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Dear ATGENDER members,

It is an honour and a pleasure to introduce to you the tenth ATGENDER newsletter. This newsletter has been compiled and produced by the new ATGENDER Board, with the assistance of the new ATGENDER office manager Paulina Bolek. This new ATGENDER Board was established at the recent Spring conference 'Feminist Legacies, Feminist Futures', where we also exchanged a whole lot of thank-you's with the old Board, and with our previous office manager Vera Fonseca. Also, we have thanked the first Election Committee, kindly chaired by Sara Goodman, without whom we would not have had such efficiently organized and successful elections. Their report is included in this newsletter. Our previous intern Karina Pouentes has to be thanked here for her hard work in the office and at the conference. It is with pride that this newsletter presents to you the new Board members, and their specific sets of responsibilities and ideas for the future, as well as our ideas for ATGENDER's future. For those of you that have not met her in Utrecht, Paulina will introduce herself too. The newsletter also contains the reports of the Spring conference working groups. We are delighted to announce that most of these working groups will continue in order to prepare for ATGENDER's future. Please check the table of contents for more important information to be found in this newsletter. We wish you an enjoyable read.

Sincerely,

Dr. Andrea Peto and Dr. Iris van der Tuin, chairs of ATGENDER

1. The Future of ATGENDER, message from the chairs

The theme of the 8th European Feminist Research Conference – The Politics of Location Revisited: Gender@2012 – appears to be spot on. Not only do we find ourselves confronted with the many crises on regional, national and European levels, both in academia and in society at large, but also do we find ourselves surrounded by a sense of urgency, shared by many European feminists, to be actively involved in creating a different future. At the ATGENDER Spring conference in Utrecht it was all the more clear that the political, economic, environmental crises and the ways in which gender equality, intersectionally defined, is being appropriated these days needs to be critically scrutinized and creatively dealt with.

ATGENDER is ready to further strengthen our role in dealing with the above issues. The set up and development of a European Association for Gender Research, Education and Documentation is necessary in order to actively, critically and creatively intervene in the ways in which European and national policies, and the European and national

academic landscapes are shaping up. At the **ATGENDER** Spring conference, we have started working towards this future. The many working groups that have come out of the Spring conference have all designed their specific projects, and the new Board of **ATGENDER** will work on making our network financially sustainable and intellectually stimulating.

The new Board of **ATGENDER** will work on keeping in place **ATGENDER**'s independent position, while working on possibilities for funding. We have been and will continue to work on strategic alliances, for instance with the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) and our many sister networks. We will work on membership benefits, via the European Research Conferences, our Teaching with Gender book series, our connections with feminist academic journals, documentation centers, and equal opportunities initiatives and networks. We will support applications for funding that have and will come out of our working groups. But most of all, we want our network to be a place where European gender scholars, educators, specialists, students and activists can meet and discuss... feminist futures.



2. Membership Benefits

Institutional members are entitled to:

- Three votes at the **ATGENDER** Annual General Assembly;
- Three reduced registration fees for the 8th European Feminist Research Conferences (Budapest, 2012);
- One reduced subscription rate to the partner academic journals;
- Regular information about the association's activities through the ATGENDER member newsletter
- Advertisement of programmes, summer schools, activities on the ATGENDER website.
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Individual and student members are entitled to:

- One vote at the **ATGENDER** General Assembly;
- One reduced registration fee for the European Feminist Research Conference
- One reduced subscription rate for a number of academic journals.
- Regular information about the association's activities through the ATGENDER member newsletter

Reduced Rates on Journal Subscriptions

Receive a **30% reduced rate** on a subscription on the *European Journal of Women's Studies*, *Feminist Theory* or the *Routledge Advances in Feminist Studies and Intersectionality* Book Series.

The **ATGENDER** board has contacted journals that stand as solid references for anyone interested in the field of gender studies and feminist research, in order offer **ATGENDER** members a reduced rate of a publication in this field.

We are now proud to inform that **ATGENDER** members can get a subscription on *European Journal of Women's Studies* and *Feminist Theory* at a reduced rate. A member

deal with the Routledge series *Routledge Advances in Feminist Studies and Intersectionality* is also settled (30% reduced rate). Currently we are negotiating with other publishers and hope to be soon able to offer more journals at a reduced rate. If you have any suggestion on a journal that you would like us to arrange member deals with, we are happy to know. In that case, send your proposal to info@atgender.eu.

How to?

European Journal of Women's Studies or Feminist Theory:

To purchase a subscription at a 30% reduced rate, please contact SAGE Customer Services quoting '**ATGENDER**'. Email: subscriptions@sagepub.co.uk Tel: +44 (0) 20 7324 8701.

Routledge Advances in Feminist Studies and Intersectionality:

More info coming soon.

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3. New Board of Directors

Please take a moment to meet our new Board of Directors. For more detailed information please see our [website](#)



Iris van der Tuin (The Netherlands)

Co-President

Iris van der Tuin is assistant professor of Gender Studies in the Department of Media and Culture Studies at Utrecht University, the Netherlands. Her work on feminist epistemologies and generations within feminism has received attention in journals as *European Journal of Women's Studies*, *Australian Feminist Studies* or *Women: A Cultural Review*. Van der Tuin's track record displays networking activities since the year 2000, when she began representing students in the Board of the Dutch Association for Women's Studies (NGV). After a consecutive 5-year period as co-coordinator of WeAVE, the student network of ATHENA2 and ATHENA3, Van der Tuin accepted the invitation to become a co-chair of **ATGENDER** to continue the legacy of ATHENA, AOIFE and WISE. With **ATGENDER**'s first, preliminary Board, she has worked hard on settling **ATGENDER**'s internal organization, increasing the number of members, continuing the activities of ATHENA, AOIFE and WISE, and strengthening the communication and cooperation with key players in Europe (e.g. the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), Quality in Gender+ Equality Policies (QUING), and several journals in the field of European Gender/Women's/Feminist Studies).

