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Dear **ATGENDER** Members,

In June we will co-host the 9th European Feminist Research Conference in Finland. We understand if you are curious, because honestly so are we! To offer you a sneak-peak, we have asked the organisers at the University of Lapland what to expect.

Why should I attend the conference?

Meet feminist colleagues around the world, create new networks and discuss current issues concerning research, studying, information, and activism.

In three words, how would you present "Sex and Capital"?

Brilliant speakers and great program under the Northern sun!

What sort of tours do you offer alongside the conference program?

Cruises at the river, culture/outdoors walks, sauna, visit to Santa Claus Village, and visit to arctic handicrafts' workshop.

... and for more, see you in Rovaniemi, Lapland!

1. The 9th European Feminist Research Conference 'Sex and Capital' 3 – 6 June

ATGENDER is co-organizing the 9th EFRC, hosted at the University of Lapland. We are happy to announce that the registration for the conference is now open! In order to pay the **early bird fee**, please register by the end of **February 2015**. You are kindly asked to register also for the optional tours. Further instructions, registration categories and fees at the website: <http://www.ulapland.fi/EFRC2015>.

Conference registration fees	Early-bird fee till 28 Feb	Regular fee 1 March- 31 May	Late fee from 1 June
AtGender Member	250 €	300 €	350 €
Non-member	350 €	400 €	450 €
AtGender Member Student*	100 €	150 €	200 €
Non-member Student*	130 €	180 €	230 €

Donations

The conference will be able to provide more scholarships to students if we get donations. In order to make a donation, please go the conference webpage: <http://www.ulapland.fi/InEnglish/About-us/News--Events/Events/Events-2015/EFRC-2015/Donations>

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2. Student Activities at the 'Sex and Capital' Conference

We welcome you to participate in the activities planned especially for students and young researchers at the Sex & Capital conference! There are two workshops in which you can enroll. One of them is entitled 'What do I do when I do research' in which doctoral students will work with Jaana Vuori, Päivi Korvajärvi and Suvi Ronkainen on their own research ideas. In the other one, 'Survival Kit for Young Researchers: Getting Funded, Getting Published', Clare Hemmings, Mia Liinason & Katrine Smiet will guide you through the many different challenges that pursuing an academic career entails. Before the conference dinner, students are also invited to participate in the **ATGENDER** roundtable.

Please note that if you only want to participate in the "students' day" – that is Friday, 5th of June - you have to pay a considerably smaller fee. Registration fee for Friday 5th June (includes scientific program, lunch & coffee, art exhibition and conference dinner): **ATGENDER** member students 30 € / non-member students 50 €. Deadline for registration: the 1st of May.

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3. Forum for a network meeting of national and regional Gender Studies associations in Europe - Friday 5 June 2015, Sex & Capital Conference

In addition to **ATGENDER** there are many other regional and national Women's, Feminist and Gender Studies associations in Europe. However, we hardly know from each other existence. In order to change this, the Sex and Capital conference offers the opportunity for a network meeting. In this forum we can introduce ourselves to each other and create a network that operates alongside and/or within **ATGENDER**. If you have any questions or cannot come to the conference but wish to join this network, please contact Sabine Grenz: sgrenz@uni-goettingen.de

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4. Finances

ATGENDER is pleased to announce that memberships have remained at the same level as previous years: Institutional Full: €500; Institutional Reduced: €250; Individual Full: €75; Individual Reduced: €45; Student: €25. In addition to voting rights, reduced subscription rates for journals and more, **ATGENDER** Membership gives considerable discount on the 9th EFRC conference fee.

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5. **ATGENDER** & Women's World Congress, Hyderabad, India

During the Women's Worlds conference in Hyderabad in August 2014 **ATGENDER** was present both with an information stand at the main conference venue, which received a lot of interest and by organising a workshop on *Gender Studies & Equal Opportunities Associations: new challenges, new obstacles?*.

As people were not familiar with European gender studies and co-operation, this was an excellent opportunity to promote the Teaching Gender-series, **ATGENDER** in general and the 9th EFRC in 2015 in particular.

Over 30 people participated in our interactive workshop, and many said that it was the best event of the whole conference as there was so much room for transnational feminist exchange!

The responses to the first topic 'What does co-operation mean to you?' stressed how co-operation makes us able to do more and could challenge us in our thinking, but also that shared rules and guidelines are needed and that questions of power have to be addressed. The second topic, 'What are the (positive and negative) lessons we have learned in previous co-operations and associations?' addressed the power dynamics between small and larger organisations, the need for open-minded leadership, the breaking down of stereotypes, internal impact evaluations and the long term sustainability of programs.

