

# ATGENDER

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Dear **ATGENDER** (aspirant) members and followers,

First off, we from **ATGENDER** wish you all the best for 2016. We will continue our work in 2016 with great energy, and hopefully with your support. Our webpage atgender.eu has been renewed, and membership renewal is being made easier and faster, as suggested by the General Assembly.

**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 2016 Spring Conference that will be held in Utrecht, the Netherlands, from April 21<sup>st</sup> to April 23<sup>rd</sup>, as well as the possibility to apply for travel grants and expand your network.

In this newsletter you can discover all our recent and future activities. First of all, the next Spring conference is presented; second, you can read the reports of some of the activities that we organized or participated in last year, such as the 9<sup>th</sup> European Feminist Research Conference and the meeting we had in Vilnius with EIGE. Finally, you can find other news concerning our on-line activities and office organization.

*On behalf of the **ATGENDER** board and office,  
Sveva Magaraggia & Edyta Just  
(co-chairs)*

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**1. ATGENDER Spring Conference 2016,  
'Spaces of Feminist Learning & Teaching. Queering movements,  
translations, and dynamics.' Utrecht, April 21 – 23**

Organised by **ATGENDER** and the Graduate Gender Programme Utrecht University, the 2016 edition of the **ATGENDER** Spring conference is dedicated to

spaces of feminist learning & teaching. The focus of the conference is on teaching and learning in queer and gender studies' classrooms, broadly understood as spaces inside and outside the university, traversed by multiple urgencies and agendas and informed by complex negotiations at personal, social, economic and political levels.

The conference wants to stimulate active and reciprocal exchanges between researchers, activists, students, educators, graduates, information specialists and those professionally engaged with gender studies and feminist research. We want to address issues related to learning and teaching of gender in many possible contexts. We invite those interested in feminist debates and practices of teaching gender in and beyond Europe to join us in a series of exciting panels, workshops and other events. The conference experience will be deepened by free training sessions, a wild social program, and creative mind/body activities in the city of Utrecht.

The call for papers can be found on the ATGENDER website and below. <http://atgender.eu/files/2015/12/CfP-AtGender-SpringConference-2016-v4.pdf>

**Deadline for submission of abstracts is January 31!**

The panels are as follows:

- Activisms inside/outside the classrooms
- Teaching gender in Asian spaces
- Feminist fairy tales
- The (im)possibility of safe(r) spaces
- Teaching the public
- Organizing against the war on "gender ideology"
- Teaching postcolonial Europe from feminist and queer perspectives
- Thinking about futures (career workshop)
- New feminist materialisms with/in education
- Sharing gender knowledge between secondary and higher education
- The body of migrant women in Europe
- Translating gender – textbooks and introductions
- Learning/teaching – about/with – invisible illnesses



We hope to provide a platform for the contributions of many **ATGENDER** members! If you become **ATGENDER** member, your conference fee will be reduced from €200 to €100 or (students and unemployed graduates) €50. There are also travel grants available for presenters – you can apply while you submit your abstract for the conference!

Remember that institutions that are part of **ATGENDER** can grant to up to three people the same rights as any individual member (i.e., reduced fee for

conference, 1 copy of our latest publication, 1 vote at our General Assembly, etc.). So, convince your institution to become member of **ATGENDER** for 2016 too!

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## 2. Join us on **ATGENDER** Listserv

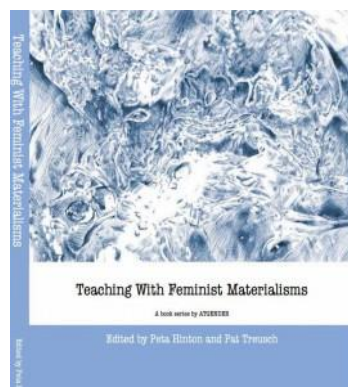
**ATGENDER** will soon be launching a new electronic mailing list (Listserv **ATGENDER**) to eventually replace our weekly newsletter as this allows more interactive exchange. Such mailing list allows everyone to also share calls for articles, vacancies, conference calls etc. with everyone else on the list, rather than only receive news from our side. We hope that you join us on this communication platform! We kindly ask you to suggest the listserv to your friends and colleagues.

We will launch the Listserv in the beginning of February. You will find instructions on how to join the listserv in the Weekly news, and you will also automatically receive an invitation to join. Of course, the new electronic mailing list also allows you to unsubscribe yourself at any time.

When the listserv is running the weekly news will eventually be closed. **ATGENDER** will continue to share relevant news through the new Listserv. Remember that you can also 'like' our active open group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/atgender/> or follow us on Twitter.

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## 3. *Teaching with Feminist Materialisms* is now available online!



We are pleased to announce that *Teaching with Feminist Materialisms* (2015), the latest volume of **ATGENDER**'s *Teaching with Gender* book series, is now available for (free) download from the **ATGENDER** website. *Teaching with Feminist Materialisms* is edited by Peta Hinton and Pat Treusch and maps European feminist materialisms across a diversity of classrooms, demonstrating the contribution these current approaches make in thinking and transforming pedagogical praxis. As a growing and wide-spanning field of research, teaching, and collaboration, feminist materialisms are taking up increasing space in our pedagogical settings, especially in queer and feminist classrooms. Whether as a theoretical topic, as a methodological strategy for conducting research, or in developing learning tools, feminist materialisms work

to foreground the complex forms of relation and accountability that mark processes of inquiry, and to re-imagine the already innovative feminist classroom experience. A strong part of this contribution of feminist materialisms is the turn to the very materialities at play in knowledge production, and as these take into account the intrinsically entangled human and more than human actors that operate in and alongside the classroom, and the bodies, spaces, practices and knowledges co-produced there.

