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Dear ATGENDER Members,

Another exciting period has passed. The preparation for the 8<sup>th</sup> European Research conference is in full speed, you can read about the events around the selection committee meeting in the newsletter. We are also living in a time when none of the achievements of the women's movements can be considered as granted and safe. This is the first newsletter for a long time which is bringing you the sad news that NIKK, an old partner in Athena and an ATGENDER member was dissolved. We felt obliged to protest against this decision as we will do it in the future. That is a sign that we should never give up activism while doing academic work and the importance of European networks is increasing as the tendency of attacking humanities and social sciences in general and gender studies in particular happen. So keep your spirit up, you are not alone. With this note we wish you an enjoyable read about all those important events which happened in the last months around ATGENDER.



*On behalf of the ATGENDER board and office,*

*Iris van der Tuin and Andrea Peto*



### **1. An all too sudden death. Nordic Gender Institute (NIKK) will be dismantled before the end of 2011**

We are sad and worried to announce that NIKK, the Nordic Gender Institute, is going to be dismantled before December 31st 2011. Since 1995, NIKK has been an important professional organization in the field of Nordic, European and international gender studies. Through its active collaboration with gender scholars, equality policy-makers, and information- and documentation centres, NIKK has functioned as a role model and an important partner in bridging academia and equality policy in the area of gender politics and gender equality. As an institutional partner, NIKK has been very reliable and

active in **ATGENDER** and its predecessors. NIKK has had an important role in research cooperation and dissemination, not only for the development of gender scholarship in the Nordic countries, but also in Europe. We want to thank NIKK for the good collaboration over the years, and for its important work with supporting and strengthening research, information and documentation in the field of gender and equality. We thank the Nordic Council of Ministers for making it financially possible.

We also want to express our concerns. The Nordic Council of Ministers has decided that some of NIKK's functions will be continued in another Nordic collaborative body. Yet, the decisions as to where, when, how, and by which resources this will happen are still to be taken. We are worried that important experience, knowledge and continuity in gender and equality issues will be lost through the discharge of the personnel and the infrastructures developed at NIKK. We are also worried that this decision involves a downgrading of the centrality for research- and university related activities in the field, and that the resources allocated to research and universities might decrease or disappear.

To our regrets, **ATGENDER** cannot take any action to intervene into the decision-making process since this information reached us when the decision already had been taken, but it is a decision we meet with deep worries and sadness, which we have explained in a letter from the **ATGENDER** board to the Nordic Council of Ministers. In times of increased political and financial insecurity all over Europe, the decision to dismantle the Nordic Gender Institute also signals a warning to all European gender and equality units, and highlights the continued and increased importance of organized collaboration across Europe.

*The **ATGENDER** board, through Mia Liinason, assistant professor, Centre for Gender Studies, Lund University, Sweden, member of the **ATGENDER** board.*

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## **2. Green Paper Initiative**

**ATGENDER** takes an active position in the making of the European gender policies by responding to subsequent consultations in the follow-up of the EC Green Paper "From Challenges to Opportunities: Towards a Common Strategic Framework for EU Research and Innovation Funding". In October **ATGENDER** was among the 300 respondents, which submitted their opinion in an in-depth three-dimensional public consultation on "The Future Of Gender & Innovation In Europe", entailed by GENset ([click here](#)). In the discussion of topics, such as "Enhancing Research Quality", "Advancing Effectiveness of Innovation" and "Promoting Structural Change", **ATGENDER** declared its position that gender should be acknowledged as a key factor for innovation and should be included in all structural stages of any EU funded research, given that the stakeholders and policy makers have developed awareness of its importance of better scientific results. The preliminary report of GENset ([click here](#)) reveals that **ATGENDER** belongs to a community of policy makers, who will gather in Brussels for the upcoming European Gender Summit on 8-9 November 2011. Our organization will be represented (by Ms Lisa Wouters, SOPHIA). **ATGENDER** will inform its members on the results of the summit in the next newsletter.

