairperson RINGS)
- 09:00 -10:30 Keynote Address: The Geopolitics of Gender Studies
(Chair: Jeff Hearn)
The Geopolitics of Gender Studies: Embracing Advances & Confronting Reversals
Josephine Ahikire
Respondent Amanda Gouws
- 10:30 – 11.00 TEA BREAK
- 11:00 – 12:30 Panel 1: The Geopolitics of Gender Studies: Continuities & Change
(Chair: Lindsay Clowes)
South African Masculinities: The Cultural, Geo- & Body-Politics
Kopano Ratele
- Doing Gender Studies Across Regimes of Oppression: Challenges & Openings*
Angelika Sjöstedt Landén & Lotta Brännström
- Critical Self-Reflexivity &/in Ontographic Methodology*
Christine M. Jacobsen
- The Geopolitics of Critical Studies on Men & Masculinities: Continuities & Change*
Jeff Hearn & Richard Howson
- 12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK
- 14:00 – 15:30 Panel 2: Queer Studies Across Global Contexts
(Chair: Kathrin Thiele)
- Transgender Studies & is Intersectional Intervention into Gender Studies*
Wibke Straube
- The Geopolitics of Se(X) Registration*
Christine Quinan
- Resistance & the Radical Social Imaginary: A Genealogy from "Eastern European" Dissidence to New Social Movements & Queer Utopia*
Ulrike Auga
- 15:30 – 16:00 TEA BREAK
- 16:00 – 17:30 Panel 3: Diversity & Inclusion/Exclusion
(Chair: Sisa Ngabaza)
Academy, Art & Activism
Rosemarie Buikema

Financial Inclusion or Social Exclusion? Transacting Social Relations through Mobile Money in Uganda
Caroline Wamala Larsson

Among New Believers: Conversion to Islam & the Negotiation of National, Religious & Gender Identities
Eva Midden

In the Name of Diversity & Inclusion
Eliza Steinbock

18H00

WELCOME COCKTAILS

Welcome by Thandi Mgwebi (Director of Research, UWC) & Lindsay Clowes (Deputy Dean of Teaching & Learning & HoD of Women's & Gender Studies, UWC)

DAY TWO: THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

09:00 -10:30 Panel 4: Gender Studies: Contemporary Contexts & Challenges
(Chair: Sarojini Nadar)

Neo-Liberal Challenges to South African Academic Feminism
Desiree Lewis

Gender Studies & Feminist Scholarship at the Time of Neoliberal Transformation in the Estonian Academia
Kadri Aavik, Triin Roosalu & Maaris Raudsepp

Evaluating the Evaluations of Gender Studies & Gender Research: Quality, Expertise & Politics
Liisa Husu

Gender Studies, Gender Equality Politics & the Demand for Excellence in Scientific Organisation(s)
Heike Kahlert

10:30 – 11:00

TEA BREAK

11:00 -12:30 Panel 5: Gender Equality: Geopolitical Perspectives
(Chair: Kopano Ratele)

Feminist Knowledge Production: The Case of the United Nations Transnational Gender Studies Program in Iceland
Irma Erlingsdóttir

The Geopolitics of Gender Studies: The Portuguese Case
Anália Torres & Paula Pinto

Theorizing Women's Emancipation in Egypt between the Revolution 2011 & the Military Coup d'État
Liina Mustonen

Implementing Gender Equality: Geopolitical Perspectives
Blanka Nyklová

- 12:30 - 14:00 LUNCH BREAK
- 14:00 – 15:30 Panel 6: Critical Posthumanism & Decoloniality
(Chair: Viv Bozalek)
- "Beware of Trespassing": Critical Posthumanisms &/as Decolonial Practices*
Kathrin Thiele
- The Posthuman Child: Decolonising Early Childhood Discourses*
Karin Murrís
- Feminism at the Margins: Lessons from Intersectionality & Decoloniality*
Deirdre Byrne & Kendall Petersen
- Necro-politics & the Affirmation in/of the Feminine in Postcolonial Literary Knowledge Production*
Kari Jegerstedt
- 15:30 – 16:00 TEA BREAK
- 16:00 – 17:30 Panel 7: Ethics of Care: Intimacy & Vulnerability
(Chair: Katarina Cidlinska)
- Diffraction a Political Ethic of Care through Posthuman Ethics: Re-Imagining Response-able Feminist Pedagogies in Southern Contexts*
Viv Bozalek
- From a Hegemonic Politics of Masculinity to a Politics of Intimacy & Vulnerability?*
Ulf Mellström
- The Geopolitical Dimension of Gender & Care*
Irmgard Rehaag
- Corpo-Affective Politics of Vulnerability*
Magdalena Górska
- 17:30 – 18:00 Reflections on the Conference
(Chair: Tamara Shefer)
- 19:30 CONFERENCE DINNER
Venue: The Wild Fig, Observatory

AGM RINGS 2016: Friday 18TH NOVEMBER

- 10:00 – 12:30 Country Reports
- 12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH
- 13:30 – 15:30 Assembly