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Andrea Pető (Hungary)

Co-President

Andrea PETŐ is an associate professor at the Department of Gender Studies. She published three monographs in Hungarian, English, German and Bulgarian, edited twelve volumes in English, six volumes in Hungarian, two in Russian. Her works appeared in different languages, including Bulgarian, Croatian, English, French, Georgian, German, Hungarian, Italian, Russian and Serbian. She serves on the board of several journals in the field of women's history (*Gender and History*, *Clio*) and

Contemporary European History. She is also the president of the gender and women's history section of the Hungarian Historical Association and the Feminist Section of the Hungarian Sociological Association. Besides Peto's participation in the rapidly changing higher educational structures in Eastern Europe, South Eastern Europe and Central Asia, she participates in European scholarly life among others as a board member of the International Association of Cultural History. In addition, she was a member of a European network of excellence in gender studies and history (CLIOHRES). She was awarded by President of the Hungarian Republic with the Officer's Cross Order of Merit of The Republic of Hungary in 2005 and Bolyai Prize by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in 2006.

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Barbara Bagilhole (The United Kingdom)

Co-Treasurer

Barbara Bagilhole has a long and string commitment to Gender Studies and Equal Opportunities and Diversity. She is Professor of Equal opportunities and Social Policy, in the School of Social Sciences, Loughborough University, UK. She has researched and published extensively in the area of equal opportunities and diversity across gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, religious belief, age, and intersectionality. She delivered the first Executive Dean's Lecture Series at Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia; was visiting Chair of Gender Studies British Council and Autonomous Government of Madrid Visiting Chair of Gender Studies at the University Complutense, Madrid, Spain; visiting Professor at Institute of Management, Kampala, Uganda; member of the International Visiting Faculty on the MA. Family and Society, at the Instituto Superior de Ciências do Trabalho e da Empresa (ISCTE), Department of Sociology, University of Lisbon, Portugal; and member of the International Guest Faculty, Indian National Institute of Construction Management and Research (NICMAR), Postgraduate Studies in Construction Management, Mumbai, Delhi and Pune, India.

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Berteke Waaldijk (The Netherlands)

Co-Treasurer

Trained as a historian, she has been working since 1987 as an academic researcher and teacher in gender studies at Utrecht University, the Netherlands. At the moment she is a full professor and vice-dean for education of the Utrecht Faculty of Humanities. In the European context, she chaired a working group on 'Work Gender Society' in Cliehres, an EU-sponsored FW6 research network of excellence. Here she helped to design the 'Cliehres Gender & Career Workshop'. She has been the academic coordinator of ATHENA2, taking over this role from Rosi Braidotti in 2005, and of ATHENA3 (2006-2009). Within ATHENA, she has worked towards the Tuning Gender Studies Brochure, an official EU-recognized tool for quality assessment of gender studies degree programmes. In research her focus is on citizenship, culture and gender. I has published, often with others, books on women and gender in Dutch colonial culture, women and gender in history of social work in Europe, the US and the Netherlands and on feminist activism in Dutch health care. In teaching she has designed and co-developed in successive NOISE summer schools the 'fore-mother-assignment' – inviting students to explore the (dis-) connections between private memories and public histories. At Utrecht University she chairs the liberal arts programme, where

undergraduate students can opt for interdisciplinary fields of knowledge. This programme has been one of the strongholds of gender studies at Utrecht University.

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Mia Liinason (Sweden)

Co-Secretary

Mia Liinason is a post doc scholar and junior teacher at the Centre for Gender Studies, Lund University, Sweden. Her research areas are feminist epistemologies and methodologies, and she works in the field of trans/national gender studies. In February 2011, she defended her PhD-thesis "Feminism and the Academy" exploring the politics of institutionalization in gender studies in Sweden, was a study where she investigated the paradoxical effects of a successful institutionalization of gender studies. She participates in several international networks, boards and committees with an interest in strengthening the institutional security as well as theoretical development of women's/gender/feminist studies.

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Nadezhda Petrova Aleksandrova (Bulgaria)

Co-Secretary

Nadezhda Petrova Aleksandrova's professional experience in the field of gender and women's rights encompasses three types of activism: teaching in Academia, acting for gender equality and networking across disciplines. Since 2001 is an assistant-professor at the department of Bulgarian Literature at the Faculty of Slavic Studies at Sofia University. Her courses integrate interdisciplinary methods and discuss various representations of women in the European cultural context. In the past year she has been a coordinator of the initiative "Gender relations in Educational Policy and Practice in the Danube region- Experience, Analysis and Impulses". She participates regularly in the IRFWH conferences and contributes to "Aspasia. The International Yearbook of Central, Eastern and Southeastern European Women's and Gender History". As a literary historian she is part of the Bulgarian team of the COST action IS0901 "Women Writers in History" and co-researcher in another regional academic network - „Inter-confessional Relations in SE Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean since 1852". Locally, she is also a member of the Gender Studies Center at Sofia University and of the Bulgarian Association of University Women.

