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Call for articles Special Issue

Feminism & Poland

The range of feminist interpretations, self-definitions, and external ascriptions is wide and diverse, depending on a country's history and culture.

Poland is a confident country with a strong freedom and independence movement, which has been formative for the gender relations. Like in other socialist countries women's education and their equality through integration into the working world were promoted during the times of the Communist regime. Since then equality was to be considered as achieved. However, recently voices can be heard in different areas of Polish society, culture, and politics that wish or request a return to traditional gender relations and the traditional gender division of labour – this despite the second women's movement which has evolved very much in Poland since the political changes in 1989.

Critical voices within this movement focus in their analyses the familialism of the Polish gender regime, the discriminations, the one-sided images of women and their instrumentalisation to further prevalent interests. They contribute to the spread of feminist thinking in Polish society, its resonance and prominence in many initiatives, publications, and conventions. In a special issue of „GENDER. Journal for Gender, Culture, and Society“ we want to put this development but also arising contradictions up for discussion. For this issue on „Feminism in Poland“ (vol. 3/2012) we would like to ask you to propose yet un-published contributions from social and cultural sciences and the humanities.

The following are examples of possible topics:

- How are gender relations represented in different parts of society in today's Poland between the verge of new departures and reversion towards traditionalism?
- Comparative analyses of gender relations in selected areas of Poland's jurisdiction.
- Which strategies do marginalised or 'invisible' groups develop to raise their voices in Polish society, politics and culture?

- Which feminist voices can be heard in Polish literature, the arts (and politics)? What do they have to say?
- How do Polish women perceive themselves in comparison to other European countries and what are the ascriptions they have to deal with?
- What have been the successes of the second women's movement in Poland?

Schedule

Please email a one- to two-page abstract of your projected contribution to our editors Prof. Dr. Bozena Choluj, b.choluj@uw.edu.pl and Prof. Dr. Sigrid Metz-Göckel, sigrid.metz-goeckel@tu-dortmund.de by **January 15, 2012**. An invitation to submit your contribution will be sent out before March 01, 2012. The deadline for submitting your final article comprising approximately 7,500 words is **May 15, 2012**. Abstracts and contributions in English are certainly welcome.

About Gender. Zeitschrift für Geschlecht, Kultur und Gesellschaft

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. Zeitschrift für Geschlecht, Kultur und Gesellschaft 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. Ruth Becker, Prof. Dr. Heike Kahlert, Dr. Beate Kortendiek, Prof. Dr. Sigrid Metz-Göckel and Dr. Sabine Schäfer and published by Barbara Budrich Publishers.

Further queries?

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We are looking forward to your contributions!

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