

LECTURE

Introduction to Feminist Methodologies

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Date: Thursday, 10th October 2019, 09:00-11:00

Venue: “Großer Besprechungsraum der UNI-IT” (015G010010,
Resowi-Building, Section G, First Floor)

COURSE

“QUALITATIVE METHODS FOR GENDER RESEARCHERS”

Although issues of, among others, power in the field, hierarchy in research situations and research ethics, are not specific to gender research or qualitative methods, qualitative gender researchers pay particular attention to them. Feminist methodologies have established a long tradition of questioning the gendered nature of all parts of the research process, including the methods themselves. They have also developed approaches that use gender as an analytic category in order to foreground the situatedness of knowledge production, to analyse the perspective of privilege in the research process, to bring forward the perspectives of underprivileged and marginalised groups and to achieve “strong objectivity” (Harding).

This lecture is part of a one-off course that is enabled by the funding from an APPEAR educational project in partnership with the Islamic University of Gaza. The five sessions will be transmitted by audio and video to the IUG with consecutive translation into Arabic. At the IUG the course is run as a lecture series organized by the Gender and Women's Studies Centre that the APPEAR project helped establish.

This **introductory lecture** to the course will address the issues of the difference between epistemology, method and methodology, the contribution of feminist research to qualitative inquiry and the overall principles of feminist methodologies.

Prof. Libora Oates-Indruchová studied literary and cultural theory and obtained her PhD in English from Lancaster University, U.K. She completed her “habilitation” (Dr. habil.) in Literary and Cultural Studies at Szeged University, Hungary. She also studied Gender Studies in a non-degree postgraduate programme at Central European University in Budapest Hungary, and holds an undergraduate degree (“Magistra”) in sports studies and English from Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic. She writes mainly on late state-socialist Czech cultural issues and published, among others, in *Signs*, *Slavic Review*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *Men & Masculinities*, *Aspasia* and *Sociologický časopis*. Her research interests cover mainly Cultural representations of gender, Gender and social change, Censorship, and Narrative research.

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COURSE PROGRAMME

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TOPIC	LECTURER	DATE & TIME
1. Introduction to Feminist Methodologies	Prof. Dr. Libora Oates-Indruchova, University of Graz	10 October 2019; 9:00-11:00 CET*
2. Narrative Analysis	Prof. Corinne Squire, University of East London	24 October 2019; 9:00-16:00** CET*
3. Constructivist Grounded Theory	Assoc. Prof. PD Dr. Elisabeth Scheibelhofer, University of Vienna	28 November 2019; 9:00-16:00** CET*
4. Documentary Method	PD Dr. Axel Philipps, Leibniz, University Hannover	12 December 2019; 9:00-16:00** CET*
5. Critical Discourse Analysis	Dr. Markus Rheindorf, University of Vienna	9 January 2020; 9:00-16:00** CET*

* Central European Time

** Class may last longer

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