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Facing Inequalities – Strategies for Change

Conference of the research cluster

“In/equalities in the context of social transformation processes”

6–7 November 2025

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09:30–10:30 Registration

(in front of SZ 15.21, Universitätsstraße 15, Building A, 2nd floor)

10:30–11:00 Opening Remarks & Introduction

11:00–12:30

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**PANEL 1:
(Un)Equal Translations:
Unveiling Power Asymmetries
of Language in Migration
Societies**

Chair & Discussant:

Sonja Pöllabauer

(University of Vienna)

Speakers:

Şebnem Bahadır-Berzig

(University of Graz)

"Eternal gratitude:" (Non)

*Professional interpreters
as instruments of (de/re)
migrantisation in (post)migrant
societies*

Ines Buchegger &

Azar Najafi Marboyeh

(University of Graz)

*Social inequalities and machine
translation: A participatory
research perspective*

Mirjam Purkarthofer

(Stadt Graz) & **Raquel Pacheco**

Aguilar (University of Graz)

Translation and vulnerability:

An interprofessional dialogue

Raquel Pacheco Aguilar &

Ines Buchegger

(University of Graz)

Translation as care work:

*Language, intersectionality, and
inequality*

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**PANEL 2:
Educational In/Justice:
Structures of Inclusion and
Exclusion**

Chair: Dušan Ristić

(University of Graz)

Speakers:

Tamara Kusimova

(CEU Vienna)

*Unequal Spaces and the
Meritocratic Imagination:
Educational Upward Mobility
Among Russian Youth*

Chukwuemeke Buzome

(Ignatius Ajuru University of
Education)

*Educational Environments
and Language Practices as
Mechanisms of Exclusion and
Tools for Inclusion: Reframing
Stereotypes in Learning
Contexts*

Simangele Mashazi

(Stellenbosch University)

*Equality Through Acts of
Linguistic Citizenship:
Entanglements of Semiotic
Resources, and Multilingual
Repertoires*

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Building D, 4th Floor)

**PANEL 3:
Polarization and
Fragmentation of
Croatian Society I**

Chair: Ivana Spirovska

(University of Graz)

Speakers:

**Darija Željko Mrljak &
Antonija Petričušić**

(University of Zagreb)

*(Status of) Gender Equality
in Croatia Post Istanbul
Convention Ratification:
Detraditionalization Amid
Legislative Improvements*

Mirna Varga &

Ivana Dobrotić

(University of Zagreb)

*Migrants and parenting leaves:
how inclusive are
leave policies for different
migrants' situations?*

Valentina Vučković

(University of Zagreb) (Online)

*Trust as a Missing Link:
Understanding Fragmentation
in Croatian Society*

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**PANEL 4:
Migration and Displacement**

Chair: Bilgin Ayata
(University of Graz)

Speakers:

Margherita Cusmano

(Max Planck Institute for the
Study of Religious and Ethnic
Diversity)

*Intersectionality in the Mind:
Applying an Intersectional Lens
to the Study of Lay Perceptions
of Inequality*

**Luisa Perdomo Lopez &
Okka Zimmermann &
Milena Drehlich**

(Technische
Universität Braunschweig)
*Reproductive Exclusion and
Strategies for Change: An
Intersectional Perspective on
Pregnant Refugee Women*

Filyra Vlastou Dimopoulou

(Paris 1 Panthéon – Sorbonne
and National Technical
University of Athens)
*Depoliticizing a Kurdish refugee
camp as a governance tool for
exclusion*

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**PANEL 5:
Education and In/equality:
Language, Identity and
Citizenship**

Chair:
Şebnem Bahadır-Berzig
(University of Graz)

Speakers:

Marie Tschurtschenthaler

(University of Graz)
*Excluded by monolingual
schools: The potential of
translation and interpreting for
non-German speaking parents*

**Kristina-Monika Kocyba &
Olha Ihnatyeva***

(Technical University Dresden)
*Towards Equality: Structural
Challenges in Integrating
Refugee Teachers into German
Schools*

**Heide Bruckner & Annette
Sprung**

(University of Graz)
*From colorblindness to anti-
racist: opportunities and
shortcomings in Austrian
university pedagogical settings*

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**PANEL 6:
Polarization and
Fragmentation of Croatian
Society II**

Chair: Emma Lantschner
(University of Graz)

Speakers:

Valentina Kozjak

(University of Zagreb)

& Tea Ritoša

(University of Aalborg)
*Intersecting Margins: Gender,
Violence, and Healthcare Access
Among Minority Women in
Croatia*

Barbara Mašić

(University of Zagreb)
*Low Voter Turnout and State
Financial Allocations for
National Minorities in Croatia:
Challenges and Perspectives*

Ivana Spirovska

(University of Graz)
*Gender, ethnicity and
statelessness: Stateless Roma
Women in Croatia and North
Macedonia*

15:00–15:20 Coffee Break

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15:20–15:30 Welcome by Mireille van Poppel

