

Seminarhaus MEVENTUM Berlin
Triftstr. 67 (near Genter Str.)
D - 13353 Berlin

Program

Fr 02.07.2010

16:00-18:00

Welcome and introduction:

Dörte Segebart

(Freie Universität Berlin, Inst. of Geographical Sc.)

Keynote speech:

Cathy McIlwaine

(Queen Mary, University of London, Dep. of Geography)

'Multi-scalar interpretations of the gendered continuum of violence' reflections from Colombia and Guatemala
- followed by discussion

Keynote speech:

Claudia von Braunmühl

(Freie Universität Berlin, Inst. of Political Sc.)

'Gender and Conflict'

- followed by discussion

Coffee break

18:00-18:30

Panel discussion:

'Interdisciplinary research on gender and conflict. What do we need? Where do we meet?'

Panelists:

Cathy McIlwaine,

Claudia von Braunmühl,

Elisabeth Bäschlin

(University of Bern, Dep. of Geography)

Moderation:

Dörte Segebart

Cocktail & get-together

20:00

Sa 03.07.2010

9:00-09:15

Welcome - **Dörte Segebart**

9:15-09:55

Lecture 1 - **Elisabeth Bäschlin**

(University of Bern, Dep. of Geography)

'Changing Gender Relations in the Society of Saharawi Refugee Camps - Resistances and Persistence'
- followed by discussion

9:55-10:35

Lecture 2 - **Simone Rettberg**

(University of Bayreuth, Inst. of Geographical Sc.)

'Gendered livelihood pathways under conditions of chronic conflict: the Afar pastoralists of North-east Ethiopia'
- followed by discussion

10:35-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-11:40

Lecture 3 - **Corinna Gayer**

(Freie Universität Berlin, Inst. of Political Sc. (OSI))

'Gendered Intractability'

- followed by discussion

11:40-12:20

Lecture 4 - **Mary Beth Wilson**

(Freie Universität Berlin, Inst. of Geographical Sc.)

'Gender & Human Security in Afghanistan'

- followed by discussion

12:30-13:30

Lunch

13:30-14:10

Lecture 5 - **Rita Schäfer**

(Social Anthropologist, Independent Researcher & Consultant for Development Organisations)

'Masculinities in war and post-conflict societies in Africa'
- followed by discussion

14:10-14:50

Lecture 6 - **Gabriele Zdunnek**

(Freie Universität Berlin, Inst. of Geographical Sc.)

'Gender and conflict prevention'

- followed by discussion

14:50-15:15

Coffee break

15:15-17:15

Panel discussion:

'Interactions between research and politics on gender and conflicts - challenges, potentials, limits.'

Panelists:

Claudia von Braunmühl,

Cathy McIlwaine,

Rita Schäfer,

Moderation:

Dörte Segebart

End of conference / departure

17:15



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Conference - Gender and Conflict Perspectives from Geographical Research

Conflicts have an impact on gender relations: they can reinforce or invigorate traditional patterns and alter or dissolve existing gender relations. Depending on the conflict phase, conflict situation and the degree and dimension of violence, they may also oscillate between these manifestations. The relationship with space is also changed along with these, while a change of living environment (e.g. the destruction of built environment, loss of essential infrastructure, changes in family composition and of social networks, physical threat, necessity of a relocation of residence) can alter societal, family or individual gender relations, for example in terms of gender division of labour and key norms and values.

The links between gender and conflict, violence or war relate not only to women but also to men. Subject areas are diverse and complex, and include:

- Changes of gender relations and roles as well as of vulnerability in regard to situations of conflict escalation, open conflict, during flight, life in refugee camps, in situations involving migration and diaspora, and in the reconstruction phase
- Exposure of individuals or their relatives to physical, psychological and symbolic violence (e.g. military service, forced recruitment, torture, sexual abuse, forced prostitution and sexual exploitation, deprivation)
- The construction and deconstruction of gender images (e.g. women as victims and men as aggressors)

- Changes in gender-specific access to allocations and authoritative resources leading to changes in action spaces and scopes of action
- Gender-specific effects of a loss of protection from violence due to the deterioration of social values, social networks, and a protective infrastructure

Apart from changes in spatial usages, conflict situations tend to cause boundary violations in material, social, psychological or symbolic spaces, while new social, psychological and material transition spaces emerge and everyday or longer-term patterns of mobility change.

Geographical research offers different approaches for analyzing this range of topics. Political geography, geographical conflict research and gender research, all have different conceptual orientations, different starting points, concepts and theories, and also different methods for addressing the field of conflict and gender.

This conference encourages the exchange of different perspectives on this subject, especially those related to the field of geography, and will also examine the compatibilities of geographical approaches with research on conflict and gender from other disciplines. The focus of the conference is the presentation of current research results, discussion of theoretical approaches and concepts – including concepts and strategies in development cooperation – and exploration of further relevant questions as well as the analysis of and reflection upon applied methods of research that are suitable for the sensitive research activities in the context of conflict and gender.

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