

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

GENDER AND EMPIRE. EXPLORING COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES AND INTERSECTIONAL APPROACHES

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Scholars have been studying the history of women, gender and empire for more than three decades. Starting off by questioning the notion of colonialism as an exclusively male endeavor, they did not just add the stories of white and colonized women to the historiography on empire. They explored the effects of colonization on indigenous and migrant women and stressed the centrality of western women to the imperial project, but went on to expose colonialism itself as a fundamentally gendered project. However, despite the large body of literature that has been produced over the years, the history of gender and empire is far from told. On the contrary, the amount of scholarship has only served to reveal the complexity of colonial gender practices, relations and ideologies.

Focusing on how gender intersected with other social categories such as race, class, religion and sexuality, the conference will reexamine the interconnected histories of gender and empire. At the same time, we strive for a comparative perspective of the subject in order to address similarities and differences between various colonial and imperial settings.

The papers deal with key issues of colonial and gender history such as intimacy, sexuality, war, labor or education. They focus on various imperial formations, from "typical" colonies in Africa or Asia, to settler colonial settings and imperial peripheries within Europe or Asia.

The conference will be held in English. Participation is free of charge. Please register till August 13th, 2015 since we have only limited seats available at our venue. For registration, please contact: dlerp@uni-koeln.de or aklein23@smail.uni-koeln.de

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WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2015

16.30-18.30 Registration

18.30-19.00 Introduction: Ulrike Lindner / Dörte Lerp (Cologne)

19.00-20.00 Opening Lecture by Clare Midgley (Sheffield): Locating Agency: Feminism,
Religion and Empire after the Transnational Turn

20.00 Reception

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2015

9.15-10.45 Panel 1: Biographies and Relationships

Chair: Larissa Förster (Cologne)

- Bettina Brockmeyer (Bielefeld): Love Affair? State's Affair? The Interpretations
 of a Hanging in German East Africa or Questions of Gender and Race in Colonial
 Historiography
- Marianne Bechhaus-Gerst (Cologne): Men and Women on the Edge of Time When the Colonial Order falls Apart

10.45-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-12.30 Panel 2: Regulating Marriages

Chair: Béatrice Hendrich (Cologne)

- Julia Malitska (Stockholm): Colonizing Marriage: Legal Restrictions on Marriage of the German Colonists in the Black Sea Steppe in the First Half of the 19th Century
- Alexis Rappas (Istanbul): Desperate Colonial Wives: Mixed Marriages and the Boundaries of Imperial Sovereignty in the Aegean Sea

12.30-14.00 Lunch Break

14.00-16.00 Panel 3: Masculinity, Femininity and Sexuality

Chair: Oliver Tappe (Cologne)

- Jan Severin (Berlin): Male Same-Sex Desire and Masculinity in Colonial German Southwest Africa
- Stefan Hübner (Munich): Muscular Christianity and the Emergence of a "Modern Asia": The YMCA, the YWCA, and the Far Eastern Championship Games (c. 1913-1934)
- Ofri Ilani (Berlin): An Oriental Vice: Representations of Sodomy in Early Zionist Discourse

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30-18.00 Panel 4: Masculinity in Imperial Wars

Chair: Jens Ruppenthal (Cologne)

- Silvan Niedermeier (Erfurt): Imperial Self-Fashioning: Approaching Gender and Empire through the Lens of Private Photo Albums of the Philippine American War (1899-1902)
- Sandra Maß (Bielefeld): Colonial Soldiers in the First World War: Masculinity, Race and Nationalism in Germany

FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2015

9.15-10.45 Panel 5: Civilising Missions and Imperial Feminism

Chair: Ulrike Lindner (Cologne)

- Brigitte Fuchs (Vienna): Austria-Hungary's Civilising Mission in Bosnia and its Positive Effects on Domestic Feminists' Demands 1890-1918
- Ivan Sablin/Valentina Smirnova (Heidelberg/St Petersburg): Gender, Orientalism, and Decolonization in North Asia: Female Toilers of the Orient in Bolshevik Discourse of the 1920s–1930s

10.45-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-12.30 Panel 6: Female Suffrage and Female Writing

Chair: Jens Jäger (Cologne)

- Sumita Mukherjee (Oxford): The Global and Imperial Connections of Indian Campaigners for Female Suffrage in the Interwar Period
- Kaitlin Staudt (Oxford): Generic Modernism: Popular Literature Modernity and Gender in Britain and Turkey

12.30-14.00 Lunch Break

14.00-16.00 Panel 7: Education and Schooling

Chair: Barbara Lüthi (Cologne)

- Jana Tschurenev (Göttingen): Between Patriarchy, Imperialism, and Women's Empowerment: Women and Education in Colonial India (1820s-1880s)
- Divya Kannan (New Delhi): ,Saving Our Sisters': Female Education and the London Missionary Society in Nineteenth Century South India
- Aude Chanson (Paris): European Women: Model for Tanzanian Women in the Schooling Process during the German Colonial Period (1885-1914)?

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30-18.00 Panel 8: Development and Social Care in Colonial Settings

Chair: Esther Helena Arens (Cologne)

- Angharad Fletcher (Hong Kong / London): Caring for Empire: Colonial Nursing in Hong Kong and Cape Town (1880-1914)
- Charlotte Riley (York): To Educate a Girl is to Educate a Family: Gender and Early British Development Practice in the Interwar Period

19.00 Conference Dinner

SATURDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2015

9.30-11.30 Panel 9: Indigenous Servants and Colonial Homes

Chair: Ulrike Schaper (Berlin)

- Violaine Tisseau (Paris): Taking Care of European Children in Colonial Madagascar (1896-1960)
- Eva Bischoff (Trier): Being at Home: Settler Colonial Biopower and the Intersections
 of Race, Class, and Gender in Colonial Australia
- Elizabeth Dillenburg (Minneapolis): The "Pride of Race": Domestic Service Debates in New Zealand and South Africa, c. 1890-1914

11.30-12.30 Final Discussion

Chair: Ulrike Lindner / Dörte Lerp (Cologne)