RINGS 9th Annual Conference & Meeting

Gender, Climate, Movement
Feminist Research and Activism meet Climate Change and Mobility

18th - 20th October 2023
Onsite & Online

Hosted by the Center of Gender Studies at Paderborn University
Day 1 – Wednesday 18th October 2023 (9:00 – 17:45)

09:00 - 9:30     Arrival and Registration (Room L2.201)

09:30 - 10:15    Opening
     Birgitt Riegraf, President of Paderborn University
     Jeff Hearn & Tamara Shefer, RINGS Co-Secretaries
     Antje Langer, Paderborn University
     Maren A. Jochimsen, University of Duisburg-Essen
     Annalisa Mattei, Paderborn University

10:15 - 11:30    Keynote 1: Feminist Environmental Movements - Rapid Climate Change and slow Political Change
     Christine Bauhardt, Humboldt-University Berlin, Germany
     Chair: Heike Kahlert, Ruhr University Bochum

11:30 - 11:45    Mid-morning Tea & Coffee Break (Room L3.204)

11:45 - 13:15    Session 1: Knowledge Production
     Sabine Grenz, University of Vienna

11:45 - 12:15    “But the Earth’s just like a good Woman: if You mistreat Her, She revolts.” Women and Disasters in French Caribbean Literature.
     Kirsten Behr, University of Paderborn, Germany

12:15 - 12:45    Sufism and Ecofeminism: The Role of Tijani Sufism in Promoting Ecofeminism in Senegal.
     Sobia Ibrahim, University College London, Great Britain
   Tamara Shefer, University of the Western Cape, South Africa &
   Ida Sabelis, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands

13:15 - 14:15  Lunch Break (Room L2.201)

14:15 - 15:45  Session 2: Movement
   Giti Chandra, University of Iceland

14:15 - 14:45  Mobility for Women: A Threat or Liberty?
   Sana Iqbal, University of Coventry, Great Britain

14:45 - 15:15  Postsecular Feminist Research and the (Global) Religious Right.
   Sabine Grenz, University of Vienna, Austria

15:15 - 15:45  Gender-based Climate Change Litigation: A Mere Trend or a Key Solution to Address the Problem?
   Grazia Eleonora Vita, University of Bologna, Italy

15:45 - 16:15  Afternoon Tea & Coffee Break (Room L2.201)
16:15 - 17:45  **Session 3: Literary Perspectives on Environment**
*Irma Erlingsdóttir*, University of Iceland

*Deirdre C. Byrne*, University of South Africa, South Africa

16:45 - 17:15  Reading Intersections of Feminist Concerns and Environmental Care from the Decolonial Margins in Sultana’s Dream.
*Shobha Elizabeth John*, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal, India

17:15 - 17:45  Young Adult’s Moral Agency, Power and Human Subjectivity: A Post Structural Feminist Reading of Ethiopian Young Adult’s Literature in English.
*Yared Mechal*, Debre-Berhan University, Ethiopia

19:00 onwards  **Dinner (self-paid)**
Day 2 – Thursday 19th October 2023 (9:30 – 18:45)

09:30 - 10:45  Keynote 2  
*Natasha Kay Mortley*, University of the West Indies, Jamaica  
Chair: Annalisa Mattei, Paderborn University

10:45 - 11:00  Mid-morning Tea & Coffee Break (Room L3.204)

11:00 - 12:30  Session 4: Climate Change  
*Jeff Hearn*, Hanken School of Economics

11:00 - 11:30  Men, Masculinities, Eating Animals and Climate Change: towards more sustainable Ideals and Practices of Masculinity through Men’s Veganism.  
*Kadri Aavik*, Tallinn University, Estonia

11:30 - 12:00  Climate Change on the Lives of Native Ugandan: A gendered Perspective.  
*Annarita Nabitaka*, Women of Uganda Network, Uganda

12:00 - 12:30  Do Ideals of Masculinity get in the Way of Climate Engagement?  
*Andrea Joe Sevennevig Hyldig*, Aalborg University, Denmark

12:30 - 13:30  Lunch Break (Room L2.201)
13:30 - 15:00  **Session 5: Energy and Justice**  
*Tamara Shefer*, University of the Western Cape

13:30 - 14:00  Research on Gender and Sustainable Renewable Energy in East Africa.  
*Henry Asiimwe*, University of Paderborn, Germany

14:00 - 14:30  An Intersectional Feminist Perspective on Gendered Injustices in the Energy Transition.  
*Sabine Loos*, Center for Responsible Research and Innovation at the Fraunhofer Institute for Industrial Engineering, Germany

14:30 - 15:00  Crises and Utopias of Gender, Racial and Ecological Justice.  
*Anika Thym*, University of Basel, Switzerland  
*Edna Harriet Mtoi*, Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy, Tanzania

15:00 - 15:30  **Afternoon Tea & Coffee Break (Room L2.201)**

15:30 - 16:30  **Session 6: Feminist Fiction and Worldmaking**  
*Eva Midden*, Utrecht University

*Irma Erlingsdóttir*, University of Iceland, Iceland
“Figuring a Feminist Future for a Broken Earth” - 
Fantasy and Science Fiction following Ursula Le Guin, as 
well as close Readings of N.K. Jemisin’s The Broken 
Earth Trilogy.  
Giti Chandra, University of Iceland, Iceland

“Connecting the Dots” - Anna Julia Cooper’s 1892 
Theorization of the Entangled Histories of European 
Colonialism and Planetary Destruction and the 
Transformative Potential of Literature to Reckon with 
Contemporary Challenges.  
Sólveig Ásta Sigurðardóttir, University of Iceland, Iceland

16:10 - 16:30  Overarching Discussion of Session 6

16:30 - 18:30  Open Themes  
Kathrin Thiele, Utrecht University

16:30 - 17:00  Queering Diversity Literacy Approaching Environmental 
and Social Topics.  
Christa Binswanger, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland

17:00 - 17:30  Hormonal Hurricanes at Equilibrium. Experiencing and 
negotiating menstruationrelated Conditions as a Health 
and Gender Issue using Hormone Yoga as an Example.  
Oxana Eremin, Paderborn University, Germany

17:30 - 18:00  Reconstructing Agents of Power in the Care Economy 
Sector. Comparing different Approaches of the Care 
Economy Movement in Germany, Austria and 
Switzerland.  
Feline Tecklenburg, Paderborn University, Germany
18:00 - 18:30  RINGS: A Case of Transnational Feminist Organising.
Jeff Hearn, Hanken School of Economics, Finland
Tamara Shefer, University of the Western Cape, South Africa
Deevia Bhana, University of Kwazulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa
& Bethany Gum, RINGS Associate

18:30 - 18:45  Closing Words and End of Programme

Day 3 – Friday 20th October 2023

General Assembly, for RINGS Members
Venue: Hybrid

09:00 - 10:30  General Assembly

10:30 - 11:00  Mid-morning Tea & Coffee Break (Room L2.201)

11:00 - 13:00  Country Reports
General information regarding venue, online access, etc.

Venue:
The conference takes place at Paderborn University
Warburger Straße 100, 33098 Paderborn
Building L
Room L 3.204

All participants are required to pay a conference fee of €50 per day or €100 for the whole conference, unless otherwise agreed with the committee.

For further information regarding conference fee, travel, arrival and overnight stay please check our website:

go.upb.de/rings

Online Access:
The conference will be available to stream live as an audience member through a Zoom link.

Please note: All conference attendees will be sent a private link by invitation.
The Local Organising Team for the 9th Annual Conference & Meeting of RINGS consists of:

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