An article about the book is also featured in the Feminist and Women's Studies Association's (FWSA) newsletter! Go to this link to see the article and download the book: <http://atgender.eu/atgender-is-featured-in-the-fwsa-newsletter/>

Hard copies of the book can be ordered from [info@atgender.eu](mailto:info@atgender.eu)

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#### 4. News from the **ATGENDER's** office

Last November, Jessica Martinez Lima left **ATGENDER** to prepare for a new adventure in Slovenia where she will join an Erasmus + EVS project for a year. As Jessica has done great work for the office, we were sad to let her go, but excited for the new opportunities that await her. We wish her all the best in the future! We are pleased to announce that the **ATGENDER** office in Utrecht is now in the capable hands of office manager Adriano Habed. He is helped at the moment by our new intern Melissa Evora, They will present themselves below:

"I first encountered **ATGENDER** when I participated in the European Feminist Research Conference in Budapest during my studies in Philosophy at Radboud



University. I became office intern in 2014, when the Barcelona Spring Conference was held. I've always wished to combine my 'theoretical' interests in feminist theory with a more practical activity, so let me thank the **ATGENDER** board and you all for granting me this opportunity."



"My name is Melissa and I'm currently doing a Master's course in Sociology, within the Gender, Sexuality & Society track at the University of Amsterdam. I enjoy reading and writing and one day I hope to singlehandedly crush patriarchy."

## 5. **ATGENDER** meets EIGE



How to strengthen cooperation between European policy institutions, academia and feminist activism in Europe? **ATGENDER** tried to explore that question - and identify opportunities for further engagement - during a meeting in Vilnius (17-18 November 2015) with EIGE (European Institute of Gender Equality). EIGE presented their data, statistics, and resources and together we addressed

feminist collaboration involving academia and civil society in order to learn from one another.

**ATGENDER** also contributed to the EIGE Expert's meeting on Women and poverty, and listened to the interesting inputs and insights from other delegates. Thanks EIGE for hosting us and for the constructive discussion! To be continued in the near future to further identify best ways of cooperation, detect effective communication tools and channels, and discuss new modes of engagement.

### **Join the EuroGender platform!**

EuroGender (<http://eurogender.eige.europa.eu/>) is EIGE's main consultation platform as well as a collaboration platform that allows all of its 10.000 users to exchange resources, knowledge and good practices on gender equality. It brings together decision-makers, practitioners, researchers and experts from all EU Member States and institutions. EuroGender allows you/your organisation to:

- access reports of previous online discussions or register to take part in the upcoming ones;
- find partners for projects and connect with gender experts from all over the world;
- update the EuroGender community on your work (publications, films, photographs, etc) and post news on gender equality developments in your country;
- promote your gender equality projects using EuroGender tools, through online discussions;
- share, like, comment, engage and dialogue using social media tools.

**Check the latest vacancies at EIGE** (<http://eige.europa.eu/about-eige/recruitment>)





## 6. 9<sup>th</sup> European Feminist Research Conference 'Sex and Capital', June 2015

Over 300 visitors from 34 countries participated in the 9th European Feminist Research Conference in Rovaniemi, Finland, 3–6 June 2015. The theme of the conference was 'Sex & Capital' and the topics included the role of feminism in the economic crisis, engaging with recent feminist thinking on gender politics, economics and futures. Conference delegates discussed questions such as: 'What are the different, sexualized forms of capital?' 'What are the gendered dynamics and outcomes of barefaced capitalism?' and 'How should we understand and reconceptualise material realities, embodiment and subjectivities?' Researchers and professors, a lot of young PhD and other students, brilliant key note speakers and a fantastic academic and social program under the Northern sun ensured a great success of the Conference.

The Conference was organised by **ATGENDER** together with the University of Lapland. The Conference was the occasion to meet feminist colleagues around the world, create new networks and discuss current issues concerning research, study, teaching, information, and activism. There was a great diversity among the participants, both geographically and in age.



## 7. Announcements

In addition to our Weekly news, to which you can subscribe via our [website and the soon to be launched Listserv](#), please join our [Facebook page](#) to access all special announcements and conference news.

We want to invite all of the **ATGENDER** members to actively participate in the circulation of feminist and gender events. If you want us to include something in our weekly news mailing, please send your suggestions via email to our office ([info@atgender.eu](mailto:info@atgender.eu)) with "Weekly" in the subject line. From February, once the Listserv is launched, you can just send your news to the Listserv address. We look forward to hearing from you!



## 12. Board Members

Soledad Bravo, Dasa Duhacek, Maria Grönroos, Aino-Maija Hiltunen, Sara de Jong, Edyta Just, Bilijana Kašić, Sveva Magaraggia, Rasa Navickaite, Beatriz Revelles Benavente, Giovanna Vingelli.

### Membership Benefits

INSTITUTIONAL Members	INDIVIDUAL and STUDENT Members
are entitled to:	
<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 Utrecht Spring Conference;</li><li>● Publication in Teaching with Gender Series and three free copies of a volume of your choice;</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 through <b>ATGENDER</b> network (website, newsletter, weekly news, and soon-to-be-launched Listserv).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● One vote at the <b>ATGENDER</b> Annual General Meeting;</li><li>● One reduced registration fee for the Utrecht Spring Conference;</li><li>● Publication in Teaching with Gender Series and one free copy of a volume of your choice;</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 through <b>ATGENDER</b> network (website, newsletter, weekly news, and soon-to-be-launched Listserv).</li></ul>

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