

# RINGS 9th Annual Conference & Meeting

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

18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Onsite & Online



Hosted by the Center of Gender Studies at Paderborn University,  
Germany



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**Programme Guide**

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## Day 1 – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October (9:00 – 17:45)

**09:00 – 9:30**      Arrival and registration

**09:30 – 10:15**      **Opening**

*Birgitt Riegraf*, President of Paderborn University

*Jeff Hearn*, RINGS Co-Secretary

*Antje Langer*, Paderborn University & *Maren Jochimsen*, University of Duisburg-Essen

*Annalisa Mattei*, Paderborn University

**10:15 – 11:30**      **Keynote 1**

*Christine Bauhardt*, Humboldt-University Berlin, Germany

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**11:30 – 11:45**      **Mid-morning tea & coffee break**

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**11:45 – 13:15**      **Session 1: Knowledge Production**

11:45 – 12:15      Queering Diversity Literacy Approaching Environmental and Social Topics.  
*Christa Binswanger*, University of St. Gallen, Austria

12:15 – 12:45      Sufism and Ecofeminism: The Role of Tijani Sufism in Promoting  
Ecofeminism in Senegal.  
*Sobia Ibrahim*, University College London, Great Britain

12:45 – 13:15      Thinking with Ocean/s for Critical Feminist Scholarship towards  
Challenging Anthropogenic Environmental Damages.  
*Tamara Shefer*, University of the Western Cape, South Africa &  
*Ida Sabelis*, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands

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**13:15 – 14:15**      **Lunch Break**

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**14:15 – 15:45**      **Session 2: Movement**

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

14:45 – 15:15      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

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

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**15:45 – 16:15      Afternoon tea & coffee break**

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**16:15 – 17:45      Session 3: Literary Perspectives on Environment**

16:15 – 16:45      “The Weaving of Hidden Dimensions / through Ours”: Gestures towards Understanding Jane Hirshfield’s Poetry about more-than-human Nature.  
*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

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**19:00 onwards      Dinner (self-paid)**

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## Day 2 – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (9:30 – 17:30)

09:30 – 10:45

### Keynote 2

*Natasha Kay Mortley*, University of the West Indies, Jamaica

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10:45 – 11:00

### Mid-morning tea & coffee break

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11:00 – 12:30

### Session 4: Climate Change

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

12:00 – 12:30

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

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12:30 – 13:30

### Lunch Break

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13:30 – 15:00

### Session 5: Energy and Justice

13:30 – 14:00

Research on Gender and Sustainable Renewable Energy in East Africa.  
*Henry Asimwe*, University of Paderborn, Germany

14:00 – 14:30

An Intersectional Feminist Perspective on Gendered Injustices in the Energy Transition.  
*Clemens Striebing, Sabine Loos & Clara Personat*,  
Center for Responsible Research and Innovation at the Fraunhofer Institute for Industrial Engineering (IAO), 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

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15:00 – 15:30

### Afternoon tea & coffee break

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<b>15:30 – 16:30</b>	<b>Session 6: Feminist Fiction and Worldmaking</b>
<b>15:30 – 16:10</b>	<p>“Theatre du Soleil” – An Analysis of Feminist Concerns with Climate Change and Gender interrogated by the ‘Theatre of the Sun’, the French Avant-Garde Stage Ensemble founded by Ariane Mnouchkine. <i>Irma Erlingsdóttir</i>, University of Iceland</p> <p>“Figuring a Feminist Future for a Broken Earth” – Fantasy and Science Fiction following Ursula Le Guin, as well as close Readings of NK Jemisin’s The Broken Earth Trilogy. <i>Giti Chandra</i>, University of Iceland</p> <p>“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. <i>Sólveig Ásta Sigurðardóttir</i>, University of Iceland</p>
<b>16:10 – 16:30</b>	<b>Overarching Discussion of Session 6</b>
<b>16:30 – 18:30</b>	<b>Open Themes</b>
16:30 – 17:00	<p>“But the Earth’s just like a good Woman: if You mistreat Her, She revolts.” Women and Disasters in French Carribbean Literature. <i>Kirsten Behr</i>, University of Paderborn, Germany</p>
17:00 – 17:30	<p>Hormonal Hurricanes at Equilibrium. Experiencing and negotiating menstruationrelated Conditions as a Health and Gender Issues using Hormone Yoga as an Example. <i>Oxana Eremin</i>, Paderborn University, Germany</p>
17:30 – 18:00	<p>Postsecular Feminist Research and the (Global) Religious Right. <i>Sabine Grenz</i>, University of Vienna, Austria</p>
18:00 – 18:30	<p>RINGS: A Case of Transnational Feminist Organising. <i>Jeff Hearn</i>, Hanken School of Economics, Finland, <i>Tamara Shefer</i>, University of the Western Cape, South Africa <i>Deevia Bhana</i>, , University of Kwazulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa &amp; <i>Bethany Gum</i>, RINGS Associate</p>
<hr/> <b>18:30 – 18:45</b>	<hr/> <b>Closing Words and End of Programme</b> <hr/>

## **Day 3 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**General Assembly, Exclusively for RINGS Members**

**Venue: Hybrid**

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**09:00 – 10:30          General Assembly**

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**10:30 – 11:00          Mid-morning tea & coffee break**

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**11:00 – 13:00          Country reports**

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