EVENTS AND SEMINARS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRE FOR GENDER STUDIES (CGF)

KARLSTAD UNIVERSITY, AUTUMN 2018

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 13.15-15.00, ROOM 3A:340
Co-arranged seminar CGF and CRS Karlstad University

“What kept me going was stubbornness”: Perspectives from Swedish early career women academics in geography

Natasha Alexandra Webster, Stockholm University,

The rise of neoliberalism is creating inequalities for women as they balance their private lives and career trajectories. Geography as a middle-sized discipline bridging the social and physical sciences offers insights into the ways neoliberal policies are felt by early career women (ECW). Using a life course model, this study presents the results of a workshop which sought to explore the ways in which women geographers, in Sweden, perceive and experience obstacles in their career advancement and which coping strategies they put in place to overcome these.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 15.15-16.45, ROOM 5A:415

Lived lives, liveable lives: Reimagining trans and intersex embodied lives through autobiographical accounts of the past

Marie Louise Holm, University of Copenhagen

How did intersexed and trans people of the past live and transition at a time when no category of trans or intersex existed? This question has been the point of departure for my PhD thesis. Through the reading of a Danish historical source material from the 1910s to 1970s, I have explored what kind of life narratives were articulated by persons who would today be perceived and categorised as trans before the category of transsexualism was introduced and the trope of the life story of a genuine transsexual was firmly established.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3, 14.00-16.00, ROOM 3A:340
Co-arranged seminar CGF and CRS Karlstad University

Brown space invader and mestiza maiden: the transfigurations of my female body

Claudia Fonseca Alfaro, Urban Studies, Malmö University

I would like to approach this session through a perspective of intersectionality and gender performativity. Beyond being ‘women in geography’ I argue sometimes we are simply bodies, both at the university and when carrying out fieldwork.

I present personal reflections as I transfigure, by virtue of my body, depending on what the Other is. 1) Despite the ‘space invasion’ of women and ‘ethnic minorities’ into several spheres within the Global North, the universal and rational body continues to be a White male. And then a White woman. I am a Mexican/GLOBAL South ‘space invader’ (Puwar 2004) in Swedish academia, living in the material “borderlands” (Anzaldúa 1987) of her doctoral project.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31, 15:00 – 16:45, ROOM 5A:415

"Other Guys Don’t Hang Out Like This". Gendered Friendship Politics Among Swedish Middle-Class Men

Klara Goedecke, Uppsala University

Friendships between men have often been accused of shallowness, homophobia and fear of closeness. However, they have also been seen as relations where closeness between men and new ways of being a man may develop. Departing from in-depth interviews with individual and pairs of men, friends with each other, I discuss friendships are connected to productions of masculine positions, discourses around sexuality and class, as well as Swedish ideologies of gender equality. I show that friendship is explicitly politicised and seen as a tool of social change, and argue that these meaning-making around men’s friendships contribute to reproducing, normalising and disrupting gender relations and expectations on men, which complicates and deepens discussions about men’s friendships and men’s relationships to processes of social change.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 21, 15:00 – 16:45, HUS 3A:340
Co-arranged seminar CGF and Sociology Karlstad University

1968: Revolutionens rytmer

Håkan Thörn, University of Gothenburg


SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2018
Activism, Resistances and Alliances - The 5th Nordic Transgender Studies Network Conference

Hosted by the Centre for Gender Studies and GEXcel International Columbicumn

With keynote speaker Julian Honkasalo, PhD, Gender Studies, Department of Cultures, University of Helsinki.

The 2-day conferences aims to connect scholars, activists and artists working on topics related to Transgender Studies within or connected to the Nordic region. Activism is the founding stone of the emerging field of Transgender Studies and is continuously an important companion to the field of Trans Studies. This conference will present papers, posters and mini-presentations along the theme of activism, resistances and alliances and create a discussion space on activist practices, academic activism and grassroots organising. The conference will feature talks on trans activism, resistance practices, methodologies, media representation, historical and pop-cultural archives, art, ecology, social justice movements, prison industrial system, medico-legal issues, elderly care, ally activism, as well as affective and ontological approaches to trans research. We hope to create a specific discussion on activism, as well as a broader platform for the diversity of knowledge production in Trans Studies.

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