



January 18-20 2012

## International Conference

# Transforming Gender Orders

## Intersections of Care, Family and Migration

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.



# Programme

**Wednesday, 18th January 2012**

🕒 18:00-20:00

*Welcome*

**Prof. Dr. Ulla Wischermann**, Executive Director, Cornelia Goethe Centre

**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, Cornelia Goethe Centre

**Thursday, 19th January 2012**

**Panel I**

**Changes in the Welfare State - Changes in Care Regimes**

🕒 10:00-12:00

**Session 1**

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.

**Prof. Dr. Birgit Pfau-Effinger**, University of Hamburg

*The role of migrants' care work in different types of gender arrangement.*

**Prof. Dr. Fiona Williams**, University of Leeds

*Intersectionality and geo-politics in the analysis of migrant care and domestic labour in Europe.*

**Prof. Dr. Sonya Michel**, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.

*State Compliance and Complicity?*

*A Liberal Care Regime and Anti-Immigration Forces in the United States.*

**Chair:** Prof. Dr. Sigrid Roßteutscher, Cornelia Goethe Centre

**Discussant:** Dr. Majella Kilkey, University of Sheffield

🕒 12:00-13.30

**Lunch**

🕒 13:30-15:30

Session 2

**Prof. Dr. Sarah van Walsum**, VU Amsterdam

*Exploring the dynamic between labour migration law and the labour rights of domestic workers. A comparative perspective.*

**Prof. Dr. Lise Widding Isaksen**, University of Bergen

*Modernization, Gender and Equality:*

*The Moral Economy of Domestic Work in Norway and Russia*

**Prof. Dr. Eleonore Kofman**, Middlesex University, London

*Caring Professions, Welfare and Immigration Regimes in Europe.*

**Chair:** Prof. Dr. Ute Sacksofsky, Cornelia Goethe Centre

**Discussant:** Prof. Dr. Kirsten Scheiwe, University of Hildesheim

🕒 15:30-16:00

Break

Panel II

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

🕒 16:00-18:00

Session 3

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.

**Prof. Dr. Anna C. Korteweg**, University of Toronto

*Representations of Mothers in Media Reporting on Honour Killing: Racialization and the Reinforcement of the Dominant Gender Order.*

**Dr. Alice Szczepanikova**, Goethe University, Frankfurt

*When Gender Order Comes under Strain: Chechen Refugee Women in Europe.*

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

**Chair:** Prof. Dr. Kirsten Scheiwe, University of Hildesheim

**Discussant:** Prof. Dr. Sabine Hess, University of Göttingen

🕒 18:30

Dinner Reception for all Participants

🕒 19:30

Screening of the documentary *“Promise and Unrest”* with the introduction and talk with the director **Alan Grossman**

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**Friday, 20th January 2012**

Panel III

**The Role of Men in the Transnational Division of Domestic Work**

🕒 9:00-11:00

Session 4

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.

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

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

**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. Ilse Lenz, Ruhr University, Bochum

🕒 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**

🕒 11:15-13:15  
**Session 5**

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?

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

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

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

**Chair:** Prof. Dr. Susanne Opfermann, Cornelia Goethe Centre  
**Discussant:** Prof. Dr. Ursula Apitzsch, Cornelia Goethe Centre

🕒 13:15-14.15 **Lunch**

🕒 14:15-15:45  
**Session 6**

**Dr. Cinzia Solari**, University of Massachusetts, Boston  
*State Constructions of Migrant Careworkers in Ukraine: A comparative analysis.*

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

**Chair:** Prof. Dr. Kira Kosnick, Cornelia Goethe Centre  
**Discussant:** Dr. Dobrochna Kalwa, Jagiellonian University, Cracow

🕒 15:45-16.00 **Final remarks**



## Organizers

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## Registration

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**Registration closing date:** January 9, 2012

## Venue

**Goethe University Frankfurt am Main**

Campus Westend, Casino, Room 1.801

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60325 Frankfurt am Main

## Arrival

### ✈ From Frankfurt Airport

At Frankfurt Airport **Regionalbahnhof** take **S** 8/9 (Direction Hanau), get off at **Konstablerwache**, then change to **BUS** 36 (Direction Westbahnhof) and get off at **Uni Campus Westend**.

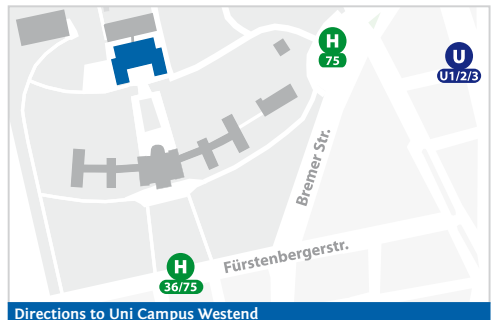
### 🚆 From Frankfurt Hbf (central railway station)

At Frankfurt **Hauptbahnhof** take **U** 4 (Direction **Bockenheimer Warte**) to the end of the line, then change to **BUS** 36 (Direction Hainer Weg) and get off at **Uni Campus Westend** or

At Frankfurt **Hauptbahnhof** take any **S** at platform 101/102 (in direction of the city), get off at **Hauptwache**, then change to **U** 1/2/3/8 (Direction Hedderheim) and get off at **Holzhausenstraße**, follow the posted signs to **Uni Campus Westend** (approx. 10-minute walk).



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