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Aino-Maija Hiltunen (Finland)

Aino-Maija Hiltunen is working as co-ordinator in Hilma- Network for Gender Studies in University of Helsinki. Her special interests are gender and ICT-topics, networked learning, feminist pedagogy, quality enhancement and connecting with other disciplines and institutions. She was ATHENA-Task force member and project co-ordinator for Gender and ICT-group (2004-2009) and member of subject area group in Tuning-project (2007-2010). She is secretary of Finnish Women's Science Foundation, has been board member of Association for

Women's Studies in Finland (2002-2008), and held confidential posts in University of Helsinki in educational technology, equality and pedagogy issues. In **ATGENDER** board her interest-areas and responsibilities are: 8th European Feminist Research Conference, Communication and Tuning.

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Sveva Magaraggia (Italy)

Sveva Magaraggia is a Post-Doc at University of Milan Bicocca, Department of Sociology and Social Research. She mainly works at the University doing research activities, teaching assistance in Women's Studies. She is also part of the Interdepartmental Research Institute on Gender Issues. She was part of the founding group of the Italian M-list prec@s that brings together Italian scholars of Women's and Gender Studies. During her years at the University she was heavily involved in managing and coordinating the activities in establishing an Interdepartmental Research Institute for Gender Issues. She was involved at the strategic level to develop the Organization's response and also reinforce strategic partnership inside and outside the University environment. Her work experience outside the University with Women's Press and as Project manager allowed her to gain journalistic skills and contributed to the implementation of her communication and media information abilities.

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Patricia Treusch (Germany)

Since October 2010 Patricia Treusch is a PhD student in Sociology at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Women's and Gender Studies, Technical University Berlin and since January 2011 a scholar of the PhD Training Group "Gender as a Category of Knowledge", Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. She is in both, her graduate as well as her postgraduate studies in Sociology engaged with interdisciplinary approaches of Sociology of the body, especially from a Gender and Science and Technology Studies perspective. In her PhD project she is using the example of the humanoid Care-Robot as a mode of technological embodiment to analyse the material and discursive transformations along the triangle nature, culture and sex/gender accomplishing this innovation. Furthermore she is interested in bringing together academic debates on feminist questions of identity, identity as conceptions of life, practices of a way of life and Corporealities of Women, Lesbians, Queers and Trans* with activists negotiations and everyday life implications along several cultural contexts. Since January 2010 she is a member of the Gender Studies Association in Germany and since January 2011 she is also a member of the the Centre for Transdisciplinary Gender Studies (CTG), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

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Tilly Vriend (The Netherlands)

Making women and gender information accessible, visible and available has been the focus of her career since 1982. As Coordinator databases/Senior Project Manager at ALETTA, Institute for women's history, The Netherlands, she managed many national and international projects, organized trainings and was a speaker at many conferences concerning the accessibility and

visibility of information. Through these activities and her experience as (board) member of national and international networks in the field of women and gender information, she has acquired broad expertise and many contacts in this field. She has been an active ATHENA member since 2003. In 2006 she was the coordinator of the International programmer committee of the “Know How Conferences in Women’s Information”. As an active board member of WINE, the Women’s Information Network in Europe (a network that represents the majority of women’s information centres in Europe) she intends to contribute to the interests of and represent these centres within the board of **ATGENDER**. As project manager of the EU Fragen project (a subproject of QUING) she is working at the intersection of academia and information centres in the creation of a database of core feminist texts in Europe.

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4. Voting Committee Report

ATGENDER General Assembly, Utrecht, April 9, 2011

Report of the Voting Committee

The Voting Committee for the election of new **ATGENDER** Board was appointed by Harriet Silius, Chair of the General Assembly. Members of the Committee were: Sara Goodman, Nicky Le Feuvre and Sandra Prlenda. Vera Fonseca assisted in the counting of votes.

After the voting was completed, the Voting Committee counted the total number of voting slips (149, of which 148 were valid), before counting the number of votes for each candidate.

The number of votes for each candidate was as follows:

Candidates	Number of votes	Elected
Nadezhda Petrova Aleksandrova	95	Yes
Barbara Bagilhole	79	Yes
Aino-Maja Hiltunen	74	Yes
Gabriele Jähnart	40	No
Mia Liinason	87	Yes
Sveva Magaraggia	117	Yes
Andrea Peto	82	Yes
Iris van der Tuin	114	Yes
Adinda Veltrop	47	No
Tilly Vriend	92	Yes
Patricia Treusch	54	Yes
Berteke Waaldijk	116	Yes

The members of the Voting Committee congratulate all the newly elected Board members and look forward to working with them in the future.

Sara Goodman, Nicky Le Feuvre and Sandra Prlenda



5. Spring Conference 2011 – Reports of the Working Groups

The aim of this first academic conference of the European Association for Gender, Research, Education and Documentation **ATGENDER** was to establish cooperation between **ATGENDER** members: to create structures, make plans for applications and prepare for publications and for the 8th European Feminist Research Conference (Budapest, May 16-20, 2012; see: www.8thfeministconference.org).

The workshop-themes were selected at a previous meeting (Brussels, November 2010) of **ATGENDER** members and former ATHENA working group coordinators who expressed an interest in becoming active in **ATGENDER**. Some of the themes have a long tradition within ATHENA, others are new. Before the list was finalized, all **ATGENDER** members and all former ATHENA partners have been invited to propose themes & topics.

