TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITÄT DRESDEN

Program

Resisting the Backlash: Defending Intersectional, Decolonial, and Postcolonial Feminisms

01.10.2025

Venue: Open Science Lab, Zellescher Weg 25, 01217 Dresden

11.30h-13h: Registration

13h-13.30h: Welcome remarks

13.30h-14h: Va-Bene Elikem Fiatsi presentation: *Call a Stranger Love: Embracing the Discomfort in Healing and in Solidarity*

14.00-15.45h

Session 1: Framing the Backlash: Discourses, Phantasms, and Narratives (Moderation: Leyla Sophie Gleissner)

Adam Knowles (University of Zurich): Phantasmic Analysis as Antifascist Practice: Judith Butler and the Promiscuity of Fascism

Maxi Kind (Goethe University Frankfurt): Denial and Empowerment: 'The Moderate Centre' as Fertile Ground for Anti-Genderism and Masculinist Identity Politics

Karina Rocktaeschel (Ruhr University Bochum): From Hegemonic Echo to Plural Resonance: Memory Practices in Performance and Theatre

Session 2: Anti-Gender Ideologies and Feminist Counter-Imaginaries (Moderation: Camila Nobrega Rabello Alves)

Jihad Yagoubi (Free University of Berlin): Reframing the Feminist Backlash. Decolonial Intersections of (Neo-)Extractivism and Black Indigenous Resistance

Radwa Khaled Ibrahim (Goethe University Frankfurt am Main): Resistances midst the contestations for a new world-order: A geo-political perspective from below

Zoe Lefkofridi, Vera Beloshitzkaya and Larissa Lotter (University of Salzburg)
Anti-Gender Backlash and the construction of 'The Others': Evidence from Austria

Andrea Miranda Aviles (Free University of Berlin): Fragile Commitments: Gender Governance and Organizational Identity Construction in the Andean Community of Nations

15.45h-16h: Break

16.00-17.45h

Session 1: Algorithms of Repression and Digital Dissent (Moderation: Natalia Fomina)

Gyssele Mendes (MediaLab, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil): Are anxious bodies the new docile bodies? A feminist perspective on digital extractivism and algorithmic management of labor

Mitra Shamsi (CAIS, Bochum): Dangerous Visibility: Contested Terrain of Iranian Digital Feminism

Mia Liinason (Lund University): Digital cultures and bodies as tactics. Feminist resistance and solidarity in the face of institutional, political and digital pressures

Sophie Bischof (University of Potsdam): From the Podium to TikTok: Analysing Abortion Rights Discourse and Anti-genderist Rhetoric in the 2024 U.S. Presidential Debate

Session 2: Inclusion Interrupted: Antidiscrimination Politics in Hostile Contexts (Moderation: Clara Jacobi)

Jade Kim (Technological University Dublin): Perceiving Improbable Selves as Identity Threats: An Exploration of Rigidity and Political Ideology as Resistance to Transgender Inclusivity

Seda Rass-Turgut (Hochschule für angewandte Wissenschaft und Kunst (HAWK), Hildesheim/Holzminden/Göttingen): The Diversity Gap: Text Mining Analysis of Curricular Implementation in German Social Work Education

Rebecca Hanna John (Zentralinstitut für Kunstgeschichte München): Germany Must Detox, Reloaded. Or: How to Build an Antiracist Network within German Academia?

Session 3 (ONLINE): Pluriversal Feminisms: Struggles across Geographies (Moderation: Hanna Al-Taher)

Ayesha Latif (COMSATS University, Islamabad): Reexamining Aurat March and the Politics of Visibility: Feminism, and tradition in Postcolonial Pakistan

Salwa Hilda Febriza (Muhammadiyah University of Yogyakarta, Indonesia)/ Yuni Camelia Putri (Sriwijaya University, Indonesia): The Impact of Gender Backlash on Women Workers in Nickel Exploitation in Morowali

Olívia Bandeira (State University of Campinas - UNICAMP, Brazil): Anti-gender movements and resistance in Brazil and Latin America

Claudia Sarmento (King's College London): Reimagining Environmental Journalism through Decolonial Practice: The Case of Sumaúma in the Brazilian Amazon

17.45-18.30h: Shift to the Festsaal der Fakultät Wirtschaftswissenschaften, Münchner Platz 3, TIL 205 (Zugang HÜL-Nord, 3. OG)

