FRIDAY 28 – SATURDAY 29/10/2016

CARL VON OSSIETZKY UNIVERSITY
OLDENBURG

LOWER SAXONY

2. CONFERENCE OF THE RESEARCH NETWORK GENDER AND MIGRATION

QUEERING MIGRATION STUDIES – INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
The conference explores how migration processes are structured by heteronormative concepts of identity, sexuality and family. How are migrating subjects constructed as heterosexual and defined as definitively either male or female? And what are the specific conditions of flight and migration for persons who do not conform to these normative constructions?

These questions are linked to processes of national definition and social stratification on the basis of inclusion/exclusion via sex and gender, legality and illegality. What are the conditions that lead to the understanding of migrants as being either a threat to national integrity or as their being instrumentalised in order to confirm the self-perception of the West as liberal? And what does this mean for migrants’ concepts of the self?

At the intersection of Queer Studies, Gender Studies and Migration Studies, the conference offers an interdisciplinary forum for exchange between members of the network “Gender and Migration@Lower Saxony” and national and international experts in the field as well as activists and practitioners.

FRIDAY, 28/10
14:00 - 14:30 hrs
WELCOMES AND INTRODUCTIONS
BY THE ZFG/OLDENBURG UNIVERSITY AND THE RESEARCH NETWORK GENDER AND MIGRATION@LOWER SAXONY
Lydia Potts & Sylvia Pritsch (ZFG/Oldenburg University/de)
Sabine Hess (University of Göttingen/de)
Helen Schwenken (Osnabrück University/de)

14:30 - 16:00 hrs
KEYNOTE LECTURES
Karma R. Chávez (University of Texas/us): A Child Refugee Crisis and Other Queer Rhetorics of Immigration
Randi Gressgård (University of Bergen/no): Revisiting Queer Necropolitics in the Age of Migration and Resilience

16:30 - 18:00 hrs
PANEL 1: QUEER ACTIVISM AND SELFORGANIZATION
Ahmed Awadalla (Berlin/de)
GLADT (Berlin/de)
Sevag Ohanian (LesMigraS, Berlin/de)

18:30 - 20:00 hrs
MEETING OF THE RESEARCH NETWORK GENDER AND MIGRATION@LOWER SAXONY

SATURDAY, 29/10
09:30 - 10:15 hrs
KEYNOTE LECTURE
Zeynep Kıvılcım (Istanbul University/tr): Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transsexual Syrian Refugees in Turkey

10:15 - 11:45 hrs
PANEL 2: QUEERNESS & MIGRATION IN CULTURAL STUDIES
Tina Büchler (University of Bern/ch): Claiming Home. Migration Biographies and Everyday Lives of Queer Migrant Women in Switzerland
Maya El Helou (Lebanon): Maneuvering the Relationship between Toxic Masculinity and Queer Syrian Refugees in Lebanon beyond its Current Production as Ahistorical
Ghiwa Sayegh (Kohl Journal/Lebanon): Homonationalism in Migration: Refugees’ Encounters with the Current Production of Exclusionary National Identities and their Effect on the Self-Perception of Syrian Refugees in Turkey

13:00 - 14:30 hrs
PANEL 3: RESEARCH PERSPECTIVES ON LGBTIQ – MIGRATION – FLIGHT
Fadi Saleh (University of Göttingen/de): Resettlement and its Discontents: Resettlability and the Securitization of Syrian, Refugee Queerness
Rosa Heimer (European Institute for Gender Equality/Lt): Producing and Excluding Self-Repressed Sexual Others: The UK Approach to Sexuality-Based Asylum Claims
Jennifer Rosenberg (Women’s Refugee Commission/us): Dangerous Liaisons: Gender, Violence & Exclusion in LGBT/Sex Worker Refugee Contexts

14:30 - 15:30 hrs
CLOSING AND DISCUSSION
Karma R. Chávez (University of Texas/us)
Susanne Hofmann (University of Göttingen/de)
Helma Lutz (Goethe-University Frankfurt/M/de)
Zeynep Kıvılcım (Istanbul University/tr)
Jennifer Rosenberg (Women’s Refugee Commission/us)

Further Information and Registration
Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Frauen- und Geschlechterforschung (ZFG) / Centre for interdisciplinary Women’s and Gender Studies Research
www.uni-oldenburg.de/forschung/migration-gender/
www.nds-lagen.de/forschung/migration-und-gender/

Deadline for Registration: 23/10/2016
Venue: Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg (BIS-Saal)
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