

RINGS 9th Annual Conference & Meeting

Gender, Climate, Movement

Feminist Research and Activism meet Climate Change and Mobility

18th - 20th October 2023

Onsite & Online



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Programme Guide

Day 1 – Wednesday 18th October 2023 (9:00 – 17:45)

09:00 - 9:30 Arrival and registration

09:30 - 10:15 **Opening**

Birgitt Riegraf, President of Paderborn University
Jeff Hearn & Tamara Shefer, RINGS Co-Secretaries
Antje Langer, Paderborn University
Maren A. Jochimsen, University of Duisburg-Essen
Annalisa Mattei, Paderborn University

10:15 - 11:30 **Keynote 1:** Gender Research and Climate -
Methodological and Theoretical Approaches (preliminary)
Christine Bauhardt, Humboldt-University Berlin, Germany

11:30 - 11:45 **Mid-morning tea & coffee break**

11:45 - 13:15 **Session 1: Knowledge Production**

Sabine Grenz (TBC)

11:45 - 12:15 “But the Earth’s just like a good Woman: if You mistreat
Her, She revolts.” Women and Disasters in French
Caribbean Literature.

Kirsten Behr, University of Paderborn, Germany

12:15 - 12:45 Sufism and Ecofeminism: The Role of Tijani Sufism
in Promoting Ecofeminism in Senegal.

Sobia Ibrahim, University College London, GB

12:45 - 13:15 Thinking with Ocean/s for Critical Feminist Scholarship towards Challenging Anthropogenic Environmental Damages.
Tamara Shefer, University of the Western Cape, South Africa &
Ida Sabelis, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands

13:15 - 14:15 Lunch Break

14:15 - 15:45 Session 2: Movement
Giti Chandra

14:15 - 14:45 Mobility for Women: A Threat or Liberty?
Sana Iqbal, University of Coventry, GB

14:45 - 15:15 Postsecular Feminist Research and the (Global) Religious Right.
Sabine Grenz, University of Vienna, Austria

15:15 - 15:45 Gender-based Climate Change Litigation: A mere Trend or a Key Solution to adress the Problem?
Grazia Eleonora Vita, University of Bologna, Italy

15:45 - 16:15 Afternoon tea & coffee break

16:15 - 17:45

Session 3: Literary Perspectives on Environment

Irma Erlingsdottir (TBC)

16:15 - 16:45

“The Weaving of Hidden Dimensions / through Ours”:
Gestures towards Understanding Jane Hirshfield’s
Poetry about more-than-human Nature.

Deirdre C. Byrne, University of South Africa, South Africa

16:45 - 17:15

Reading Intersections of Feminist Concerns and
Environmental Care from the Decolonial Margins in
Sultana’s Dream.

Shobha Elizabeth John, Indian Institute of Science
Education and Research, Bhopal, India

17:15 - 17:45

Young Adult’s Moral Agency, Power and Human
Subjectivity: A Post structural Feminist Reading of
Ethiopian Young Adult’s Literature in English.

Yared Mechal, Debre-Berhan University, Ethiopia

19:00 onwards

Dinner (self-paid)

Day 2 – Thursday 19th October 2023 (9:30 – 18:45)

09:30 - 10:45

Keynote 2

Natasha Kay Mortley, University of the West Indies,
Jamaica

10:45 - 11:00

Mid-morning tea & coffee break

11:00 - 12:30

Session 4: Climate Change

Jeff Hearn

11:00 - 11:30

Men, Masculinities, Eating Animals and Climate Change: towards more sustainable Ideals and Practices of Masculinity through Men's Veganism.

Kadri Aavik, Tallinn University, Estonia

11:30 - 12:00

Climate Change on the Lives of Native Ugandan: A gendered Perspective.

Annarita Nabitaka, Women of Uganda Network, Uganda

12:00 - 12:30

Do Ideals of Masculinity get in the Way of Climate Engagement?

Andrea Joe Sevennevig Hyldig, Aalborg University, Denmark

12:30 - 13:00

Lunch Break

13:30 - 15:00

Session 5: Energy and Justice

Tamara Shefer

13:30 - 14:00

Research on Gender and Sustainable Renewable Energy in East Africa.

Henry Asimwe, University of Paderborn, Germany

14:00 - 14:30

An Intersectional Feminist Perspective on Gendered Injustices in the Energy Transition.

Clemens Striebing, Sabine Loos & Clara Personat,
Center for Responsible Research and Innovation at the
Fraunhofer Institute for Industrial Engineering, Germany

14:30 - 15:00

Crises and Utopias of Gender, Racial and Ecological Justice.

Anika Thym, University of Basel, Switzerland &
Edna Harriet Mtoi, Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial
Academy, Tanzania

15:00 - 15:30

Afternoon tea & coffee break

15:30 - 16:30

Session 6: Feminist Fiction and Worldmaking

Eva Midden

15:30 - 16:10

“Theatre du Soleil” - An Analysis of Feminist Concerns with Climate Change and Gender interrogated by the ‘Theatre of the Sun’, the French Avant-Garde Stage Ensemble founded by Ariane Mnouchkine.

Irma Erlingsdóttir, University of Iceland, Iceland

“Figuring a Feminist Future for a Broken Earth” - Fantasy and Science Fiction following Ursula Le Guin, as well as close Readings of N.K. Jemisin’s The Broken Earth Trilogy.

Giti Chandra, University of Iceland, Iceland

“Connecting the Dots” - Anna Julia Cooper’s 1892 Theorization of the entangled Histories of European Colonialism and Planetary Destruction and the transformative Potential of Literature to reckon with Contemporary Challenges.

Sólveig Ásta Sigurðardóttir, University of Iceland, Iceland

16:10 - 16:30

Overarching Discussion of Session 6

16:30 - 18:30

Open Themes

Kathrin Thiele

16:30 - 17:00

Queering Diversity Literacy Approaching Environmental and Social Topics.

Christa Binswanger, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland

17:00 - 17:30

Hormonal Hurricanes at Equilibrium. Experiencing and negotiating menstruationrelated Conditions as a Health and Gender Issue using Hormone Yoga as an Example.

Oxana Eremin, Paderborn University, Germany

17:30 - 18:00

Reconstructing Agents of Power in the Care Economy Sector. Comparing different Approaches of the Care Economy Movement in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Feline Tecklenburg, Paderborn University, Germany

18:00 - 18:30 RINGS: A Case of Transnational Feminist Organising.
Jeff Hearn, Hanken School of Economics, Finland
Tamara Shefer, University of the Western Cape,
South Africa
Deevia Bhana, University of Kwazulu-Natal, Durban,
South Africa
& *Bethany Gum*, RINGS Associate

18:30 - 18:45 **Closing Words and End of Programme**

Day 3 – Friday 20th October 2023

General Assembly, for RINGS Members

Venue: Hybrid

09:00 - 10:30 **General Assembly**

10:30 - 11:00 **Mid-morning tea & coffee break**

11:00 - 13:00 **Country Reports**

General information regarding venue, online access, etc.

Venue:

The conference takes place at Paderborn University
Warburger Straße 100, 33098 Paderborn
Building L
Room L 3.204

All participants are required to pay a conference fee of €50 per day or €100 for the whole conference, unless otherwise agreed with the committee.

For further information regarding conference fee, travel, arrival and overnight stay please check our website:



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Online Access:

The conference will be available to stream live as an audience member through a Zoom link.

Please note: All conference attendees will be sent a private link by invitation.

The Local Organising Team for the 9th Annual Conference & Meeting of RINGS consists of:

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