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## Call for articles on the topic of

### „Capitalism and Gender Justice“

After the breakdown of real socialism, capitalism seemed to be the only promising economic and societal system and its triumph around the world seemed to be certain. Along with neo-liberalism there was a strengthening of both the globalization and flexibilization of capitalism which has since been labelled in the literature as, amongst others, transnational, post-fordistic and desorganized. Occasionally, we find hints at a change of the cultural bases of capitalism and a “new spirit of capitalism” was announced (Boltanski/Chiapello). Since the escalating turbulence on the financial markets more and more people have begun to see capitalism and associated institutions as being in a crisis. Occasionally, contours of a post-capitalist “successor society” (Fraser) or a “post-scarcity society” (Giddens) are drawn, which admittedly do not promise to overcome each and every problem of capitalism, but do, at least, seem to be grounded more on equity and gender justice.

The planned topical issue will not focus primarily on balancing feminist critiques of capitalism and gender reflexive diagnoses of the manifold crises which are associated with the shapeshift of capitalism. Instead, we ask especially for gender informed analyses of the connections between the transition of gender relations on the one hand and changes inside capitalist economic and societal systems which are caused by the transition of gender relations on the other. Thus, questions arise such as: Which productive and contra-productive effects for a gender just society are elicited by the interplay of recent gender equality politics on the social politics and social conditions as well as with the economic agents? How do feminist movements deal with, for example, the (still) dominant orientation on human capital or expectations of the “entrepreneurial self” (Bröckling) and which answers or visions do they provide? In how far do masculinities restructure themselves under conditions of more gender just capitalism and thereby contribute to a new order of gendered labor division? With these questions we draw on an analytical perspective that understands the change of gender relations as a motor for transforming society and economy. We are interested in the submission of both theoretical reflections and empirical analyses of local as well as global developments.

#### Examples of possible topics:

- How can conjunctions between the shapeshift of capitalism and feminist movements be understood? Is the “new spirit of capitalism” a feminist spirit? In how far do feminist critiques of capitalism contribute to restructuring capitalism?

- How and in how far does the transition of gender relations contribute to societal and economic changes? Are these changes gender just? Are they consistent with main features of capitalism or is more gender just capitalism a utopia?
- Does (more) gender just capitalism reinforce other existing inequalities? Does it perhaps produce new inequalities? Or does it generally reduce inequalities?
- How could a post-capitalist and gender just order of society and economics look like? Does it still need the category gender as a criterion for differentiation?

## Our schedule

We are currently switching to the editorial online system OJS. Therefore we would like to ask you to register as an author for the journal GENDER at [www.budrich-journals.de/index.php/gender](http://www.budrich-journals.de/index.php/gender) and turn in and upload your abstract to this address.

We are looking forward to receiving your abstract of no more than 2500 characters, in German or English, by **10th July 2012**. If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Dr. Heike Kahlert ([heike.kahlert@lmu.de](mailto:heike.kahlert@lmu.de)) or Dr. Sabine Schäfer ([sabine.schaefer@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:sabine.schaefer@uni-bielefeld.de)).

*The procedure:* If your abstract is assessed positively we will ask you to write an article of no more than 50,000 characters (including footnotes and space characters) by **31st October 2012**. The article you have submitted will then be reviewed by the Editorial Board and anonymously by an external reviewer, before it is finally accepted. If you are an author from a non-German-speaking country, you are welcome to submit your article in English.

## About Gender. Journal for Gender, Culture and Society

The range of the journal extends from social to cultural topics – sociopolitical issues on equality and justice are addressed as well as issues of the orchestration and cultural interpretation of gender. The journal aims at a broad range of topics and academic disciplines, in which women, men, and gender issues are reflected. Following the multi-disciplinary setting of the journal, analyses are welcome from, i.e., sociology, pedagogy, political science, cultural science and history, which are adept to the interdisciplinary approach of gender studies. Furthermore, the analyses of local, regional and global impacts on gender relations are of interest.

GENDER. Journal for Gender, Culture and Society is published three times per annum, each with a thematic focus, and some 480 pages per year. Apart from the usual procedure of double-blind peer review, contributions within the thematic focus and a rubric of open contributions, contributions are also published regularly under the rubric of “From research, politics and practitioners” as well as proceedings and book reviews. We have started the processes of being listed in the international citation indexes. The journal is edited by Prof. Dr. Heike Kahlert, Dr. Beate Kortendiek, Prof. Dr. Sigrid Metz-Göckel, Dr. Sabine Schäfer and Prof. Dr. Anne Schlüter and published by Barbara Budrich Publishers.

## Further queries?

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## We are looking forward to your contributions!