



Swiss International Summer School in Gender Studies

Reading Power Relations: Gender in Contextual Perspective

University of Lausanne, 27th August – 2nd September 2012

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Organized by the Swiss Gender Studies Universities Network, in cooperation with the University of Geneva (UNIGE) and the University of Lausanne (UNIL)

The *Swiss International Summer Schools in Gender Studies* offer the opportunity for Master, PhD students, post-docs and junior researchers to network and exchange ideas in an inspiring and supportive intellectual environment. Participants are offered a structured learning program, moderated by widely recognised international experts through interactive teaching methods. The 2012 edition of this event, entitled *Reading Power Relations: Gender in Contextual Perspective*, will take place between August 27th and September 2nd 2012, at the University of Lausanne, in conjunction with the 6th Francophone Feminist Research Conference (6^{ème} *Congrès des recherches féministes francophones*). The Summer School participants will have unlimited access to the activities organised during this major scientific event.

Aims

The 2012 edition of the Swiss International Summer School in Gender Studies will focus on the gendered dimension of power relations, under two related sub-themes:

- ❖ Theories of power from a feminist perspective
- ❖ Gender in the context of multiple power relations

The Summer School will focus on debates within the broad field of gender studies, analysing the articulation of gender with other types of power relations, raising crucial questions concerning the nature of domination, resistance and agency in contemporary societies. Under the influence of the women's movement, questions relating to the articulation of gender with other forms of domination and exploitation have been addressed through a variety of conceptual frameworks (Marxist feminism, postcolonial studies, etc.). However, whilst some "intersections" of power relations have been fairly widely explored and theorised in recent years (notably the somewhat incantatory "class, race, sex" triptych), others have been rather neglected, more so in some national contexts than in others.

The Summer School will encourage a reflexive analysis of the influence of local, national, intellectual and historical contexts on the focus of particular intersections of power, to the detriment of others.

By approaching the theme of power from inter- and trans-disciplinary perspectives, the 2012 edition of the *Summer School* will offer comprehensive insights into current debates and will give participants the opportunity to explore issues with a long tradition within academic feminist thinking. The overall theme of the Summer School will enable participants to envisage power relations in their structural, institutional, individual and collective dimensions, in a wide range of social, historical, cultural and political settings. Participants will be invited to reflect on the conceptions of power that underpin their own research activities and to identify the implicit or explicit hypotheses that characterise contemporary feminist research on the intersections of power.

Organisation

The *Swiss International Summer Schools in Gender Studies* are organized and financed by the Swiss Gender Studies Universities Network (universities of Basel, Bern, Fribourg, Geneva & IHEID, Lausanne, Lucerne, Neuchâtel, St. Gall and Zurich). The 2012 edition of the Summer School is jointly organised by the Gender Studies Centres of the universities of Geneva and Lausanne.

The **organising committee** is composed of representatives from both these institutions:

Pierre Bataille, PhD candidate, Sociology, UNIL

Laurence Bachmann, Researcher, Sociology, UNIGE

Magali Delaloye, PhD candidate, History, UNIL

Isabelle Giraud, MA, Political science, UNIGE

Iulia Hasdeu, MA, Anthropology, UNIGE

Nicky Le Feuvre, Professor, Sociology, UNIL

Key-note speakers & Master class experts

For the 2012 edition of the Summer School, we are delighted to announce the participation of the following key-note speakers:

- Prof. Elsa Dorlin, Professor of political and social philosophy, University of Paris VIII, France : “Who’s speaking? Analysis and phenomenology of domination”
- Prof. Dr. Sabine Hark, Professor of sociology, Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Frauen- und Geschlechterforschung, Technical University Berlin, Germany: (Title to be confirmed)
- Prof. Dr. Patricia Hill Collins, Distinguished University Professor of Sociology, Maryland University, USA: (Title to be confirmed)
- Prof. Dr. Véronique Mottier, Professor of sociology, Labso-ISS, University of Lausanne, Switzerland & Director of Studies in Social and Political Sciences at Jesus College, Cambridge University, UK: “Gender, Power and the State: Poststructuralism and Beyond”

Each of the international experts will deliver a **keynote speech** outlining their own approach to the question of gender within multiple power relations and will provide a **Master Class**, where Summer School participants will have the opportunity to discuss their own research with the international experts.

