Call for Resistance? – Conflicts of Identity and Sexes in the Context of Right-Wing Populism and Christian Fundamentalism in Today’s Europe

THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PROJECT: THE ELISABETH-LIST-FELLOWSHIP-PROGRAMME FOR GENDER RESEARCH

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- is the first project of the Elisabeth-List-Fellowship-Programme for gender research at the University of Graz
- This project aims to strengthen gender perspectives in research at the University of Graz as well as encourage international and interdisciplinary networking and promote young researchers and scholars
- In order to realize the ambitions of the Elisabeth-List-Fellowship-Programme, the project organises an international and interdisciplinary Symposium,
- To which scholars with a focus on gender studies from scholar fields such as political science, sociology, social psychology, political philosophy and feminist theology have been invited.
- Following the Symposium and its major subjects, an edited volume will be published. Scheduled publication data: Spring 2022.

THE RESEARCH PROJECT

- focuses on the interaction between politically, socially, religiously and ethically connotated patterns of argumentation and agitation, that shall be discussed country-specifically under an international perspective and compared transnationally
- treats Anti-Genderism as a subject in the intersection of research in the fields of prejudice, right-wing populism and fundamentalism
- examines the manifold reasons and motivations behind Anti-Genderism in various discursive panels;
- supports the international networking of scholars from East-Central European countries as well as theo-ry-practice-exchange between scholars and activists;
- locates new approaches for transformation processes within the problem area.
- The city of Graz is perfectly located for hosting the symposium since its geographical location allows the mul-tidisciplinary amalgamation of gender-researchers from Germany, Austria as well as contiguous East-Central Euro-pean countries (Poland, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina).

ABOUT THE RESEARCH TOPIC

International, anti-genderist campaigns and movements against gender equality and anti-discrimination have become a central element of identitarian and authoritarian policies that aim to undermine open societies and thus European human rights-based democracies. In that, Anti-Genderism functions as “symbolic glue” within the disparate spectrum of the “New Right” and far beyond; as an emotionally chargeable and strategically usable hinge in and for social milieus, which see themselves as middle-class conservatives or Christian; as a crucial action field for Christian fundamentalist groups; as a conglomerate of symptoms for group-focused en-ergy (“Gruppenbezogene Menschenfeindlichkeit”, GMF); and has proven itself to be dangerously effective in the context of illiberal (resp. identitarian, authoritarian) (government-) policies in East-Central European EU-states.

International and Interdisciplinary Symposium: 25–27 March 2020

Wednesday, 25 March 2020

Panel 1: Anti-Genderism in East-Central Europe in the Context of Right-Wing Populism and Religious Fundamentalism

Dr. Rita Perintfalvi, Prof. Dr. Andras Bozoki, Dr. Rebeka Anic, Prof. Dr. Bosana Choklj, Poland

Panel 2: Anti-Genderism at the Intersection of Religion and Politics. The Role of Faith, Christian Religion and Church in Anti-Gender Discourses

Prof. Dr. Gundula Werner, Prof. Dr. Gerhard Marschütz, Dr. Larissa Hoeltk

Public Lecture: Attack on Democracy. The Authoritarian and its Threat to Gender Relations

Prof. Dr. Gabriele Wilde

Thursday, 26 March 2020

Public Lecture: Anti-Genderism: Politicising an Analytical Category and Why ‘Resistance’ May Be the Wrong Approach

Prof. Dr. Paula-Irene Villa Braslavsky

Panel 3: Dynamics of Misanthropy in Anti-Genderism

PD Dr. Sonja Strube, Prof. Dr. Erzebet Barat, Eszter Kovats, MA

Panel 4: Networking, Emotionalisation and Mobilisation in Anti-Genderism – Where Do We Find Approaches to Constructive Counterstrategies?

Prof. Dr. Kristina Stickl, Dr. Stefanie Mayer

Mini-Lectures of Young Scholars

Public Event: Panel Discussion with Prof. Dr. Paula-Irene Villa Braslavsky, Prof. Dr. Gundula Werner, Sandra Kocuvan, MSc, Eszter Kovats, MA (Moderation: Judith Fürst, ORF)

Friday, 27 March 2020

Panel 5: Perspectives for Openings – New Approaches for Transformation Processes

Dialogue Lecture

Prof. Dr. Imtraud Fischer – Dr. Rita Perintfalvi

Panel-Inputs and Discussion

Assoc. Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Katharina Scherke, Dr. Monica Cano Abadía, Dr. Michael Brinkschroder, Mag. theol. Tanja Grabovac

For further information see: https://fellowship-geschlechterforschung.uni-graz.at/en/projects/anti-genderism/

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