Anti-discrimination policies of the EU contribute to an institutionalization of Gender and Diversity Studies and interact with legal, political, societal and economic factors which shape the academic and practical fields. Pressure towards the de-regulation of economy, the reduction of welfare state institutions, increased requirements of mobility for individuals and, at the same time, stronger regulations of migration have an impact on research and theory development in the field of Gender and Diversity Studies. While certain rights and anti-discrimination policies are being strengthened within the EU, and while inner borders between member states dissolve, external borders are simultaneously being enforced. Taking these processes, as well as social and political changes in different European and border regions into account; the state of the art as well as future perspectives of Gender and Diversity Studies will be debated from multiple European / border perspectives.

What concepts of ‘gender’ and ‘diversity’ emerge in the different regions and fields of studies? The international conference examines the development of Gender and Diversity Studies in different European regions as well as beyond and focuses on central fields of theoretical reflection, empirical research and practical implementation:

- anti-discrimination law and policies
- social movements and politics
- work and organizations
- higher education and the sciences
- intersectionality

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Program of the Conference

Thursday, 8th of January
13:30h-14:30h Arrival and Registration

14:30h-15:00h Welcome (room 01 01 002)
Organizers
Prof. Dr. Ingrid Jungwirth / Prof. Dr. Carola Bauschke-Urban / Dr. Caterina Rohde

Welcome Speeches
Prof. Dr. Marie-Luise Klotsz (President, Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences)
Joachim Schmidt (Deputy Mayor of the city of Kleve)
Prof. Dr. Hasan Alkas (Dean of the Faculty Society and Economics)
Prof. Dr. Willy Jansen (Director of the Institute for Gender Studies, Radboud University Nijmegen)

15:00h-16:00h Keynote Speech (room 01 01 002)
Prof. Dr. Elena Zdravomyslova (European University, St. Petersburg):
Discourse of moral crisis and conservative mobilization in Russia: gender issues

16:00h-16:30h Coffee Break

16:30h-19:00h Panel: Antidiscrimination Law and Policies (room 01 01 002)
Dr. Anna van der Vleuten (Radboud University Nijmegen):
Logics and geometries: Understanding the impact of EU gender equality policies and politics
Dr. Zeynep Usal (Koç University Law School, Istanbul):
After a decade of accession negotiations: Turkey’s EU compatibility check
Prof. Dr. Ute Klammer (University of Duisburg-Essen):
Harmonizing member states’ gender equality policies via policy programmes as an EU soft law tool

11:00h-12:00h Keynote Speech (room 01 01 002)
Dr. Heike Mensi-Klarbach (Vienna University of Economics and Business):
The rise of the business case of diversity management - where have ethical issues gone?

12:00h-13:00h Lunch (Mensa)

13:00h-15:30h Panel: Work and Organizations: Between Egaliitarianism and Economic Discourse (room 01 01 002)

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Prof. Dr. Ilse Lenz (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

14:00h-16:00h Exhibition Visit
Conference Event: Visit Museum Schloss Moyland (Joseph Beuys Exhibition)
13:30h Joint Departure to Moyland Castle
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Friday, 9th of January
09:00h-10:30h Panel: Gender and Diversity Politics and Social Movements (room 01 01 002)
Dr. Katarzyna Wojnicka (Dissens e.V., Berlin):
Men and gender equality in European politics
Prof. Dr. Elena Zdravomyslova (European University, St. Petersburg):
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10:00h-11:45h Panel: Gender and Diversity Studies from Intersectional Perspectives (room 01 01 006)
Prof. Dr. Ilse Lenz (Ruhr-Universität Bochum):
Gendered Mobilities. Educational pathways of students from postcolonial spaces
Dr. Sabine Lorenz-Schmidt (Geneva/Switzerland) - in collaboration with
Helena Pettersson (Umeå University) & Kerstin Sandell (Lund University):
Academic mobility – disrupted lives: the postdoctoral career step in an international 'Big Science' research facility

11:45h-12:00h Coffee Break

12:00h-12:45h Concluding Discussion and Farewell (room 01 01 006)
Discussants Prof. Dr. Veronica Vasterling and Prof. Dr. Eva Maria Hinterhuber

12:45h-13:30h Farewell Snack

Saturday, 10th of January
08:30h Morning Coffee
09:00h-10:00h Keynote Speech (room 01 01 006)
Prof. Dr. Ana Petö (Central European University, Budapest):
Tuning gender studies in Europe-state of the art and challenges?
Dr. Inge Bleijenbergh (Radboud University Nijmegen):
Research on gender and diversity from critical perspectives: an international exploration
Prof. Dr. Heike Helen Weinbach (Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences):
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