In addition to these sessions, participants will take part in three workshops, based on common reading materials, and in at least six sessions at the 6th Francophone Feminist Research Conference.

Workshops

A: Women's agency and power relations within institutions (states, international organisations, local governance, etc.) (Isabelle Giraud)

B: Visual Gender Power Relations (Laurence Bachmann)

C: Who's right, who's legitimate? Reflecting on agency and empowerment (Iulia Hasdeu)

Conference sessions

To be determined according to the conference programme and participant's individual interests.

Paper presentations at the 6th Francophone Feminist Research Conference

Summer School participants who wish to present a paper at the 6th Francophone Feminist Research Conference should submit their abstract directly via the conference web site, **before January 31st 2012**: <http://www.unil.ch/rff2012>

Language

The Summer School's working language is English. However participants are also expected to be proficient in French, in order to benefit fully from the Francophone Feminist Research Conference, to read the preparatory texts and understand the French-speaking experts.

Certificate

Participants will receive a document certifying their participation in the 2012 edition of the *Summer School*. Unfortunately, no ECTS credits can be awarded for participation.

Fees

The Summer School participation fee is 500.– Swiss Francs to be paid in advanced. The fee covers the Summer School course materials, registration at the Francophone Feminist Research Congress, accommodation (Lausanne Youth Hostel or equivalent), lunches and festive events. However, participants must pay their own travel and other living expenses (including evening meals).

Participants who have no options for financial support can apply for a fee waiver from the organizers of the Summer School. Applications can also be made for a limited number of travel grants. Both these applications should be sent before April 1, 2012 (confirmation will be sent before April 15, 2012).

Participants which special diet or childcare needs should inform the organizers well in advance.

Curriculum and Timetable

The participants are offered a program organized in 8 modules, in addition to the events (keynotes, roundtables, workshops, paper sessions, etc.), taking place during the 6th Francophone Feminist Research Conference.

	Sunday 26.08.2012	Monday 27.08.2012	Tuesday 28.08.2012	Wednesday 29.08.2012	Thursday 30.08.2012	Friday 31.08.2012	Saturday 01.09.2012	Sunday 02.09.2012
09h00-11h00		Module 1 Key-note Véronique Mottier	Module 3 Key-note Sabine Hark	Congress opening session	Module 6 & Congress session Key-note Elsa Dorlin & Congress key-note (to be confirmed)	Congress session 3	Module 7 Workshop C	Congress session 6
Coffee Break								
11h30-13h00		Module 1 Master class with Véronique Mottier	Module 3 Master class with Sabine Hark	Module 5 & Congress session Christine Delphy (to be confirmed) & Key-note Patricia Hill Collins	Module 5 Master class with Patricia Hill Collins (cont)	Module 6 Master class with Elsa Dorlin (cont)	Module 7 Workshop C (cont)	Congress General Assembly
LUNCH BREAK								Farewell lunch
14h30-16h00	Arrival in Lausanne	Module 2 Workshop A	Module 4 Workshop B	Module 5 Master class with Patricia Hill Collins	Module 6 Master class with Elsa Dorlin	Congress session 4	Congress session 5	Departure from Lausanne
Coffee Break								
16h30-18h00		Workshop A (cont)	Module 3 Master class with Sabine Hark (cont)	Congress session 1	Congress session 2	Boat trip on Lake Geneva	Module 8 Summer School debriefing	
Evening events	Welcome drinks	Free evening	Evening event	Congress Cocktail	Free evening		Evening event	

Applications

There are about 30 places on the Summer school programme, which is open to participants from any country (applications from Swiss universities would be particularly appreciated). Admission will be decided on the basis of a CV and application letter, along with a 1-page abstract of current research interests. Please complete and send the attached application form (preferably by E-mail) to:

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Application Deadline

Applications must reach us before midnight (CET) on **January 27th 2012**.

No applications will be considered after this date.

The results of the selection process will be sent back before March 1st, 2012

Admission criteria

- Master or PhD Student or Post-Doc
- Strong focus on gender issues in past, current or future research activities
- Proficiency in English, along with the ability to understand and read French

Information

For further information concerning the Summer School 2012, please contact:

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