

Call for Papers



Rethinking Knowledge Regimes: Solidarities &

Contestations

We invite researchers, scholars and practitioners to participate in g19 – the biennial Swedish conference for gender studies, titled *Rethinking Knowledge Regimes*. The conference seeks to bring together the broad and interdisciplinary field that constitutes gender studies in Sweden today. It addresses the current societal challenges at both local and global levels and enquires about how gender studies can contribute to analysing the major events in the contemporary world. The conference aims at stimulating cooperation among researchers from various academic disciplines and targets scholars, students, practitioners and activists.

Feminist and other critical scholars have contributed to rethinking knowledge regimes and diversifying knowledge production in a variety of ways. Examples of how knowledge regimes can be contested and rethought include women's studies questioning androcentrism in science, trans*- and queer studies discussing the gender/sex division, the expansion of feminist epistemologies or decolonial feminist critique. The g19 conference invites the participants to initiate a broad rethinking of knowledge regimes and institutions, encompassing a variety of issues and research fields. We also invite presentations on rethinking of academic life, epistemological asymmetries and challenges and pre-conditions for gender studies.

In addition, we would like to stimulate critical researchers from all disciplines and beyond to consider how today's political, social and environmental situations call for our attention and incite us to take action. The theme of the conference invites us to think together how feminist and other critical scholars can resist and rework dominant modes of knowledge production and mobilise for solidarities. The conference title – *Rethinking Knowledge Regimes* – refers to multiple aspects of knowledge production, such as travelling of concepts between scholars and schools of thought, different political subjects and organisations; ideological competition on the use of "proper knowledge", the geopolitics and corpo-politics of knowledge, stemming from the question of who is entitled to produce knowledge or what can be seen as a problem worth researching.

The current rise of populism and social conservatism that we are observing, not only in Europe but all over the world, feeds on fears of migration, economic instability and anxiety about gender relations and sexuality. As part of these conservative movements, attacks on feminist and other critical strands of thought are becoming increasingly widespread. While such attacks are not a new phenomenon, the recent emergence of "alternative facts" and increasing bashing of critical thinking and scholarly research in the humanities and social sciences and particularly in gender studies mark a new phase, strengthening – or in some cases establishing – new regimes of oppression. These regimes range from personal offences of scholars, professionals and activists to cutting funding for research on gender and sexuality and attempts to de-legitimise gender studies as an entirely ideologically driven area.

At the same time, feminist and other critical strands of research are more urgent than ever. There are many examples of how social and political movements are striking back against conservatism, racism, violence against women and queer people and exploitation of humans, animals and nature. Research communities both affect and are affected by these contestations. The power asymmetry among the global economies, the increasing dispensability of human and other lives, climate change and the growing war industrial complex require our immediate response in the forms of knowledge production, activism, solidarities and contestations. The conference seeks specifically to revitalise the concepts of solidarity and contestation, reconnecting them with the realm of knowledge production, discussing how they come into practice and critically scrutinising their usage. Our ambition is to connect different agents engaging with the interdisciplinary field of feminist and other critical strands of knowledge production in academia and beyond.

Your contributions will make this conference possible. Therefore, we invite you to apply with panel sessions, open debates, individual paper presentations, round table discussions, performances, workshops or any other types of knowledge dissemination and representation. Participants from all over the world are welcome to contribute. The conference language will be English, yet presentations in Swedish and other Scandinavian languages are also possible.

Submit your abstract

Please submit your abstract (max. 300 words) using www.genus.se/g19 by January 7th.