

CALL FOR PAPERS

Anti-feminist Mobilisations: Manifestations, Explanations and Counter-Strategies

Since the turn of the millennium, discourses on and mobilisations against critical debates on gender (relations) and gender self-determination have increased. These strategies aim at a (re-)naturalisation of gender: traditional notions of femininity, masculinity and family are at the centre of the debate, as is a scandalisation of assumed threats to the social order. This emotionally charged rhetoric against an alleged 'gender ideology' encourages new forms of racism and ideologies that legitimise inequality. It enables alliances between the extreme right, Christian fundamentalist circles and men's rights activism. Studies have shown that there are targeted campaigns and mobilisation strategies as well as (transnational) networks between these groups. This special issue seeks to address the need for further research in the following areas: 1. investigating manifestations of anti-feminist mobilisations in various fields of practice, in the media and from an international perspective; 2. explaining the increasing strength of these mobilisations and their social significance; and 3. developing suitable counter-strategies.

Questions to be asked include: How can the phenomenon be conceptualised? How can the increase in such mobilisations and discourses be explained and what conclusions can be drawn regarding changes in gender relations and the limits and possibilities of gender policies? Against the background of which contextual conditions do these mobilisations and discourses develop subjective and collective relevance? What internal contradictions do they exhibit, e.g. in attempts to instrumentalise women's political achievements? Which demands and conflicts become visible, which are hidden? Which interactions with other intersectional dynamics in gender relations exist?

With this Call for Papers, we invite submissions gender theoretical and feminist analyses from all (inter-)disciplinary perspectives (e.g. literature and media studies, political science, education studies, contemporary history and philosophy). We also welcome contributions on the opportunities and limitations of emancipatory and democratic counter-strategies against these developments.

Possible questions/research topics in detail

- Constructions of 'threats' regarding gender and sexual diversity and how they are linked to right-wing populist, racist and anti-Semitic discourses and conspiracy theories
- Analyses of public spheres for 'anti-genderist' discourses and bridge discourses
- Analyses of the emotionalisation of gender policy debates
- Social-psychological, subject-theory-based or ethnographic analyses of subjective or collective resonances of such (mis-)interpretations
- The relevance of the phenomenon to changes in gender relations, taking into account current feminist diagnoses of society (e.g. neo-patriarchy, post-patriarchy and post-feminism)
- Counter-strategies, e.g. in the context of political debates and measures, educational projects or legal interventions

Procedure and timetable

Please submit a one- to two-page abstract by **2 June 2019**. Non-German speakers are welcome to submit their articles in English. The Editorial Department works with the online editing system OJS. We would therefore like to ask you to register as an author of the journal GENDER at www.budrich-journals.de/index.php/gender and to submit and upload your abstract there. A guideline for the use of OJS is available at www.gender-zeitschrift.de/index.php?id=manuskripte. Once your abstract has been assessed and judged suitable for this issue, you will receive an invitation to submit. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by **17 June 2019**. The deadline for submission of the final manuscript is **16 December 2019**. Manuscripts must not exceed 50,000 characters (including space characters). All submissions will be reviewed in our double-blind peer review process based on which the final selection of contributions to be published will be made. The editors may give instructions to revise the contribution, which is the rule rather than the exception. In case of a high number of positively peer-reviewed contributions, the Editorial Department reserves the right to make a final selection of articles and to publish some contributions in a later issue.

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Do you have any questions?

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