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### 3. Round Table in Budapest – “Gender Studies in Times of Change”

On October 14, 2011 the Selection Committee of the 8th European Feminist Research Conference ([www.8thfeministconference.org](http://www.8thfeministconference.org)) convened in Budapest. Having gathered together so many European Gender Studies scholars, the Department of Gender Studies of the Central European University, **ATGENDER**, the European Association



for Gender Research, Education and Documentation, and the Feminist Section of the Hungarian Sociological Association decided to host a round table with the title “Gender Studies in Times of Change”. This round table was announced by Prof. Jasmina Lukic as the “overture” of the Conference itself, which is titled “The Politics of Location Revisited: Gender @ 2012”.

#### The Round Table’s Backdrop

European Gender Studies are at the forefront of thinking through societal developments. In the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, these developments move fast, and are sometimes contradictory. We are faced with the aftermath of 9/11, economic crises on national and European levels, and revolutionary upheavals on the squares of European capitals and in neighbouring regions. How are we to interpret these developments, which in all their complexity also reshape our scholarly toolbox? The round table featured the perspectives of an international set of Gender Studies scholars in order to further our thinking through of the world in which we are living.

#### Disillusionment of Spanish Gender Studies Students

The round table took off by a speech from PhD student Beatriz Revelles Benavente (Granada University, Spain) who discussed “How the Economic Crisis Affects the Humanities in Spain, with an Emphasis on Gender Studies”. Revelles Benavente demonstrated clearly how the ways in which Spanish research money for PhD students is distributed affects both the Humanities and Gender Studies in a harsh manner. Not only are the Humanities and Gender Studies underfunded, but also unhelpful (and unfeminist) generational conflicts are created due to the fact that the CV of the future PhD supervisor counts more than the CV of the prospective student in the application procedure. Furthermore, it is unclear what scholarly fields count as a worthwhile scholarly field, because the Humanities are defined in an unnecessarily narrow manner. Societal currents such as right wing tendencies affect the definition of scholarly fields, whereby a field such as Gender Studies has a decreasing currency under the contemporary government that has closed down the Ministry of Equality, and owing to the absence of a Gender Studies BA degree in Spain.

#### ‘The Holy French Laïcité’ and Arab Spring

After Revelles Benavente, Dr. Cornelia Moeser (Université de Lausanne UNIL) discussed “How Feminist Reactions to the Arab Spring Ally with Governmental Post-Colonialist Politics in France”. Moeser discussed the interfeminist conflict that was generated around the Arab Spring, when during a 2011 demonstration the slogan “Together for an Equal and Secular World and Against Neo-Liberal Globalization” was met with a

renewed discussion of the Islamophobic nature of what Moeser called 'the Holy French Laïcité'. Moeser laid out how secularism nowadays cannot be seen as a seemingly natural feminist position, because the secular position according to antiracist queer feminists excludes both Islamic women and reflection upon racist undercurrents in feminism. Awareness for the second-wave feminist slogan "Your Sexual Liberation is Not Ours" was raised, as well as a strong statement for the politics of location was brought to the fore in order to reflect upon the racism that lingers in the feminist movement. Moeser proposed to reflect upon secularism and laïcité just like we have reflected on "objectivity" in the feminist past. Where objectivity was commonly seen as having an androcentric bias, secularism and laïcité can be theorized as having a Christianist bias.

### Sweden dealing with neo-liberalization

Moeser was followed up by Dr. Mia Liinason (Lund University, Sweden). Liinason talked about "Neoliberal Restructuring Educational Space and the Role of Gender Studies: The Case of Sweden". Whereas Sweden is usually experienced as a country that is not (yet) neo-liberal, it is actually starting to be driven by the market and by individualism. Liinason laid out these tendencies in a careful manner, and reflected upon the genealogy of the Swedish appropriation of neo-liberal individualism and its politics of inclusion and exclusion. Liinason also reflected upon the neo-liberalization of the university and ended with an important lesson for Gender Studies practitioners. Liinason claimed that the university is nowadays defined by what she called an 'audit culture'. Whereas Gender Studies will need to follow this trend in neo-liberal management with care, it was argued that filing complaints against it may backfire on us. Liinason thus argued for a careful working-through of audit culture, instead of a general negative critique including complaining about a heavier workload. When more students and more committee work generate just complaints, our success will be a sign of our failure.

