Opening Conference of the ZiF Research Group Global Contestations of Women’s and Gender Rights

Mapping Women’s and Gender Rights as a Globally Contested Arena

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Wednesday – 7 October

14:00 * Welcome Address by Véronique Zanetti (Executive Director of ZiF) and Opening Remarks by the Convenors of the Research Group

15:00 Keynote
Elisabeth Holzleithner (Vienna, Austria): Global Contestations of Gender Equality and Queer Rights – Perspectives from Legal Philosophy

16:15 – Coffee, Tea & Cake Break –

16:45 Panel I: How and Why is Gender Equality Questioned?
Andrea Pető (Budapest, Hungary / Vienna, Austria): How did Gender Become a Symbolic Glue and What are the Consequences for Progressive Actors?

Verónica Schild (London, Canada): Gender Rights in Chile’s Enriched Market Society: A Neoliberal Moral Project in Crisis?

Comment: Ina Kerner (Koblenz, Germany)

18:30 – Dinner at ZiF –
THURSDAY – 8 OCTOBER

09:00  
**Keynote**  
Emilia Roig (Berlin, Germany): *Current Challenges for Intersectional Justice from a Global Perspective*  

**Comment**: José Manuel Barreto Soler (Bogotá, Colombia)

10:30  
– Coffee & Tea Break –

11:00  
**Panel II: Citizenship as Analytical Lens and a Mobilizing Tool for Contestations – Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Rights**  
Stefania Maffeis (Berlin, Germany): *Feminist Perspectives on Migration and Transnational Citizenship*  
Noya Rimalt (Haifa, Israel): *In Search of a Stronger Defense of Abortion Rights: Reconceptualizing Abortion as a Man’s Rights*  

**Comment**: Karsten Schubert (Freiburg, Germany)

12:30  
– Lunch –

14:00  
**Panel III: Contestations of Equality and the Reconfiguration of Inequalities in the Gendered Division of Labour – Continuities and Changes at the Local and the Global Level**  
Cornelia Klinger (Tübingen, Germany): *From the Dual Sphere to the Double Shift or, from the Idle Housewife to Bullshit-Jobs or, from Exclusion to Exploitation in the Dimensions of Gender and Class*  
Martina Sproll (Berlin, Germany): *Global Production Cycles and Gender Inequalities*  

**Comment**: Ania Plomien (London, UK)

15:30  
– Coffee, Tea & Cake Break –

16:00  
**Round-Table: Women’s and Gender Rights in Neo-Liberal Times**  
Birgit Sauer (Vienna, Austria), Verónica Schild (London, Canada), Amy Mazur (Pullman, USA), Ligia Fabris Campos (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), Nasar Meer (Edinburgh, UK), Onyinyechukwu Durueke (Port Harcourt, Nigeria), Brenda K. Kombo (Bloemfontein, South Africa)  

**Chair**: Karina Theurer (Berlin, Germany)

18:00  
– Dinner at ZiF –
FRIDAY – 9 OCTOBER

09:00
Panel IV: Contested Religion – Religion(s) as Contestations of Rights

Keynote
Heiner Bielefeldt (Erlangen, Germany): *The Difficult Search for Synergies: Using Religious Freedom for Promoting Gender Justice*


10:30 – Coffee & Tea Break –

11:00
Panel V: Tension Between Secular and Religious Notions

Fatima Sadiqi (Fez, Morocco): *Women’s Movements before the Arab Spring in North Africa*

Shirin Zubair (Lahore, Pakistan): *Beyond the Binarism of Secular and Islamic Feminisms in Pakistan: Challenging the Dominant Gender Narratives through the Aurat March*

Comment: Viola Raheb (Vienna, Austria / Bethlehem, Palestine)

12:30
Research Perspectives and Concluding Remarks

Convenors of the Research Group

13:00
Farewell Lunch / Departure

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