As a result, the most important outcome of the Spring Conference 2011 was the establishment of “**ATGENDER** Working Groups” creating a web of connections between many scholars and students from Europe, who joined their forces in productive brainstorming over that eventful weekend in April in Utrecht. Below you will find reports from each of the groups explaining their focus and goals for the future. If you were interested in joining any of the groups please look out for changes on our website subpage devoted to [Working Groups](#)

We want each group to have its own space thanks to which their work will be more visible and where you will be able to find specific individuals you might want to contact.

Working Group 1: Gender equality in Europe: research, politics and training

This workshop had 16 participants and was co-chaired by Anna Cabo and Allison Woodward.

GREATpolicies: Gender Research and Teaching for Policies

Working Group 1 founded a permanent interest group on gender equality in Europe and discussed goals and activities. Choosing the name GREATpolicies: Gender Research and Teaching for Policies, the group’s goal is to stimulate research and exchange between scholars, policy makers and activists working for gender equality in Europe. The group discussed in depth a number of tasks for the coming years including the following:

- Exploring new contextual realities:
- Analyzing the role gender equality policies may have in crisis (not only economical)
- Continuing exploration, monitoring & evaluation of main policy approaches such as mainstreaming
- Studying national and European policies, how they influence each other
- Transferring/exchange of gender research to society and societal impact on gender knowledge production and use: mechanisms and actors in different contexts
- Linking to European themes: 2020- SMART Gender policies including diversity of women and men and their role in building Europe.

They also underlined the many common overlaps with other **ATGENDER** groups such as Travelling Concepts, Gender and new technologies, Society and social welfare and the teaching of Gender Studies and identified potential common projects.

Among the activities the group hopes to initiate would be a special conference on feminist policies at the EU Parliament, collaboration with the Research Network Gender and the State and a high participation in the theme Triple Helix of Social Inclusion at the 8th Feminist Research conference where group member Alison Woodward will be part of the scientific committee. A call for papers for the stream will be circulated to relevant networks including the ECPR Gender and Politics Group, QUING, FemCit network members, The RINGS network, The European Sociological Association and the European Institute of Gender Equality and the group hopes to organize a special panel session with policy makers. They hope to have a pre-conference session to plan the European Parliament activity further and discuss a mid-term activity for policy makers in Spain in 2013. [More information](#)

Working Group 2: Postcolonial Europe: Transcultural and Multidisciplinary Perspectives

This workshop had 16 participants and was co-chaired by Sandra Ponzanesi, Brigitte Hipfl, Kirsti Lofsdottir.

The group prepared three panels for the Budapest conference entitled: Postcolonial Europe/ Rethinking Cinematic Spaces and Affects Postcolonial Europe/ Colonial Legacies (two panels planned) Postcolonial Europe/ Conceptual Cartographies. The description for the panel is ready for two of these but the third one is in the makings. Then we discussed the book proposal Teaching Race with a Gendered Edge. This work started before the meeting and we informed the group of contributors and handed out detailed instructions of submission One of two additional chapters might be included from group members. We set up the deadline for finished chapters 15th of June and plan to hand in the manuscript at the end of September.

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Working Group 3: Information and dissemination: infrastructures and networks in Europe and beyond

This workshop had 15 participants and was co-chaired by Tilly Vriend

Proposal for a permanent working group:

The focus of the working group is

- making women and gender information and research accessible, visible and available;
- working towards cooperation and exchange between academia and women/gender information and documentation centres, e.g by organizing encounters;
- actively promoting the use of relevant resources such as **ATGENDER** products;
- representing the interests of information and documentation centres on gender and related issue within **ATGENDER**;
- bringing the competence within these centres into the work of **ATGENDER** especially when it comes to information strategies;

This working group is explicitly transversal, which means that the goal is to have involvement of researchers, students, activists, policymakers as well as information and resource centres in the group. [More information](#)

Working Group 4: Travelling concepts: space, women, migration

This working group divided into two independent groups: *Travelling Concepts* and *Travelling Spaces*.

The coordinators of Travelling Concepts: ReSisters, Sara Goodman and Mina Karavanta, and the coordinator of Travelling Spaces, Biljana Kasic, who together with Eva Skaerbaek, a member of Travelling Spaces, met in Utrecht to assemble a new group formed by old and new members who gathered to share the history of the group and, in the process of the **ATGENDER** Spring conference, reconfigure its epistemological and interdisciplinary overall mission. The meeting started with a history of both groups as they were formed and developed within the activities of ATHENA, the Advanced Thematic Network of Women's Studies in Europe. Mina Karavanta joined Sara Goodman in Utrecht to design the future of the project drafted by Giovanna Covi in Bruxelles. Goodman and Karavanta drew on the long history of ReSisters and Covi's drafted project in order to mediate between the past and present of the group, its history and future, in their effort not only to honor the heritage of ReSisters and make a reference to the members who had coordinated and participated in the group with success and were not present in the **ATGENDER** conference; but also to represent the shared ground of knowledges, epistemologies, projects, publications and activities of the group as the overall work on which the participants could draw to develop their activities in the present and future.

Sara Goodman and Mina Karavanta took on the task of developing the legacy of the Travelling Concepts Subgroup ReSisters, which had explored feminist pedagogy from the point of view of representation, responsibility and complexity, in ATHENA 2, and of interculturality in Athena 3. They presented a summary of its main projects and publications that promoted the interdisciplinary work of a gender and women's studies "outside/in" Europe.