### Swedish call for institutionalization of Gender Studies

After Liinason, the round table smoothly moved to the speech by Dr. Kerstin Alnebratt (Swedish Secretariat for Gender Research, Gothenburg). Under the title "Possibilities of Institutionalization of Gender Studies", Alnebratt held a passionate plea for organizing Gender Studies on all possible levels: local, national and European. Furthermore, Alnebratt claimed that the organizing of Gender Studies should be transversal, i.e., the local, national and European organization should be mutually enforcing in order to be most effective. Alnebratt plead for an active lobby at the Gender Summit in Brussels (November 2011) during which the 8<sup>th</sup> European Framework Programme will be discussed. How can we write 'gender' into this framework in order for Gender Studies scholars to benefit most from EU-funding? Despite the feminist critique of the exclusionary logic of the European Union, it has been the EU that has funded a great deal of feminist research in the recent past.

### The necessity for feminist education: feminist perspective on Norwegian Killings

The passion for Gender Studies that was transferred to the audience by Alnebratt, continued in the speech by Prof. Harriet Silius (Abo Academi University, Finland). In her speech, the former co-president of **ATGENDER** discussed "Challenges for Gender Studies in Times of European Turbulence: Extremism and Feminism and the Recent Norwegian Killings". After a careful reflection upon Anders Behring Breivik's position,

Silius forcefully argued for the necessity of feminist teaching and research. Breivik's position was dissected as to be proposing hate against feminism and other equalities, against Muslims, non-Christians, non-Westerns and non-Whites, and against the welfare state. His position was affirmed to be suggesting a lessening power of men, a feminization of men that makes it impossible for them to defend themselves and 'their' women, and the proposition that equality enables migration. Silius demonstrated how feminist research allows us to reflect carefully upon the societal embedment of Breivik's outrageous position and extremist act on July 22, 2011, and how feminist teaching allows us to strengthen that which is attacked.

### Discussing the confusing times of 2011

Afterwards, a discussion was held with the audience, consisting of some 60 Gender Studies researchers, teachers and students, and a broader Budapest crowd. Under the chairpersonship of Dr. habil. Andrea Peto (CEU, Hungary; current co-president of **ATGENDER**), it became all the more clear how our times are confusing times, and how



it is of the greatest importance to develop and use those compasses that have proven helpful in the feminist past. When the present is confusing, we can use our feminist insights in the (feminist) past in order to re-sharpen our toolbox for creating a feminist future. And because this is in general terms what the 8th European Feminist Research Conference will be about, **ATGENDER** has decided to re-stage the October 2011 round table in

May 2012, including additional speakers and strengthened links between the diverse contributions. We warmly welcome our members and the conference participants in general to attend this second edition of what was a most exciting and mind-blowing event.

*Iris van der Tuin*



## **4. New Publications on European Gender Studies**

### **Book Launch in Budapest – Products of European Gender Studies**

To accompany the meeting of the Selection Committee of the 8th European Feminist Research Conference ([www.8thfeministconference.org](http://www.8thfeministconference.org)) in Budapest, the Department of Gender Studies of the Central European University and **ATGENDER**, the European Association for Gender Research, Education and Documentation organized a book launch on October 13 in order to bring a selection of the recent production of feminist teaching tools to the attention of the local feminist academic community. After the launch, the participants were invited to drink a toast to the books, kindly supported by the Routledge book series "Advances in Feminist Studies and Intersectionality".



The event started from the observation that European Gender Studies is a growing field of academic study that is very active on the publishing market. Apart from research monographs and journal articles, teaching books are being published. What is the canon of a specifically European branch of feminist study? What choices do editors make in order to strengthen both this European angle, and the usability of teaching tools? Under the chairpersonship of Andrea Peto and Iris van der Tuin, the following publications were introduced:



- 1) The Routledge book series "Advances in Feminist Studies and intersectionality" edited by Prof. Nina Lykke and Prof. Jeff Hearn ([click here](#))
- 2) The **ATGENDER** book series "Teaching with Gender" edited by Dr. habil. Andrea Peto, Dr. Sveva Maggaragia, Dr. Nadezhda Aleksandrova, and Dr. Annika Olsson ([click here](#))
- 3) The book "Doing Gender in Media, Art and Culture" edited by Prof. Rosemarie Buikema and Dr. Iris van der Tuin ([click here](#)).