Finally, we discussed the question 'Which particular feminist issues should be addressed in and through transnational co-operations, why and how?' Participants from all over the world stressed the importance of finding ways to acts in solidarity without imposing views on each other. As transnational feminists, we need to be vigilant in questioning the mechanisms that make some issues become 'hyper-visible' in international media, at the expense of other important topics. We should share 'best practices' from different contexts as an advocacy tool, but also to challenge stakeholders that claim that something is impossible or incompatible with certain religious or cultural views. Reflecting on the significance of capital flows across borders, global media, migration global consumerism, and environmental issues, it turns out that the question 'what should be addressed by transnational feminism', should be answered with a resounding 'pretty much everything'. It is rather a challenge to think of issues that would lack any transnational dimension! That's why it is so important for **ATGENDER** to connect with feminists from all over the world. So, we hope we can be present again for the next Women's World Congress in Brazil in 2017!



6. Call for Proposals Teaching with Gender Book Series

The book series *Teaching with Gender*, started by ATHENA is now sponsored by **ATGENDER**. The series has two major aims: to foster European co-operation in the field of gender studies and to promote teaching in the field of gender studies. **ATGENDER** members are entitled to publishing of approved, peer-reviewed manuscripts.



We invite members to act as prospective volume editors to submit inspiring manuscript proposals that present innovative feminist work, as has been developed in your transnational networks.

For those considering submitting a proposal, the editorial board recommends that the **ATGENDER** infrastructure be made use of, as means to further integrate their ideas with the European Network. The length of the volume should be 300.000-350.000 characters including space. It is up to the volume editors to set the lengths of the individual chapters, on the basis of the number of contributions in the proposed volume. For questions and to submit your manuscript proposals, please email: info@atgender.eu.

7. Publication of Keynote Address Prof. Dr. Alison Woodward, **ATGENDER** Spring Conference 2014

A reworked version of the opening keynote address that Prof. Dr. Alison Woodward held at the **ATGENDER** Spring Conference 'A new Agenda for gender equality policies' held at the Francesca Bonnemaïson Center, Barcelona 25-27 June 2014, which addressed the problems for academic feminism in synchronising with policy makers, will be published in the Dutch Journal for Gender Studies/Tijdschrift voor Genderstudies. The article is entitled '*Travels, triangles and transformations: Implications for new agendas in gender equality policy*' and will be published in the 2015/1 issue, together with responses from Joke Swiebel and Margit van der Steen. The journal can be accessed online here: <http://aup.publisher.ingentaconnect.com/content/aup/tgen>

8. The New **ATGENDER** Board

The board represents the wide geographical scope of the network and the different areas of research, teaching and documentation. Board members including task division for the period 2014-2016 are:

Soledad **Bravo**, Policy maker, Barcelona Provincial Government, Francesca Bonnemaïson Centre, Barcelona, Spain

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Bilijana **Kasic**, Co-leader of the Centre for Women's Studies, Zagreb, Croatia, and Professor at the University of Zadar, Department of Sociology

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- Co-treasurer, communication

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- Co-chair, conference 2015, external co-operation

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- Teaching-series, communication



Some of the members of our board, just after being elected at the Barcelona Conference 2014

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9. New Office Manager: Jessica Martinez Lima

As of February 2015, the **ATGENDER** Office in Utrecht has a new office manager: "My name is Jessica and I am

very excited to continue to contribute to **ATGENDER**, now under this new role. With a background in Political Science and Feminist political philosophy, I was an intern for **ATGENDER**, while working for other NGOs in the Human Rights field in advocacy-related positions.



As a feminist myself, I believe in the strength of **ATGENDER**, so I couldn't be happier to be on board!" **ATGENDER** thanks Lara Hager, the former office manager, for her contribution over the last year to make **ATGENDER** a successful network.

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10. Funding Application AGETA

In 2014 **ATGENDER** applied with a group of universities/gender studies centres, all **ATGENDER** members for an Erasmusplus grant. The application was not successful, but this year (April 2015) a new attempt is prepared. Utrecht University, University of Helsinki are co-applicants with **ATGENDER**, and the application is prepared by Aino-Maija Hiltunen, Edyta Just and Berteke Waaldijk. The aim is to facilitate intensive innovative exchange in development of learning and teaching in gender studies. Fingers crossed!

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