In the joint meeting with Travelling Concepts: ReSisters, Biljana Kasic, the coordinator of Travelling Spaces, which was formed out of the previous subgroup Travelling Selves under the Travelling Concepts umbrella, and Eva Skaerbaek gave a short reflection on Travelling Selves coordinated by Melita Richter Malabotta. Also, most of the members shared the same history of theoretical articulation and connectedness within Travelling Concepts from the very beginning. In this regard two booklets appeared: *Common Passion, Different Voices: Reflections on Citizenship and Intersubjectivity* (Eva Skaerbaek, coordinator, et al. York, UK: Raw Nerve Books, 2006) and *Teaching Subjects in Between: Feminist Politics, Disciplines, Generations* (Therese Garstenauer, coordinator, et al. York, UK: Raw Nerve Books, 2006).

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Working Group 5: Gender and new technologies: teaching the body, health, ICT and visual culture

This workshop had 17 participants and was co-chaired by Edyta Just, Magdalena Górska, Marek Wojtaszek and Aino-Maija Hiltunen.

It dealt originally with 3 topic areas, inherited from Athena, which were under umbrella "Connecting with other disciplines, transformation and integration". These 3 themes

are "New Media and Gender Studies Education", "Teaching New technologies and gendered bodies" and "Teaching Gender Studies in the Field of Health, Medicine, Life Sciences and Sexuality studies".

Group was discussing vividly and worked partly with so-called "learning cafe"-group-discussion-method. People from this working group will propose at least 2 panels for Budapest-conference, in strands "Teaching 'Gender' across the Borders of the Human, Social, Natural and Biomedical Sciences" (3) and "Creativity Reconsidered: Rethinking Feminist Art, Media and Technological Practices" (13). Group will also start working towards a joint glossary, probably a wiki, and linked to **ATGENDER** website on concepts of gender and technology. This could be used for both teaching and research.

Workshop was successful and agreed that permanent working group with these themes in **ATGENDER** would be good. It will divide partly into smaller theme-groups and start thinking possible new partners and ways of funding.

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Working Group 6: Generations and gender: connecting activism and gender studies

This workshop had 22 participants and was co-chaired by Sveva Magaraggia; Mariagrazia Leone, Iris van der Tuin.

This working group proposed a ROUNDTABLE "Localizing and Challenging Feminist Timelines: Generationality and Narratives" and following PANELS:

- *Strand 6 Rethinking Equality vs. Difference*: One or two panels on "Beyond the dualism" (Kathrin Thiele, Marielle Smith, Eike Marten, Katarina Loncarevic – chairing and presenting papers)
- *Strand 5 Shifting Sexualities, Shifting Masculinities*: panels on "Interdisciplinary perspectives on masculinity studies" (Krizia Nardini - Chair and paper); "Epistemological perspectives on care" (Sveva Magaraggia - Chair); "How to translate epistemological perspectives on care into policies?" (Mariagrazia Leone - Chair and paper)
- *Strand 8 Feminist Legacies, Feminist Futures*: panel on "Space (women's documentation centres) and generation" (Irina Costache - Chair and paper)
- *Strand 11 Violence Revisited*: panel on "Women's movements and political violence: Intergenerational differences in Europe" (Marilisa Malizia – Chair and paper)

The group also worked on designing the schedule for the STUDENT DAY.

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Working Group 7: Gender and Public History: stories of the self, constructions of the nation. Theme: Narrating public memories of war and peace: transcending methodological nationalisms

This workshop had 7 participants and was co-chaired by Mary Clancy and Andrea Petó.

The working group aims to explore how to situate gender as a complex category in public histories and narratives of self and the state including in relation to violence, peace and war. After reviewing areas of interest and work to date, the group agreed to submit proposals for the 8th European Feminist Research Conference in Budapest, 17-20 May, 2012. The panel title is: 'Narrating Public Memories of War and Peace'. The

sub-strand titles are: (1) 'Rhetoric of war: narratives of social crisis in Europe', addressing war in a metaphoric way and how war influences and shapes our present and (2) 'Progress and security in 19th century feminisms' addressing questions of gender, agency, freedom and antimilitarism. Participants agreed to circulate bibliographical information and to explore funding possibilities in order to meet and discuss papers in advance of the Budapest conference.

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Working Group 8: Gender, care & social welfare: work, migration, women & children

This workshop had 9 participants and was co-chaired by Vesna Leskosek and Mirja Satka.

This group worked on following presentations:

- On the themes, issues, research interests that are expected to become taken into consideration in the group
- Presentation of the recent research results, thesis, dissertation etc. of each participant to introduce what is common in our interests
- the following conceptual framework was discussed: Normativity, everyday life (bottom-up), social control, integration, practice of policy, the new mechanisms to produce social citizenship, otherness, subjectivity, performativity, intersectionality, discourse-practice relations
- We decided the concept of everyday life as the basic one that joins together our particular interests.

Our plan for future work involves participation in the 8th Feminist Research Conference in Budapest 2012. Our suggestion is to have a panel under the Strand 7: Triple Helix of Social Inclusion: Connecting Activism, policy-making and Gender Research. The title of the panel is "The Impact of Policies and Practises in Everyday life." The Panel will have two sub-themes with the following papers: "Work and migration" and "Motherhood and Childhood."