Vice Rector for Equal Opportunities and Internationalisation

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**PANEL 7:
Social Movements, Resistance
and Democracy**

Chair: Derya Özkaya
(University of Graz)

Speakers:
**Anastasia Karatzia* &
Niall O'Connor**
(University of Essex)
*A New Paradigm for
Intersectionality in Citizens'
Assemblies*

Maša Mrovlje
(University of Leeds)
*Reframing Circles of Solidarity in
the Wake of Disappointment*

Zorica-Iva Sirocic
(University of Graz)
*When and why do mobilizations
against gender equality fail, and
when do they succeed?*

Monia O'Brien Castro
(Tours University)
*Rap as Gaeilge and Kneecap:
Turning US Hip Hop Into A Tool
For Irish Identity and Resistance
in The Post-Conflict North of
Ireland*

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**PANEL 8:
Book Panel: "Entanglements,
Narratives, and the
Environment: Inter-American
Perspectives"**

Chair: Roberta Maierhofer
(University of Graz)

Eva Katharina Bauer
(University of Graz)
Nicole Haring
(University of Graz)
Lena Elisabeth Leßlhuber
(Paris Lodron University of
Salzburg)

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**PANEL 9:
Inequalities in the
Contemporary Workplace**

Chair: Renate Ortlieb
(University of Graz)

Speakers:
Carmenrita Bugeja
(University of Malta) (Online)
*Intersecting Identities in
the Heat of the Kitchen: An
Ethnographic Study of Diversity,
Microaggressions and Resilience
in Commercial Kitchens*

Aleksandar Ristovski
(Ss. Cyril and Methodius
University)
*From Anti-Discrimination to
Universal Dignity at Work:
Toward a Hybrid Regulatory
Framework Against Workplace
Harassment*

Amy Weatherburn
(KU Leuven)
*Structural Injustice and EU
Labour Migration Law and
Policy: Overcoming Migrant
Labour Inequalities*

17:30–19:00 Welcome by Florian Bieber

Speaker of the Field of Excellence "Dimensions of Europe"

Keynote Lecture

"Racism, Bordering, and Contemporary Necropolitics"
by Nira Yuval-Davis

Professor Emeritus, Honorary Director of the Research Centre on Migration, Refugees and
Belonging (CMRB) at the University of East London

19:00 Reception

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9:00–10:30

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**PANEL 10:
Inequalities in Academia:
Power, Privilege, and
Precarity**

Chair: Katharina Scherke
(University of Graz)

Speakers:
**Justyna Kajta &
Stefan Bienkowski***
(SWPS University Warsaw)
*Meritocracy in the Academic
Field? On the (classed)
Experiences of Becoming a
Scientist in Poland*

**Katerina Cidlinska &
Marta Vohlidalova**
(Ambis University Prague)
*Cumulative Dis/advantage in
Academia: Gender and Field
Intersection in Longitudinal
Perspective*

**Kyra Schneider &
Nina Vischer**
(OTH Regensburg – Digital Hate
project)
*Facing Digital Violence in
Academia*

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**PANEL 11:
Marginalized Lives:
Visibility, Representation, and
Social Exclusion**

Chair: Zorica-Iva Sirocic
(University of Graz)

Speakers:
Carolyn Defrin
(University of Graz)
& Elena Marchevska
(London South Bank University)
*Spoons, Feathers and
Maandazi: Creative Co-Research
with Parents of Children with
Additional Needs as a Strategy
for Addressing Inequality*

Bo Blanksma
(Utrecht University)
*Neurodivergent fan
communities: Creating
representation and visibility
through online community*

Laura Jung
(University of Graz)
*Psychiatric Statecraft and the
Politics of Exclusion in Modern
Germany, 1871–1969*

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**PANEL 12:
Ageing and Political Activism**

Chair: Maša Mrovlje
(University of Leeds)

Speakers:
Derya Özkaya
(University of Graz)
*The Politics of Age in Activism:
Negotiating Solidarity and
Hierarchy Across Generations*

Activists' Experiences:
**Representatives of Omas
gegen Rechts and Omas for
Future, Austria**

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

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**PANEL 13:
Triggers of Inequalities in Transnational
Kurdish Context**

Chair & Discussant:

Naif Bezwan

(University of Vienna)

Speakers:

Janroj Yilmaz Keles

(Middlesex University London)

*Invisible Across Borders: Statelessness and
Inequality in the Kurdish Diaspora*

Shilan Fuad Hussain

(Institute of Domestic Violence, Religion &
Migration)

*Bound by Injustice: How the Oppression of
Women Deepens Inequality in Kurdistan*

Agnes Grond

(University of Graz)

*Having a Choice: Spaces of Reciprocity in
Hierarchical Multilingual Settings*

Thomas Schmidinger

(University of Kurdistan – Hewlêr)

*Orthodoxies and Heterodoxies: Scripturalism,
Dogmatism and Hierarchy in the Religious Field of
Kurdistan*

