

Call for Papers

7th European Feminist Research Conference

4-7 June 2009

Utrecht, The Netherlands

Gendered Cultures at the Crossroads of Imagination, Knowledge and Politics



The 7th European Feminist Research Conference presents cutting-edge scholarship on gendered cultures. The conference reflects the diversity of women's and gender studies, incorporating interdisciplinary perspectives on imagination, knowledge and politics. This event is organized by the major networks in feminist research in Europe: ATHENA (Advanced Thematic Network in European Women's Studies) and AOIFE (Association of Institutions for Feminist Education and Research in Europe) in cooperation with the Graduate Gender Programme of Utrecht University.

European Feminist Research Conferences usually have more than 500 participants from both inside and outside of Europe. The Conference has a track record of presenting innovative feminist scholarly work with critical perspectives on contemporary Europe. Previous European Feminist Research Conferences were held at the universities of Ålborg (1991), Graz (1994), Coimbra (1997), Bologna (2000), Lund (2003) and Uôdê (2006).

The 7th edition of the European Feminist Research Conference will be interdisciplinary in several ways. Firstly, it will employ the Utrecht expertise of crossing the boundaries of the scholarly and the artistic through a focus on, and a review of, literary, visual and artistic representations. Secondly, it will work with a matrix of intersecting themes rather than with singular conference strands. Thus participating scholars, students and artists are asked to situate themselves in this cross-cutting matrix.

Keynote speakers:

- Prof.dr. Sara Ahmed (Goldsmiths, University of London, UK)
- Prof.dr. Karen Barad (University of California Santa Cruz, USA)
- Prof.dr. Claire Colebrook (University of Edinburgh, UK)
- Prof.dr. Anne McClintock (University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA)

- Dr. Amade M'charek (University of Amsterdam, NL)
- Prof.dr. Griselda Pollock (University of Leeds, UK)
- Prof.dr. Gloria Wekker (Utrecht University, NL)

Call for Papers:

The 7th European Feminist Research Conference welcomes papers which:

- locate feminist research at the crossroads of imagination, knowledge and politics
- cut across the humanities and social sciences
- challenge the boundaries between scholarly and artistic work
- provide new readings of literary, visual and other artistic representations
- transgress national and disciplinary boundaries
- position academic research in a broader societal context
- are authored by both early-stage and experienced researchers.

Paper proposals should connect at least two of the eleven conference themes.

For a more detailed explanation of the different themes:

www.7thfeministconference.org

A. Imagination: Art & Politics

Coordinators: Dr. Marta Zarzycka, Prof.dr. Kirsi Saarikangas, Domitilla Olivieri

Key words: women artists, canon, global art history, cultural hybridity

B. Feminism in Post-Secular Europe

Coordinators: Prof.dr. Willy Jansen, Dr. Sarah Bracke, Dr. Chia Longman

Key words: religion, 'clash of civilisations', religious vitality, believing and belonging, secularity

C. Global Connections: Migration, Consumption & Politics

Coordinators: Dr. Sandra Ponzanesi, Dr. Gail Lewis, Sabrina Marchetti, Aleksandra Sojka

Key words: postcolonial cultures, transnational feminism, citizenship, commodification, migration

D. Sexuality: Public, Private & Beyond

Coordinators: Prof.dr. Gloria Wekker, Lena Eckert, Malena Gustavson

Key words: globalization, intersectionality, public and private, queer, masculinities

E: War & Violence

Coordinators: Prof.dr. Andrea Petö, Izabella Agardi

Key words: conflict studies, political rape, post-socialism, masculinity, trauma

F: Media & Technology: The Politics of Representation

Coordinators: Dr. Cecilia Asberg, Prof.dr.hab. Elzbieta Oleksy, Edyta Just, Prof.dr. Nina Lykke

Key words: science, technology, media, visual culture

G. Multi-Ethnic Europe: Identities, Boundaries & Communities

Coordinators: Dr. Rutvica Andrijasevic, Prof.dr. Allaine Cerwonka, Maayke Botman

Key words: multiculturalism, transnationalism, European-ness, political subjectivities,

in/exclusion; intersectionality

H. Stories to Tell: Fiction, History & Memory

Coordinators: Dr. Babs Boter, Doro Wiese, Prof.dr. Adelina Sanchez

Key words: feminist assessment of the powers of narrative; intersectionality; reliability of (hi)stories and memories; unspeakability; other modes of telling

I. Generations in Feminism: Women's Movements of Past, Present & Future

Coordinators: Prof.dr. Berteke Waaldijk, Dr. Iris van der Tuin, Sandra Prlenda

Key words: generations, new feminisms, histories of women's movements, EU-equal opportunities

J. Cultures of Knowledge: Sciences, Humanities & Feminist Theory

Coordinators: Prof.dr. Mineke Bosch, Prof.dr. Kaat Wils, Dr. Christine von Oertzen

Key words: knowledge, women/gender in science, epistemology, feminist theory, representations of gender and science

K. Social & Economic Europe: Geographies of Work & Care

Coordinators: Dr. Bettina van Hoven, Prof.dr. Anastasia Lada

Key words: labour market, geographies of care, environment, nomadism, old and new identities

Abstracts should have not more than 300 words and can only be uploaded using the submit link at www.7thfeministconference.org

Paper abstracts have to be submitted before September 15, 2008.

The conference also welcomes proposals for panels, round tables, special events (such as installations, performances and screenings) and presentations of women's centres, libraries and publishers. See the website for more information. Deadline for those proposals: July 15, 2008.

For more information:

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