



Doing Gender in the Netherlands: Strategies, Tactics and Impact

***National Research Day for PhD students in the fields of Gender, Ethnicity,
Sexuality and Diversity***

Friday June 12, 2015 – Radboud University Nijmegen

The Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies (NOG) hosts the annual National Research Day dedicated to the cutting edge work of junior researchers of Dutch universities in the fields of Gender, Ethnicity, Sexuality and Diversity. The 2015 edition of the National Research Day will take place at the Institute for Gender Studies (Radboud University Nijmegen), which celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. Postdocs, PhD's and advanced RMA candidates are cordially invited to participate in this cutting edge event.

Call for Papers:

Gender Studies is a critical practice of cultural theory and epistemology. Its scholars start from the premise that gender perpetually emerges as a factor in the structuring of society and culture, closely interacting with other social categories such as sexuality, class, race/ethnicity and religion. As such, 'gender' is understood as an individual, institutional, and symbolic ordering principle impacting on people's lives. Gender Studies in the Netherlands have a rich tradition of contributing to the analysis of local and global cultures and societies from a feminist perspective. The NOG research days, through the presentation of the 'work in progress' of the current generation of gender scholars, both monitor and critique national developments and contemporary discussion within the field. The 2015 edition focusses in particular on the effects of 30 years of feminist scholarships and aims to map both urgent and emergent topics and research questions for feminist scholars today.

Given women's historical association with the materiality of their bodies, what does the 'material turn' in the social sciences and humanities mean for feminist research? Why is feminism suddenly fashionable, and what does the rise of celebrity feminism do for Gender Studies as an academic discipline? And why is the fight for girls to gain access to education still so important and dangerous that the Pakistan Malala Yousafzai was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace for her unrelenting efforts? What does this award mean for the role Gender Studies has played and still has to play locally and globally in and beyond 2015? These and other questions will be addressed in both plenary and parallel sessions.

The *Doing Gender in the Netherlands Day* is open for presentations of Postdocs, PhD students and advanced research master students registered at Dutch universities.

There are several options to participate:

- As a paper presenter
- As a participant without paper presentation
- As a respondent

Deadline for abstracts:

Abstracts for papers (300 words maximum) can be sent to NOG@uu.nl until **Friday March 6, 2015**. Please mention the following details: your name, university and supervisor(s). After the deadline we'll let you know whether you are accepted as a presenter.

Accepted papers are due **Monday May 18, 2015** and should be submitted to NOG@uu.nl. The final paper should be 4500-6000 words (excluding footnotes and references).

Format of the day:

The day will start with a short, state-of-the-art opening address by NOG director Professor Rosemarie Buikema and the director of the Institute for Gender Studies, Professor Willy Jansen. The major part of the day will be dedicated to discussions of work in progress by means of paper presentations. The day will be concluded by an analysis of the highlights in gender research in the Netherlands today by Dr. Liedeke Plate.

Depending on the foci of the PhD paper proposals thematic sessions will be formed, either plenary or paralleled depending on the number of accepted papers.

Paper presenters should prepare a presentation of 10 minutes to allow for plenary discussion and questions. Full papers will be distributed in advance among the panel participants. Feedback on the papers will be given by a senior NOG staff member. It is possible to add suggestions for preferred referees.

Language:

The language of the day is English.

Registration:

Please reply to this email if you wish to attend the National Research Day *Doing Gender in the Netherlands* as either paper presenter or participant **before Friday March 6, 2015**.

To organize this National Research Day we ask for a contribution of €15,- from every attendee, (presenter or participant) for tea, coffee, lunch and drinks, to be paid at the registration desk on the day.

Publications:

Members of the board of the Dutch Journal of Genderstudies (Tijdschrift voor Genderstudies) will be present to invite some of the best papers to be further worked with a view to publication.

Book launch:

The book 'Everyday Feminist Research Praxis: Doing Gender in The Netherlands' (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014, 340 p.) offers a selection of papers presented during the annual NOG Research Days in 2011, 2012 and 2013. The editors are former NOG PhD's Dr. Domitilla Olivieri and Dr. Koen Leurs.

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Please see <http://www.cambridgescholars.com/everyday-feminist-research-praxis>

More information:

The Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies (NOG) at Utrecht University (The Netherlands) provides a platform for gender sensitive and postcolonial research. Since 1995, the NOG has offered a highly successful training programme and research environment for postgraduate students, PhD students and senior researchers. The NOG teaching and research staff consists of an international team of professors and senior lecturers from various universities.

The NOG is a top European programme and plays a central role in European cooperation on research and training in the area of Gender and Postcolonial studies. It has an excellent, long-standing international reputation for its pioneering work in the field of literary, cultural, philosophical, anthropological and epistemological feminist studies.

It offers one of Europe's most advanced interdisciplinary teaching and research programmes in the humanities, with a core curriculum on feminist theory, issues of difference and diversity, gender and postcolonialism.

In addition, the NOG is involved in European and international projects such as the InterGender network (coordinated by Linköping University, with other Swedish partner universities and international universities such as Humboldt University and Helsinki University) and ATGENDER, to establish a European joint PhD curriculum in Gender Studies.

The NOG Board consists of Prof. Rosemarie Buikema (Utrecht University, Graduate Gender Programme and scientific chair of the NOG), Prof. Willy Jansen (Radboud University Nijmegen, Institute for Gender Studies), Prof. Lies Wesseling (Maastricht University, Centre for Gender and Diversity), and Dr. Rachel Spronk (University of Amsterdam, Research Center for Gender and Sexuality).

We are looking forward to an inspiring day, and hope to see you all the 12th of June!

Prof. Rosemarie Buikema

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