

Göttingen Centre for Gender Studies (GCG) Summer Symposium

Reconsidering gender-based violence in the context of displacement and migration 6th & 7th July 2017



Symposium convened by the guest professors of the Network Gender and Migration @ Lower Saxony
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Location:
Paulinerkirche (Historical Building) / Vortragsraum (Lecture Hall), Papendiek 14, 37073 Göttingen

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The Göttingen Centre for Gender Studies (GCG) invites to the 2017 Summer Symposium Reconsidering gender-based violence in the context of displacement and migration. Gender-based violence has been a critical part of the project of feminism. While grassroots activism played a key role in raising consciousness and mobilising support and resources to challenge violence against women and other vulnerable groups, recent processes of displacement and international migration have led to an intricate collusion between anti-violence activism and state agendas of border control and migration management. This symposium will reconsider gender-based violence in the context of internal displacement and international migration across different regional and cultural contexts. Central to our analysis of gender-based violence will be to caution against reproducing stereotypes of victimhood and marginalisation. Instead, we are interested in exploring the role of power in different forms of gender violence, as well as scrutinising the complex inequalities that form the basis of victims' lives through an intersectional approach to gender violence. We contend that gender violence must be considered, firstly, in the context of governance structures and border regimes that produce exclusion and vulnerability, and secondly, in conjunction with discourses about internally displaced persons, migrants and refugees that are gendered, classed and racialised, as well as entwined with global inequalities of power. Regarding the definitions and meanings of violence as discursively produced by societies and representing sites of continuous struggle, we also want to examine the changes of understandings and cultural, political and legal codifications of gender violence in the context of human mobility. Among other topics, we will discuss the following: 1) state violence and the violent effects of border regimes, 2) masculinities and gender violence, 3) violence against LGBT populations and displacement, 4) processes of institutionalisation and professionalisation of violence in transit migration, 5) culturalisation and instrumentalisation of gender violence in policy-making contexts.

Talks and discussions will be in English.

Invited speakers:

Umut Ezgi Bozbağ, Akdeniz University, Turkey, Samia Dinkelaker, University of Osnabrück, Prof. Jane Freedman, Paris University 8, France, Dr. Nina Held, University of Sussex, UK, Prof. Sabine Hess, Georg-August University Göttingen, Güler Ince, Mimar Sinan University, Turkey, Dr. Ulrike Krause, University of Marburg, Dr. Ulrike Lingen-Ali, University of Oldenburg, Assoc. Prof. Cecilia Menjivar, University of Kansas, USA, Sanem Öztürk, Marmara University, Turkey, Fadi Saleh, University of Göttingen, Ursula Santa Cruz, Workshop of Critical Transfeminist Antiracist Combative Interventions (t.i.c.t.a.c.), Spain, Dr. Ailsa Winton, ECOSUR-Tapachula, Mexico, Tebessüm Yılmaz, Istanbul University and Tübingen University