

*** Call for Proposals ***

(Re)Forming Methodologies

International Student Lecture Series on Gender & Sexuality Studies.

SVR - Gender Studies is a transdisciplinary platform for students at the BA and MA level to present their gender-related research. We run seminars at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin in the winter semester and do other events outside the university context in the summer. In July 2020 we held our first-ever conference, *SVR Breaks the Internet: an international student conference of gender & sexuality studies*, hosting 15 speakers from all over Europe online.

SVR exists to give students at the BA and MA level (as well as BA and MA graduates) a chance to present, share and discuss their work in an academic setting and to be recognised for their expertise. We aim to make knowledge production in academia more inclusive and democratic by facilitating peer-to-peer teaching practices and an open minded, supportive feedback culture. It is important to us that researchers have the opportunity to get critical feedback on their work – by exchanging ideas and hearing meaningful critique from other student researchers. We also believe in paying people for their work whenever possible - and are always looking for funding sources to make this happen.

Currently we are advertising our **CfP - (Re)Forming Methodologies**, a seminar which will take place at HU, in an online format, during the winter semester 20/21.

"Methodology" is the systematic, theoretical analysis of the methods applied to a field of study. In approaching a branch of knowledge in academia, we inevitably engage with a language of power that distinguishes public knowledge from the scholarly one. By forming and reforming methodologies, we aim to problematize this distinction by continuously asking: How do we develop research that serves to deconstruct the binary sexuality or normative genders? How do we speak the "truth" and make the intersecting systems of oppression and social injustice visible to the people? How do we write/research on LGBTQ subjects and social movements within the academia's normative framework?

This seminar will explore the limits and possibilities of "queerly" writing and research from a multi-disciplinary angle by focusing on seven individual student projects that form and reform methodologies within the field of gender and sexuality studies. By challenging the separation between theory and practice, our goal is to create a platform to share how junior scholars write and research.

Lectures will be held online bi-weekly (twice a month), and each session will include two speakers. Over the course of 7 weeks, 14 speakers will get a chance to present their papers. While it will be offered to HU students in the modules Free Choice and ÜWP (überfachlicher wahlpflichtbereich with 4 LP), **the lectures are also open to the public.**

How to apply :

If you are interested in presenting your work at the (Re)Forming Methodologies: International Student Lecture Series on Gender and Sexuality Studies, please submit your proposal to us by no later than **13 september 2020. / midnight (CET)**

- ° Applicants will be notified of our selection by the 25th September 2020
- ° Selected applicants will have until the 30th of September to confirm their attendance

◆ The standard lecture format will consist of a 40 minute lecture with slides or a handout by the first speaker with follow-up questions from the 2nd speaker (and vice versa). Speakers should be prepared to engage in depth with their fellow speaker's work. The session will conclude with questions and comments from the audience. If you have an alternative concept for your presentation, such as an interactive format, please include a separate page in your application, placed after the abstract, specifically detailing your idea. We are open to discussing new and exciting ideas! ◆

A complete proposal will include an abstract and a sample of your presentation material. Please pay close attention to the guidelines below.

APPLICATION PACKET

- ° Email your proposal to studierendenvortrag.gs@gmail.com
- ° Please write **application: title of your talk** in the subject line of the email
- ° Send your complete application **as a single PDF document** attached to your email. Please name the file as **title of your talk** and this document should include (in the following order):
 - Your abstract (600 - 800 words, including title and references)
 - Sample materials (slides or handout)
 - An outline of your idea, if you wish to structure your presentation differently from the standard of 40min lecture, 20 min q&a. This includes panel discussion proposals.
 - A separate page with your name and a short bio, including your institution and discipline

Please *****only***** include your name on the bio page at the very end of your application. It is **very important that your abstract and sample materials are anonymous** for the Jury members.

2.1. Abstract

- ° Please use 12pt font
- ° Arial, Times New Roman, Helvetica are preferred fonts
- ° Abstracts should be between 600 and 800 words, including title(s) and references

2.2. Slides

If you would like to hold your talk with the help of some slides:

- ° Please prepare a sample of no more than 4 slides
- ° Please attach the slides to the end of your abstract to be sent as a single PDF file
- ° Please respect the font specs given in section 2.1

- ° Place your name and study stage only at the end of this one single PDF

2.3. Handouts

If you wish to hold your talk with the help of a handout:

- ° Please prepare a half-page handout only
- ° Please attach the handout to the end of your abstract to be sent as a single pdf file
- ° Please respect the font specs given in section 2.1
- ° Place your name and study stage only at the end of this single PDF

2.4. Panel Discussion

If you have a friend(s) and/or colleague(s) with whom you would like to hold a presentation/discussion together (as Gender Studies is a rather multidisciplinary subject):

- ° Please prepare your joint abstract by following the font specs in 2.1
- ° This joint abstract should not be longer than 800 words, including references at the end.
- ° If you wanna have any slides please follow the instructions in 2.2
- ° if you wanna have any handouts please follow the instructions in 2.3
- ° Please attach your names only at the end of the single PDF file
- ° We can reserve enough blocks to accommodate joint proposals: so you may assume that you will get 2 Blocks instead of 1 Block and prepare your panel discussion accordingly.

3.1. Financial Compensation

Last winter semester we were able to provide financial compensation to the speakers who participated during the semester. However, as we are currently changing our format it will take us some time to figure out how much and under what conditions we will be able to financially compensate for your work.

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