During the launch it became clear how important it is to develop a European tradition of feminist scholarship. Questions were raised about the necessity to reflect upon the politics of location; what do European students in Gender Studies need in order to make a difference in academia and in the world at large? Announcements were made about new editions in the "Teaching with Gender" series, and Prof. Adelina Sanchez Espinoza and Prof. Vita Fortunati announced Spanish and Italian translations of "Doing Gender in Media, Art and Culture", which book appeared in Dutch before it was taken on by Routledge for an English-speaking audience.

After the book launch and before the drinks, Pat Treusch (student representative in the **ATGENDER** Board) talked about organising students of Gender Studies in Europe within the "WeAVE" network. Pat stressed the necessity to be both inclusive and specific when it comes to networking students in European Gender Studies. Issues of (inter)disciplinarity and national location are key, but apart from this politics of location, a critical mass of students is needed to reflect upon (feminist) academia in the 21st century.

### **Book Launch in Trieste**

At the regional cultural manifestation "Women's Heritage: Contribution to Equality in Culture" organised by the Casa Internazionale delle Donne (Trieste, 30 September – 2 October 2011) there were two events related to the scholars from **ATGENDER**. Along with the work on "Travelling spaces" research project/book, a launch of the book "*Teaching Subjectivity. Travelling Selves for Feminist Pedagogy*" (eds. Silvia Caporale Bizzini, and Melita Richter Mallabota) took place. The book was presented by Sergia Adamo from the University of Trieste. Anabela Galhardo Couto, Eva Skaerbaek, Linda Lund Pedersen, Biljana Kasic and Melita Richter Mallabota, co-authors of the book participated in this event.



## 5. Preparations for 8<sup>th</sup> European Feminist Research Conference in full swing

On October 14, 2011 the Selection Committee of the 8<sup>th</sup> European Feminist Research Conference met in Budapest. The Committee consists of the stand coordinators of the 13 strands and the Student's Day. The group of thirty people met in person (and sometimes via skype) in order to make the final decisions for the conference. Which abstracts are selected for the conference? What panels can be constructed so that we cover the essential elements of 'the politics of location revisited'? What does 'gender' look like '@ 2012'? During the meeting, sponsored by **ATGENDER** and by the Department of Gender Studies of the Central European University, papers were selected out of a total number of 750 submitted abstracts. Out of these, panels were constructed. The task was difficult, because of the great number of high-quality abstracts. Yet, the end result is one to be proud of. This conference promises to become another event of great significance, mirroring the previous European Feminist Research Conferences. Therefore, we warmly welcome our members to register for the conference at their earliest convenience. Check out the website of the conference for updates! <http://8thfeministconference.org/>

### **Would you like to organize the 9<sup>th</sup> European Feminist Research Conference?**

Continuing the good practice of AIOFE and ATHENA, **ATGENDER** welcomes all departments of gender studies in Europe that would like to organize the next European Feminist Research Conference to make them known via a message to the Board of **ATGENDER** ([info@atgender.eu](mailto:info@atgender.eu)). We welcome applicants to suggest a theme and a draft budget for the conference in 2015, which will be matched by **ATGENDER**. The **ATGENDER** Board will carefully evaluate applications on the basis of content, structure and regional spread. Have you always wanted to host a European Feminist Research Conference and has this conference never been hosted in your country? Please consider organizing the event of 2015! The **ATGENDER** Board aims at announcing the next location at the General Assembly that will take place in Budapest. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

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## 6. Report on the ATGENDER Panel "Teaching Gender in Europe and Asia" at Women's Worlds, Ottawa 6th of July 2011

### **Women's Worlds in Ottawa welcoming **ATGENDER****

Ottawa-Gatineau was the location of the 11th Women's Worlds (WW) in 2011. This year was the 30th anniversary of the congress. The title was Connect. Converse. Inclusions, Exclusions, Seclusions: Living in a globalized world. There were 2000 participants from 92 countries and 800 presenters. A lot of documentation of this event as well as presentations, videos, audios, papers & pictures can be found here: <http://www.womensworlds.ca>