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Working Group 9: Teaching gender studies: impact/dissemination Tuning Gender Studies and Teaching with Gender Series

This workshop had 6 participants and was co-chaired by Berteke Waaldijk, Edyta Just and Andrea Peto. The group discussed following issues:

1. Teaching with Gender Series: at this moment two new volumes (postcoloniality group on "race" in Europe and on teaching gender in Southeastern Europe). During the spring conference proposals for new volumes have been discussed. The expanded editorial board consists of Annika Olsson, Andrea Peto, Sveva Maggaragia & Nadezhda Petrova Aleksandrova). The proposals must offer a transnational perspective that includes European countries, and they should explicitly deal with teaching. "Teaching" is taken in its broadest meaning: knowledge transfer inside and outside universities, training, life-long learning, *education permanente*.

2. Tuning Gender Studies Brochure will be disseminated at a panel at the Women's Worlds Congress (WWC) in Ottawa (July 3-7, 2011) dedicated to Teaching Gender Studies in Europe and Asia. A presentation for members of European parliament is planned for fall 2011. Aino-Maija Hiltunen, Berteke Waaldijk and Edyta Just will

probably present the Tuning Brochure in this panel. All **ATGENDER** members who registered for WWC are invited to inform Berteke Waaldijk about their presence in Ottawa and discuss the value of Tuning Brochure in a comparative European-Asian perspective. The Teaching with Gender Series will be presented at this panel in Ottawa as well.

3. The need to make **ATGENDER** a meeting place to discuss and cooperate on issues related to education. Those present want to establish a Permanent Working Group on Education within **ATGENDER**. Its aims would be:

- Organizing events (panels, conferences, seminars, online discussions) for **ATGENDER** members to discuss and work on issues related to feminist pedagogies and/or teaching gender studies in Europe, including evaluation of good, bad & best practices in the field of gender women's and feminist studies and related fields, the use of new technologies, evaluation of transnational cooperation (GEMMA, EGAL)
- Facilitating staff exchanges and student mobility, between **ATGENDER** institutional members.
- Facilitating information and empowering programmes in their struggles for recognition of credits, evaluating the use and challenges of the Tuning Gender Studies Brochure.
- Convincing the **ATGENDER** board for the need to invest in an updated website that contains information about all programmes and courses offered by **ATGENDER** members.

The groups discussed in more detail proposals for the strand 'Teaching "Gender" across the Borders of Human, Social, Natural and Biomedical Sciences' at the 8th EFRC in Budapest, May 17-20, 2012. Please see our website for more information!

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Additional meeting on National Associations:

The **ATGENDER** members in this meeting discussed the possibilities and complications of cooperation between national associations for gender/women's feminist studies within **ATGENDER**.

1. Which organizations?

All associations that bring together via *individual membership* those who are committed to the aims of **ATGENDER**:

- gender & women's studies, feminist research and the related fields (such as: postcolonial, migration, anti-racist, queer, sexualities, labour & care studies, masculinities)
- Documentation (librarians, documentation & information specialists, women's centers)
- Gender Equality & Diversity (equal opportunity agents, women's and feminist activists, HR, employers)

The group discussed the wide diversity of such membership associations. The group agreed that it is crucial to unite such associations and that a focused effort should be made to increase the number of membership by national associations. These

associations bring linguistic diversity to **ATGENDER** and will lower the threshold for networking. When they are united in **ATGENDER**, it will be easier for **ATGENDER** to represent their perspectives from Europe (not restricted to EU, not restricted to strict borders, not restricted to those who carry full European citizenship!) in World Organization of Women's Studies. For **ATGENDER** it is the continuation of the work one of its founding mothers did: WISE.

In addition to national associations there are sub- or supra national associations, bringing together members from part of a country (Flemish or Wallonian in Belgium e.g.) or from several countries (NIKK bringing together members from different Nordic countries).

The group decided to compose a list of *names & email addresses* of associations in different countries that could be targeted.

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6. **ATGENDER's** Official Response to the EU Green Paper

During the meeting of the General Assembly of **ATGENDER**, the European Association for Gender Research, Education and Documentation, held on 9th April 2011, the members were alerted by Kerstin Allnebratt of the potential neglect of Gender and Social Sciences in the new EU plans for research and innovation funding, known as "Green Paper on a Common Strategic Framework for future EU Research and Innovation Funding".

The **ATGENDER** board members wrote an official response to that document taking the opportunity offered by the Commission to play an active part in a European public debate about the changes in the priorities areas of research and innovation.

Our official response emphasises the crucial importance of the Social Sciences and Humanities as key drivers and commentators in this process of innovation required by the EU. It highlights the need for the inclusion of the gendered aspects of the objectives of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, social and economic prosperity, and of environmental sustainability success.

It affirms that only restricted outcomes to the challenges and opportunities will be possible unless Social Sciences, Humanities and Gender research that target innovations are funded by the EU. These realms of knowledge must be included to attain a truly innovative EU research strategy.

See the official response [HERE](#)

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7. Re-launching WeAVE Student Network

During the **ATGENDER** Spring Conference in April 2011, **ATGENDER** student members did get together. We decided to establish a student body of **ATGENDER**, mainly representing and connecting (European) gender students on a graduate, postgraduate and post-doc level.

Since **ATGENDER** remembers **ATHENA's** (Advanced Thematic Network in Activities in Women's Studies in Europe) activities, we will continue the network for European gender studies students under the name of **WeAVE**. **WeAVE** has been a network for gender studies students which emerged from the ATHENA Student Forum.

