

g22

Shaping hopeful futures in times of uncertainty

The challenges and possibilities of gender studies

ORGANISER Centre for gender studies,
Karlstad University, Sweden

VENUE Karlstad University

START TIME Wed 26 Oct 2022, 1 pm

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While gender studies might be said to have operated in uncertain times all along, the current situation poses particular challenges for scholars in gender studies and across disciplines. A pandemic has exacerbated social, economic, political and, not least, health inequalities all around the world. Scholars and institutions related to gender studies are under threat by neoconservative and populist movements; moreover, the legitimacy of critical gender research is increasingly questioned.

At the same time, research with a gender perspective has also been central to bringing about hopeful futures. The promise of a feminist world has not only inspired scholars, activists, and politics alike but has also had a real-life impact on many people's life opportunities. We also observe that the tension around issues concerning gender research more generally decreases,

and today we find integrated gender research and feminist theorizing in a range of disciplines. Gender studies have contributed to changing what counts as knowledge, how societies are built, and how individual lives are valued.

The Centre for gender studies at Karlstad University invites the community of gender scholars to g22, the fifth national conference for gender studies and researchers working with a gender perspective in other disciplines. The dynamic between uncertain times, hopeful futures, and contested histories will be the central point of engagement. We invite empirically rich, methodologically reflective, and theoretically provoking engagements with the challenges and possibilities in critical gender research, working towards hopeful futures in uncertain times. We especially encourage transdisciplinary approaches that explore the praxis of situated knowledges. What are the future challenges in critical gender research?

We also want to highlight the theme of temporality as a topic in critical research broadly understood. Scholars across disciplines have interrogated the temporal regimes produced by modernity and their connections to hierarchies

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related to race, sexuality, gender, and so on. A growing body of research has also highlighted the politics of feminist storytelling involved in how gender studies and feminist research tells the story of its own recent past. If the conference aims to shape hopeful futures in times of uncertainty, what notions of temporality are connected to this vision? What are the implications for a critical understanding of history?

We invite contributions relating to but not limited to the following topics:

- Experiences from the pandemic
- Activism and social engagement in contemporary and historical perspectives
- The relationship between gender studies and gender research in other disciplines
- Postcolonial and transnational feminisms
- Race, racism, and anti-racism
- Technology, digitality, social/media
- Climate, ecology, posthumanism, and the non-human
- Health, medicine, healthcare
- Femininities, Masculinities
- Trans*, non-binary, lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, intersex, and hetero lives
- Gender equality and gender mainstreaming
- Economy, market, organizational life
- Education

We look forward to receiving your suggestions for panel sessions, round table discussions and paper presentations. We also encourage suggestions for less traditional formats such as exhibitions, performances, interventionist happenings, theatre plays and other contributions challenging the traditional scholarly mode of engagement.

Language

The conference has two official languages: Swedish and English. To make it easier for participants who only speak one language, each session should either be in Swedish or English.

Timeline

- **6 December 2021:** deadline to submit panel proposals
- **31 January 2022:** deadline to submit abstracts
- **31 March 2022:** decisions regarding acceptance
- **15 April 2022:** registration opens
- **31 May 2022:** registration closes for participating scholars
- **15 September 2022:** registration closes for other participants

Submissions

All abstracts and proposals for panel sessions are submitted through the conference web page kau.se/en/g22

Contact

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at g22@kau.se.

Warmly welcome!

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