Berteke Waaldijk (Utrecht University, Netherlands) Giovanna Covi (University of Trento, Italy) Pat Treusch (Technical University Berlin, Germany), Edyta Just (University of Lodz, Poland), Barbara Bagilhole (Loughborough University, England) and Aino-Maija Hiltunen (University of Helsinki, Finland) participated in the conference on behalf of **ATGENDER**. **ATGENDER** prepared the benchmarking-panel on teaching gender studies in Europe and Asia, organized a meeting about the future of Women's Worlds conferences as well

as the future of The Worldwide Organization for Women (WOWs). There was also an **ATGENDER** book stand at the congress' book fair for 2 days. Additionally, the participants presented **ATGENDER** through endless yet enjoyable networking with various people and organizations throughout the congress.

Ottawa-Gatineau was a great place to stay, and the Universities of Ottawa and Carleton, especially the main-coordinators Caroline Andrew and Rianne Mahon had done enormous work to organize the congress in such an elegant way. We especially liked the keynote-sessions every morning: they were more of a talk show than an academic congress plenary. Due to this outstanding format, they managed to address the main issues of WW 2011: "Connect. Converse. Inclusions, Exclusions, Seclusions" and to be intersectional, intellectual, exciting and great fun. Also a variety of cultural events and contributions of various feminist groups made this event special.

It was indeed a very exciting, important, inspiring, well-organized and lovely congress with perfect atmosphere, wonderful people and strong program. In WW's there are possibilities to make impressive connections and conversations between ideas and research, teaching and activism, advocacy and arts.

The next global feminist Women's Worlds congress will be in 2014, either in Mexico, India or Australia. **ATGENDER** will definitely be active in there as well, and hopefully get this special congress once back to Europe as well.

#### **ATGENDER** Panel "Teaching Gender in Europe and Asia"

The panel addressed the issue of teaching gender and women's studies from European and Asian perspectives. The focus was on the design of gender studies programs and the aim to establish tools for accreditation and quality assessment, taking into account the different backgrounds in transnational and interdisciplinary classrooms.

It was divided into two sessions: the first session was on „International classrooms in Women's studies: best practices and publications“ and the second one was on „Transnational teaching in Women's studies: structures and chances“.

**Berteke Waaldijk** spoke about publishing teaching books on women and gender focusing on how to design a teaching series, taking the ATHENA teaching series as an example. Her focus was on the question how to bring European perspectives into local teaching and vice versa. She presented the book "Teaching with Memories: European Women's Histories in International and Interdisciplinary Classrooms", Andrea Petö and Berteke Waaldijk (Eds.), 2006.



**Chang Pilwha and Hye Kyung Lee** discussed the topic of international connections for teaching Gender Studies in Asia through AAWS (Asian Association of Women's Studies). They gave a historical overview of the AAWS and presented their experiences at Ewha Womans University and Yonsei University, both Seoul, South Korea.

**Kim Eun Shil** spoke about teaching Gender Studies at Ewha Womans University, Seoul, South Korea, and her experiences with international student and staff mobility.



Giovanna Covi addressed the issue of transnational classrooms and their impact on teaching as a challenge for feminist pedagogy. She presented the book: "Intercultural Conversational Methodology: Teaching Gendered Racisms from Colonialism to Globalization", Anim-Addo Joan, Giovanna Covi, Mina Karavanta (Eds.) 2009.



Aino-Maija Hiltunen spoke about the European Union education policies and Gender Studies Programs as the background for the European Tuning Project, aiming to make European higher education area more comparable, competitive and attractive. She presented the Tuning Brochure under the aspect of quality enhancement and as a tool for setting up goals and benchmarking best practices.

Edyta Just discussed the relevance of the Gender Studies Tuning Brochure for the design and delivery of teaching methods and learning activities in interdisciplinary and transnational gender classrooms. She also defined the feminist scholarship and the role of the teacher as crucial elements indispensable in the process of teaching gender to students of different academic backgrounds and geo-political contexts.