Within the newly launched **WeAVE**, a working group on gender studies students at the 8. European Feminist Research Conference in Budapest (May 2012) has been set up. The main topic of this working group is a **WeAVE** cooperation with the Conference's student day. **WeAVE**'s aim is to create a supportive environment of reaching out, sharing and networking amongst the variety of (European) feminist studies (gender, queer, masculinity) students. This also means that **WeAVE** strongly encourages students to participate to this network by submitting what your needs of exchange are, by sharing your interests and presenting your work.

If you are interested in joining **WeAVE**, want to be on our mailinglist or in general get more information, please get in touch with us.

*On behalf of the **WeAVE** coordinators,*

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8. Call for Papers 8th European Feminist Research Conference

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CEU Celebrates its 20th Anniversary: 1991-2011

ATGENDER

THE POLITICS OF LOCATION REVISITED: GENDER@2012

8th European Feminist Research Conference

May 17 - 20, 2012 | Budapest, Hungary

CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline for proposals: July 31, 2011

<http://www.8thfeministconference.org>

Women and men in Europe in the first decades of the 21st century are confronted with acute social, political, cultural, economic and environmental concerns, including increasingly racist politics and nationalist discourses across Europe, huge cutbacks in social services and education, strengthening conservative gender discourses, and an overall climate unfavorable if not hostile to feminist, queer, and other progressive movements. In striving to address these concerns on regional, national and international levels, feminist scholars are re-assessing their theoretical and political toolbox. The 'politics of location', coined by Adrienne Rich in 1976, continues to play a crucial role in these debates. Women's and gender studies cannot do without reflecting on the politics of their locations, but how to use this tool now that locations are constantly shifting? When the locations we inhabit are perceived to be multiple, paradoxical and (in)comparable?

The **8th European Feminist Research Conference** invites scholars, students, activists and policy makers to re-visit their politics of location in the light of current crises in Europe and beyond, and to reflect upon the ways in which feminist scholarly tools can be used for understanding and for changing the world.

Reflecting the diversity of women's and gender studies European Feminist Research Conferences represent cutting-edge scholarship. The **8th European Feminist Research Conference** is organized by the **Central European University, Department of Gender Studies** and **AtGender, the European Association for Gender Research, Education and Documentation**. The European Feminist Research Conferences usually have more than 500 participants from both inside and outside Europe. The Conferences have a track

record of presenting innovative feminist scholarly work with critical perspectives on contemporary Europe and its histories. The previous European Feminist Research Conferences were held at the universities of Ålborg (1991), Graz (1994), Coimbra (1997), Bologna (2000), Lund (2003), Łódź (2006) and Utrecht (2009).

This one will be held in **Budapest, Hungary, May 17 - 20, 2012.**

Confirmed Keynote Speakers

HANA HAVELKOVA (Faculty of Humanities, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic)
CLARE HEMMINGS (Gender Institute, The London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom)

ANDREA PETŐ (Central European University, Budapest, Hungary)

FATIMA SADIQI (International Institute for Languages and Cultures, Fez, Morocco)

Call for Papers

The **8th European Feminist Research Conference** welcomes papers that keep in focus the connections among a number of relevant axes that frame current researches in the field. We have in mind connections between disciplines and interdisciplinarity; the past, the present and the future; gender and intersectionality; activism and power; local and global; margin and center. The strands listed below indicate the main lines of inquiry around which the Conference will be structured.

Participants must indicate the strand their paper addresses; it is also possible to indicate a second strand that will be addressed in their contribution. Based on these indications the Conference Board will create intersecting panels across different strands.

Conference strands

1. Women's and Gender Studies between Neo-discipline and Interdisciplinarity
2. Rooting and Shifting (in) Feminist Research: Assessing the 'Turns' in Feminist Theory
3. Teaching 'Gender' across the Borders of the Human, Social, Natural and Biomedical Sciences
4. Located at Crossroads of Race and Gender: Intersectional Analysis in Women's and Gender Studies
5. Shifting Sexualities, Masculinities and Femininities: LGBTQI
6. Revisiting 'Equality vs. Difference': Feminism in the 21st Century
7. Triple Helix of Social Inclusion: Connecting Activism, Policy-making and Gender Research
8. Feminist Legacies, Feminist Futures: Generating Feminisms
9. The Politics of Migration: Transnational Feminisms?
10. Re-Imagining 'Europe': Imperialism, Post-State Socialism and Multiculturalism in the 21st Century
11. Violence Revisited: Security, War and Peace Narrated
12. Religion Revisited: Spirituality, Gender and the Post-Secular
13. Creativity Reconsidered: Rethinking Feminist Art, Media and Technological Practices

Abstracts should have not more than 300 words and can only be uploaded at <http://www.8thfeministconference.org>.

Abstracts must be submitted before July 31, 2011.

The conference organizers also welcome proposals for whole panels as well as

presentations by women's centers, libraries, documentation centers, networks or publishers.

The conference fees and other relevant information are posted on the conference website <http://www.8thfeministconference.org>.

Please note that AtGender members have special benefits for participation at the conference.

Please consult the Call for Papers Tab on [ATGENDER](#) website for detailed strand descriptions.

[8th European Feminist Research Conference Call For Papers \(PDF\)](#)

[Student's Day Call For Papers \(PDF\)](#)



9. Names to Faces: [ATGENDER](#)'s New Office Manager



Paulina Bolek is a recent graduate of Gender and Ethnicity Research MA Programme at Utrecht University which she completed within GEMMA (Joint European Master's Degree in Women's and Gender Studies). She comes from Poland where she studied Philosophy and graduated from University of Lodz in 2008. During past seven years she travelled between Europe and USA but decided to settle in the

Netherlands when she came to Utrecht to study in 2009. At the moment she is working on her PhD application. Her research joins inquiries of Contemporary Feminist Philosophy and Performance Studies.

