

Transforming Gender Orders: Intersections of Care, Family and Migration

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This conference takes up the controversies about the transformation of gender relations in the course of globalization processes and strives for a discussion from new perspectives. Drawing on the work of R. Connell gender orders refer to historically constructed patterns of power relations between men and women (not only as subjects, but also in the social arrangements of masculinity and femininity) which are mediated and institutionalized via distinctions and relations. We seek to analyze both the normative and symbolic aspects of these relations and the social and cultural codings and the spaces of action of relations between the genders *and* within one of the gender groups. Modernization theorists argue that hegemonic and patriarchal orders are increasingly weakening and will disappear altogether. The transnational perspective, which will be the main focus of this conference's debates, rejects the belief in a unilinear process from a patriarchal to an emancipatory order. Our starting point is that in the transnational context contradictory developments can be observed in changing gender orders. We describe the outcome of these tendencies as coexistence between *re*-traditionalization and *de*-traditionalization, together with the emergence of new regimes of justification and new semantics of legitimation. This conference investigates the transformation of gender orders in transnational space. We are concerned with social, political, economic, and cultural relations and forms of integration which traverse the borders of nation states. Nation states are not (or no longer) the most important frames of reference for gender norms and codings. Nonetheless, as a long-lasting matrix, their actions continue to have an effect on people's lives.

The conference is organized in four panels covering three main areas: *care, family, and migration*. These provide the background against which we pose the question of whether

gender relations and orders are shifting, how they are shifting and in what direction.

For the purposes of this conference intersectionality, as a way of establishing connections between various lines of difference, functions as a cross-cutting perspective which makes an appearance in each of the issue areas to which a panel is devoted.

Preliminary programme

Wednesday, 18 January 2012. 18.00-20.00

Welcome: *Prof. Dr. Ulla Wischermann* (executive director CGC)

Opening Keynote Lecture: Intersections of Care, Family and Migration – transformations of gender relations

Prof. Dr. Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo (University of Southern California)

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Helma Lutz* (CGC)

Thursday, 19 January 2012

Panel I: Changes in the Welfare State – Changes in Care Regimes

This introductory panel brings together research perspectives on migration, gender and the welfare state. We focus on the question of the effects of changes in welfare state structures on gender orders, care work, and care deficits in the family and in society, and ask which migration processes are set in motion or maintained in this way.

Session 1:10.00-12.00

Prof. Dr. Birgit Pfau-Effinger, The role of migrants' care work in different types of gender arrangement (University of Hamburg)

Prof. Dr. Fiona Williams, Intersectionality and geo-politics in the analysis of migrant care and domestic labour in Europe (University of Leeds)

Prof. Dr. Sonya Michel, State Compliance and Complicity? A Liberal Care Regime and Anti-Immigration Forces in the United States (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.)

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Sigrid Roßteutscher* (CGC); Discussant: *Dr. Nicola Piper* (University of

Freiburg)

12.00-13.30 Lunch

Session 2:13.30-15.30

Prof. Dr. Sarah van Walsum, Exploring the dynamic between labour migration law and the labour rights of domestic workers. A comparative perspective (VU Amsterdam)

Prof. Dr. Lise Widding Isaksen, Nordic Care- and Gender Regimes: Between Old Dependencies and New “Independencies”? (University of Bergen, Norway)

Prof. Dr. Eleonore Kofman, Caring Professions, Welfare and Immigration Regimes in Europe (Middlesex University, London)

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Ute Sacksofsky (CGC)*; Discussant: *Prof. Dr. Kirsten Scheiwe (Uni. Hildesheim)*

15.30-16.00 Break

Panel II: *The Role of Women in Maintaining and Reproducing Repressive Gender Orders*

This panel will examine the question of why and how women contribute (actively and/or passively) to the maintenance and reproduction of gender orders. Questions such as these become particularly urgent in periods of radical social, political, and economic change, for example in times of war, displacement, or economic crisis when the kind and volume of resources available to women and men change significantly.

Session 3:16.00-18.00

Prof. Dr. Anna C. Korteweg, Representations of Mothers in Media Reporting on Honour Killing: Racialization and the Reinforcement of the Dominant Gender Order (University of Toronto)

Dr. Alice Szczepanikova, When Gender Order Comes under Strain: Chechen Refugee Women in Europe (Goethe University, Frankfurt)

Prof. Dr. Mirjana Morokvasic-Müller, Relying on Gender Order and Challenging it from Within (Université Paris Ouest – Nanterre la Défense)

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Uta Ruppert (CGC)*; Discussant: *Prof. Dr. Ilse Lenz (Ruhr University, Bochum)*

18.30 Dinner reception for all Participants

Friday, 20 January 2012

Panel III: The Role of Men in the Transnational Division of Domestic Work

In this panel, we analyse the role of men in the framework of research on “global care chains”. We ask how and why male domestic work in receiving countries is being outsourced to migrants and which outcomes this has in terms of gendered and intergenerational relations as well as work life balance for both employers and migrant handymen.

Session 4: 9.00 -11.00

Dr. Rosie Cox, Gender identity/ national identity: Narratives of home repairs and being a ‘good Kiwi bloke’ (Birkbeck College, University of London)

Dr. Majella Kilkey, Gender Orders in a Divided Europe: Towards an international division of male domestic work (University of Sheffield)

Dr. Francesca Scrinzi (University of Glasgow and CNRS, Paris) & Dr. Ester Gallo (University of Edinburgh), Men of the Home - Interrogating Masculinity in the International Division of Care

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Heather Hofmeister (Goethe University Frankfurt); Discussant: Prof. Dr. Sabine Hess (University of Göttingen)*

11.00-11.15 Short break

Panel IV: Change and Continuity in Intra-family Relations in the Migration Process: Transnational Motherhood and the Families Left Behind

This panel investigates the ways in which migration changes relations between the genders and generations. What care arrangements emerge in the migratory contexts? How are public discourses about motherhood at a distance and “abandoned orphans” in the sending countries constructed?

Session 5: 11.15-13.15

Prof. Dr. Helma Lutz & Dr. Ewa Palenga-Möllenbeck, The Care Curtain of Europe. The Global Care Chain Concept from a European Perspective (Goethe University, Frankfurt)

Prof. Dr. Oded Stark, Gender differentiation in care giving within the family, and migration outcomes: a hypothesis (Universities of Klagenfurt, Bonn, Vienna and Warsaw)

Dr. Bartłomiej Walczak, Parental Roles in the Transnational Family: Transformation or Hibernation? (University of Warsaw)

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Susanne Opfermann* (CGC); Discussant: *Prof. Dr. Ursula Apitzsch* (CGC, Frankfurt)

13.15-14.15 Lunch

Session 6: 14.15-15.45

Dr. Cinzia Solari, Between “Europe” and “Africa”: Building the New Ukraine on the Shoulders of Migrant Women (University of Massachusetts, Boston)

Dr. Kyoko Shinozaki, In the Absence of Mothers: Fathers' On-Site Parenting in the Global Care Chains and their Dependent Migration from the Philippines to Germany (Goethe University, Frankfurt)

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Kira Kosnick* (CGC); Discussant: *Dr. Dobrochna Kalwa* (Jagiellonian University, Cracow)

Final remarks: 15.45-16.00