Pat Treusch spoke about the situation of European Gender Studies students, facing varying kinds of institutionalization of Gender Studies within Europe, depending on the academic landscape and political situation of each country. She discussed the process of establishing WeAVE – the **ATGENDER** Network of (European) feminist studies (gender, queer, masculinity, women's) students.

*Aino-Maija Hiltunen, Pat Treusch*

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## 7. Names to Faces: **ATGENDER** New Intern: Trista Lin

Dear **ATGENDER** Members,

I would like to introduce myself to you as the new intern from November to this coming January. My name is Lin, Chih-Chen (Trista). I come from Taiwan and have recently finished the Research Master program of Gender and Ethnicity in Utrecht University. Having participated in activities and research on a diversity of gender issues organized by NGOs and universities in very different countries — Taiwan, the Netherlands, Ecuador, and Sweden — I am highly enthusiastic about the transnational exchange of ideas and the joining forces of institutions for feminist conferences and activist events. Therefore, I look forward very much to assisting in the **ATGENDER** office during this internship. At the same time, I also trust that my time and commitment to **ATGENDER** will inspire myself while being also in preparation for PhD studies in gender and globalization.

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## 8. Announcements

- **Weekly News from ATGENDER**

ATGENDER receives many announcements from its members on a daily basis. This is why we have decided to send out a brief weekly email with a summary of calls for papers, event announcements and other relevant news. These can be accessed through our Facebook page ([click here](#)).

- **News about the Teaching Series**

The editorial board is happy to report that ATGENDER established cooperation with CEU Press to publish jointly the Teaching with Gender series. For more info see <http://www.ceupress.com/> The collaboration will secure a wider circulation for the volumes through commercial channels of this academic publishing house. The institutional and individual members are eligible for a free copy of the upcoming volumes as a part of membership benefits.

- **Journal Member Announcement & New Member Offer**

ATGENDER wants to invite You dear member to send in suggestions on what journals You would be interested in purchasing or subscribing to on a discounted basis. Please email your suggestions to [info@atgender.eu](mailto:info@atgender.eu) including "Journal Suggestions" in the subject line or [click here](#)

**New member offer: Ashgate partner page for ATGENDER members**

Get a 20% discount on Ashgate books from key areas of interest via the new partner page at Ashgate. This offer includes a whole host of titles, among others: The Feminist Imagination – Europe and Beyond series. All Ashgate titles available will soon be posted on the ATGENDER website, as well as the instructions on how to take advantage of the offer. Visit Ashgate's [partner page](#)

- **Grant applications and ATGENDER**

Regularly ATGENDER receives requests for including its name in grant applications. When it concerns the strengthening of gender research, education and documentation in the (European) academic realm, we are generally in favor of providing this institutional and infrastructural help. However we kindly ask our members to inquire beforehand about the possibility to include ATGENDER in a project proposal. We will get back to you ASAP.

- **Online Course: Introduction to Intersectional Gender Studies, Policy and Politics in a Globalized World**

In Spring 2012 Gender Studies at Linköping university will be giving a new undergraduate course online with the title Introduction to Intersectional Gender Studies, Policy and Politics in a Globalized World. Apply now! Introduction to Intersectional Gender Studies, Policy and Politics in Globalized World Spring 2012, 30 ECTS Credits, Undergraduate Course, at Tema Genus, Linköping University, Sweden This course provides an introduction to the emergence of contemporary intersectional gender, sexuality and ethnicity studies, policy and politics. This includes their historical roots in feminist, queer and anti-racist theory and activism. The course also provides information about intersectional gender, sexuality and ethnicity studies and politics, based on introductions to gender studies and related fields such as postcolonial studies, critical sexuality

studies and queer studies. Based at the dynamic, interdisciplinary Department of Thematic Studies (Gender studies), Linköping University, Sweden, and taught in English, this distance course uses a mixture of web-based teaching and face to face meetings. For more information on how to apply [click here](#).