18.30-20.00h: Reclaiming Futures: Hope in the Face of Backlash. Plenary with Nivedita Menon and Lyn Ossome (Moderation: Nikita Dhawan)

21.00h: Sandra Chatterjee presentation: *When Fragrance Holds Its Breath*

22.00: Venue must be vacated

02.12.2025

Venue: Open Science Lab, Zellescher Weg 25, 01217 Dresden

10.00-10.15h: Meet and greet

10.15-11.45h:

Session 1: Weaponizing Gender: Feminist Contestations of Violence (Moderation: Camila Nobrega Rabello Alves)

Cloe Sarah Jewell (LSE, London): How does the (over) emphasis of “femminicidio” interact with anti-gender politics in the Italian context? A feminist critical discourse analysis of news articles recounting Giulia Cecchettin’s feminicide

Luiza Sydorova (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen Nürnberg): Feminism vs. Militarism: Potential for more gender equality in armed conflicts? The case of Ukrainian women

Julia Roth/ Alexandra Scheele/ Heidemarie Winkel (Bielefeld University): Contestations of Gender as a Form of Violence

Session 2 (ONLINE): Unruly Bodies, Fractured Frames: Hegemonic Norms and Disruptive Politics of Representation (Moderation: Natalia Fomina)

Chen Xin (University of Iceland): Her Story, Their Family: Female Individualization and Family Structures in Icelandic Films

Xiao Yatong (Hong Kong Baptist University): Queer Space, Time, and Decolonial Futurity: Resisting Heteronormative Nationalism in Korean Queer Cinema

Diana Nacarlı (Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel)/ Naz Al-Windi (Jung von Matt, Hamburg): Unmasking Coloniality – The Myth of Universal Feminism

Session 3: Insurgent Feminisms: Reimagining Feminist World-Making (Moderation: Leyla Sophie Gleissner)

Ecem Nazlı Üçok (Charles University, Prague): World-Making in Exile: Feminist Diaspora Activism from Poland and Turkey and the Politics of Possibility

Hendrikje Grunow: (Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt): Insurgent Intimacies: Envisioning Solidarities through (Feminist) Relationality

Goldie Kim (GOMA, South Korea): The Flow of Gender Equality Backlash Disguised as Anti-Feminism in South Korea, and Why We Still Move Forward Toward Gender Justice. "We Will Not Stop!"

11.45-13.00h Lunch

13.00-14.45h

Session 1: Moving Images, Moving Bodies: Performing Dissent and the Aesthetics of Pushback (Moderation: Hanna Al-Taher)

Nabila Bushra/ Farah Bouamar (Lost Film and bildungsLab*, Berlin): Beyond the Horror - Horror as a Practice of Resistance Against Anti-Feminist Fantasies of Power

Ömer Kulak (Kadir Has University, Türkiye): Modern Postcolonial Narratives from the Past: Black Girl

Alex Viteri Arturo (City University of New York / Member of Dance Collective MaCA; duo VIOLETA): Almost tropical, cruising urban ecologies through dance's multi-sensory, improvisatory, and choreographic structures

Raisa Inocencio (Reconhecimento e Redistribuição Laboratory, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ/Brazil)): Ancestrofuturism: Itans of Iemanjá and Oxum: Axé as Living Culture and the Reversal of Colonial Legacies

Session 2 (ONLINE): Mapping Inequality: Anti-Gender Politics and Policies (Moderation: Clara Jacobi)

Bojana Jovanovska (Independent Researcher): Blocking Equality: The Impact of the Anti-Gender Movement on Policies in North Macedonia

Qingyu Wang (University of Bristol): "Feminists are Foreign Hostile Forces": Exploring the Security Narratives of Anti-Feminist and Post-colonial Nationalism in China

Alba N. García Agüero (Universität Basel)/ Marcello Giugliano (Università di Bologna): Stigmatization through the "Mamá Luchona" Meme: An Intersectional and Multimodal Analysis of Digital Discourse

Stefan Wallaschek / Renée Krug / Pauline Ahlhaus (Europa-Universität Flensburg): Digital Electoral Campaigning and User Engagement. Analyzing Instagram Posts of German and Spanish Political Parties in the 2024 EP Elections

14.45h-15.00h Break

15.00-15.30h: Jumoke Adeyanju presentation: ***neema na faraja***

15.30-17h: After the Backlash: Feminist Utopias and Mobilizing Pushback. Concluding plenary session with Firoozeh Farvardin, Maryna Shevtsova, and Dilar Dirik (Moderation: Nikita Dhawan)