On behalf of [ATGENDER](#) and myself I would like to thank previous Office Manager, Ms. Vera Fonseca and Interns Ms. Karina Pouentes and Ms. Adinda Veltrop for all their hard work in setting up substantial structures for [ATGENDER](#). I hope to continue this work with as much dedication and effort as these great colleagues.

Paulina Bolek



10. Announcements:

10.1. Bring your national association for gender or women's studies to [ATGENDER](#)!

Dear [ATGENDER](#) members,

Being the European Association for Gender Studies, [ATGENDER](#) is looking forward to effective cooperation with all national or regional associations for Gender or Women's Studies in Europe. In the past WISE brought together these associations in Europe and connected them with WOWS the World Organization of Women's Studies. WOWS is the organization that manages the three yearly Women's Worlds Congresses and brings together national and regional associations of women's and gender studies from all over the world.

This summer, July 2011, the Women's Worlds Congress will take place in Ottawa (<http://www.ww05.org/wows/start.html>), and [ATGENDER](#) has, also on behalf of the Asian Association of Women's Studies, proposed a session on global cooperation between women's and gender studies. The proposal has been accepted. In order to prepare for this session it is crucial that [ATGENDER](#) finds out if and in what way it may play a role in representing national or regional (e.g. Nordic or maybe sub-national)

associations for Women's or Gender Studies.

We need your help in this! **ATGENDER** does not have a full list of Gender or Women's studies associations in Europe and membership is far from complete.

We therefore ask you as a member of **ATGENDER** to do the following in your own country.

- a) Find out which national or regional gender or women's studies associations are active in your country, probably you are already a member.
- b) Send the contact details (website, email, postal address, contact person) to info@atgender.eu

If you have a bit more time:

- c) Find out whether 'your' national or regional association wants to become an institutional member of **ATGENDER**.
 - Remember the advantages (networking, advertising activities, three votes in general assembly, three reduced fees for European Feminist Research Conference in Budapest, eligible for hosting the **ATGENDER** - conferences, and possibility of being represented in WOWS) and the possibility of reduced fees for associations with serious lack of budget.
- d) Make your association a member of **ATGENDER** and let us know (with the name of contact person) at info@atgender.eu.
- e) If the association is a member, ask if you may represent its views on future international cooperation between gender & women's studies associations at the **ATGENDER** spring conference. We will devote part of one session to this theme and would want to hear how national associations think about this.

PS– beware of cross-listing, it may be the case that other **ATGENDER** members in your country do the same and your association is flooded with this request. I see no effective procedure from preventing this. The **ATGENDER** -office is flooded with work for the conference – so please use your own inventiveness of solving this.

10.2. Teaching With Gender Series: - PEER REVIEWED PUBLISHING ON TEACHING GENDER – Call for Proposals

The book series Teaching with Gender, started by ATHENA is now sponsored by **ATGENDER**. **ATGENDER** members are entitled to publishing of approved, peer-reviewed manuscripts. New manuscript proposals are welcome and reviewed on a rolling basis. Please submit your proposals to teaching@atgender.eu

For those considering submitting a proposal, the editorial board recommends that the **ATGENDER** infrastructure be made use of, as means to integrate their ideas with the European Network.

Please note: all contributors should be individual members of **ATGENDER**. To arrange your **ATGENDER** membership, please contact info@atgender.eu
Please visit our new Teaching with Gender Series [subpage](#).

10.3 Feminisms in a Transnational Perspective - Women narrating their lives and actions: Post-graduate course, IUC Dubrovnik, May 23-27, 2011

The Zagreb Centre for Women's Studies in collaboration with four institutions' are pleased to announce the fifth postgraduate course on *Feminisms in Transnational Perspective*. This year's theme is Women narrating their lives and actions. The

intellectual impulse for the fifth feminist course in the seminar on Feminisms in transnational perspective (Dubrovnik, 23-27 May, 2011) comes from Hannah Arendt's statement that „lives without words and action are dead for the world“. Extensive scholarship has established links between gender and genre in women's (auto)biographical discourses, while feminist theorizing has offered political and activist perspectives on the wider socio-cultural frame of positing, producing, communicating, and manipulating women's self-representations.

[More information](#)

10.4 Call for setting up a research team for the 7th Framework Programme

Prof. Margarita M. Birriel Salcedo, a member of the Institute of Women's Studies at Granada University, of ATGENDER and one of the founders of AOIFE and ATHENA, proposes to set up a research team for the next meeting of the 7th Framework Programme. The title of this project will be Houses, Homes and Households.

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Please see [Member Announcements](#) to read the full content of the letter.

10.5. Message from Mariëtte Pesman

Dear **ATGENDER** members,

June 16th will be my last working day at the EU Liaison Office of the Faculty of Humanities; I have accepted a new job at the Faculty of Law. With this my work for ATGENDER (ATHENA) ends with a little pain in my heart because I have enjoyed working with this project and enjoyed all email correspondence I have had with you over the last few years.

I wish the **ATGENDER** network lots of success in the future and many constructive (and pleasant) meetings as we have had in April.

With my best wishes for you all,

Mariëtte

10.6. Photographs from the **ATGENDER Spring Conference 2011**

Please visit our **ATGENDER Gallery** to see the photos (courtesy Quriijn Backx and Karina Pouentes)

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