- **Aletta, Institute for Women's History (previously the IIAV) has moved!**

As of October 4th, the library and archive are located in the heart of Amsterdam. Drop by with all your questions about women's history and emancipation. Or visit [www.aletta.nu](http://www.aletta.nu) The new address: Vijzelstraat 20, 1017 HK Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

New opening hours: Monday closed; Tuesday to Friday 10.00 - 17.00 hrs

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Business office: +31 (0)20 30 31 500 (NEW!); [secre@aletta.nu](mailto:secre@aletta.nu)

- **International Symposium**

On the occasion of its inauguration the Euro-Mediterranean Academic and Scientific Network on gender and women of the Women's Foundation for the Mediterranean announces the international symposium: WOMEN, NETWORKS AND "REVOLUTIONS" DEMOCRACY THROUGH THE PRISM OF GENDER IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN

Thursday, December 8th 2011, Starting from 9 am, Université Paris

Free entry - Registration required: [email](#)

For more info [click here](#)

- **New Book: Deconstructing Europe. Postcolonial Perspectives. Sandra Ponzanesi and Bolette Blaagaard (eds.) London: Routledge, 2011.**

This book engages with the question of what makes Europe postcolonial and how memory, whiteness and religion figure in representations and manifestations of European 'identity' and self-perception.

For more info [click here](#)

- **University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Northwestern Switzerland: Module History of Social Work**

The lectures compiled in the module are a result of the activities of the working group on Feminism and the History of Social Work as a part of the Athena3. Presenting the distinct histories of social work and histories of welfare across Europe, this teaching material opens up new perspectives for both students and teachers in higher education, as well as for those actually carrying out or conducting research into gender-sensitive social work. For more info [click here](#)

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## 9. Calls for Papers

- **Gender Arrangements in the Post-Welfare State**

University of Fribourg/Switzerland, 14th/15th June, 2012

The goal of this conference is to investigate the complex interactions of gender and the (post-) welfare state from an interdisciplinary perspective. Deadline: **31 December 2011**. For more info [click here](#)

- **Equality, Diversity, Inclusion 2012 Conference**  
23-25 July 2012, Toulouse, France  
Conference theme: country and comparative perspectives on equality, diversity and inclusion. Stream Call for Papers: Challenging Heteronormativity: Moving forward on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion? Deadline: **1 January 2012**. For more info [click here](#)
- **Digital Crossroads: Media, Migration and Diaspora in a Transnational Perspective. Conference 28-30 June, 2012, Utrecht, the Netherlands**  
**Download the call for papers [here](#)**. The aim of this conference is to address the relationship between migration and digital technologies across national contexts and ethnic belonging. Deadline for abstract submission and panel proposals: **January 10, 2012**. For more info [click here](#)
- **NORA Special Issue**  
NORA seeks submissions for: “(Neo-)liberalism and Tolerance – Scrutinizing Politics and State Regulation” a special issue slated for publication in autumn 2012. Deadline: **1 April 2012**. For more info [click here](#)
- **Call for submissions: New Feminisms in Europe**  
A special issue of Social Movement Studies edited by Kristin Aune (University of Derby) and Jonathan Dean (University of Leeds): What is the state of feminist social movements in 21st century Europe? Deadline: **13 July 2012**. For more info [click here](#)

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## 10. Membership Benefits

<u>Institutional members are entitled to:</u>	<u>Individual and student members are entitled to:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three votes at the <b>ATGENDER</b> Annual General Assembly;</li> <li>• Three reduced registration fees for the 8th European Feminist Research Conferences (Budapest, 2012);</li> <li>• One reduced subscription rate to the partner academic journals;</li> <li>• Regular information about the association's activities through the <b>ATGENDER</b> member newsletter</li> <li>• Advertisement of programmes, summer schools, activities on the <b>ATGENDER</b> website.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One vote at the <b>ATGENDER</b> General Assembly;</li> <li>• One reduced registration fee for the European Feminist Research Conference</li> <li>• One reduced subscription rate for a number of academic journals.</li> <li>• Regular information about the association's activities through the <b>ATGENDER</b> member newsletter</li> </ul>

Receive a 30% reduced rate on a subscription to the European Journal of Women’s Studies, Feminist Theory or 20% reduced rate on a purchase of the Routledge Advances in Feminist Studies and Intersectionality Book Series.

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