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**PANEL 14:
Intersectional Injustices and Struggles in
Global Perspective**

Chair: Heidrun Zettelbauer

(University of Graz)

Speakers:

Anna Dolce

(University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

*Negotiating Dissonant Citizenship: Islamic
Feminisms and Religious Visibility in Europe*

Merita Meçe

(Independent Researcher)

*Inclusive Digital Participation in Albania:
Are Rural Women Left Behind?*

Milka Dimitrovska

(Ss. Cyril and Methodius University)

*Addressing Rural Women's Intersectional
Inequality: A Policy Perspective on Sustainable
Regional Development in North Macedonia and
Serbia*

Ana Cecilia Gaitan

(Argentinean Technical and Scientific National
Council)

*Feminism and Poor Racialized Young Women in a
Rising Conservative Era in Argentina*

**Egbule Philip Onyekachukwu &
Ibezim Jennifer Ogochukwu**

(University of Delta)

*Contesting Political Imbalance and Gender
Inequalities in Nigeria: The Impact of the Bring
Back Our Girls Campaign*

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**PANEL 15:
Ageing, Care, and Inequality in Later Life**

Chair: Ulla Kriebnernegg
(University of Graz)

Speakers:

Irida Agolli Nasufi (University of Tirana)
& Eglantina Gjermeni (Diplomat and
Gender Equality Expert)
*Gendered Inequality, Ageism, and
Intergenerational Challenges in Albania's
Demographic Transition*

Dzenana Pupic & Klaus Wegleitner

(University of Graz – CIRAC)
*Diminishing Social Exclusion and Exclusion
Trade-Offs: Insights from a Municipal Housing
Complex in Austria*

Maroš Matiaško (Charles University)
*Live-in Care on Trial: State, Solidarity and Human
Rights in the Era of Care Marketisation*

Anna-Christina Kainradl & Klaus Wegleiter

(University of Graz – CIRAC)
*Silenced Voices at the End of Life:
An Epistemic Injustice Perspective on
Migration, Aging, and Gender*

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**PANEL 16:
Urban Justice: Spatial Inequalities and
Grassroots Struggles**

Chair: Rivka Saltiel
(University of Graz)

Speakers:

Hikmet Kuran
(Cappadocia University)
*Struggles over the Right to the City:
Grassroots Environmental Mobilizations Against
Neoliberal Urban Megaprojects in Turkey*

Oche Innocent Onuche

(Bingham University) (Online)
*Intersectional Injustices and Feminist Urban
Activism: Reimagining Gendered Resistance in
West African Cities*

Anastassia Vybornova

(University of Copenhagen)
& Trivik Verma (University of Bristol)
*You Don't Have to Live Next to Me: Towards
Demobilizing Individualistic Bias in Computational
Approaches to Urban Segregation*

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PANEL 17:
Creative Struggles for Equality

Chair: Caroly Defrin
(University of Graz)

Speakers:
Aleksandra Filatova
(Narxoz University)

Exhibitions as Pedagogical Spaces: Visual Language, Agency, and Knowledge Production in Kyrgyzstan's Contemporary Art

Biljana Puric (University of Graz)
Peripheral Solidarities: Artistic Interventions Against Class Inequality in Post-Yugoslav Societies

Dušan Ristić (University of Graz)
Digitalisation of Cultural Heritage: Discourses on Social Inequalities in Museum Practices

Ulla Kriebner (University of Graz – CIRAC)
The Politics of Age and Exclusion: Gerontocide and Social Abandonment in Chie Hayakawa's Plan 75 (2022)

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PANEL 18:
In/equalities in a Digital World

Chair: Nicole Haring
(University of Graz)

Speakers:
Bojana Vukojević & Borislav Vukojević
(University of Banja Luka)

Digital Divide 2.0: How 'Free' AI Tools Exacerbate – or Mitigate – Inequalities in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Paola Panarese & Marta Grasso & Claudia Solinas
(Sapienza University of Rome)
Situated Justice and Algorithmic Inequalities: A Socio-Technical Strategy for Inclusive Systems

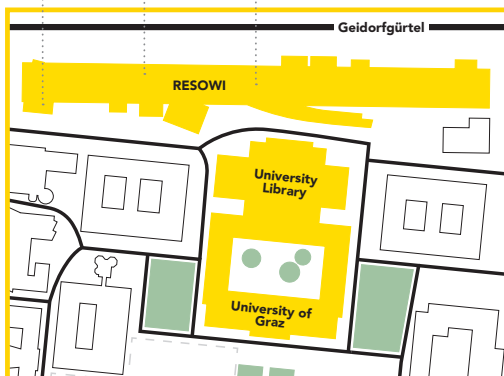
Kanki Hazarika & Akash Dewangan
(University of Delhi)
Digital Resistance or Market Co-optation? The Paradox of Body Positivity Activism in India

17:15–17:45 Closing Remarks

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