

RINGS 9th Annual Conference & Meeting

# Gender, Climate, Movement

## Feminist Research and Activism meet Climate Change and Mobility

18th - 20th October 2023

Onsite & Online



Hosted by the Center of Gender Studies at  
Paderborn University



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# Programme Guide

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

**09:00 - 9:30** Arrival and Registration (Room L2.201)

**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:** Feminist Environmental Movements -  
Rapid Climate Change and slow Political Change  
*Christine Bauhardt*, Humboldt-University Berlin, Germany  
Chair: Heike Kahlert, Ruhr University Bochum

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**11:30 - 11:45** **Mid-morning Tea & Coffee Break (Room L3.204)**

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**11:45 - 13:15** **Session 1: Knowledge Production**  
*Sabine Grenz*, University of Vienna

**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, Great Britain

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

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**13:15 - 14:15 Lunch Break (Room L2.201)**

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**14:15 - 15:45 Session 2: Movement**  
*Giti Chandra*, University of Iceland

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

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 Address the Problem?  
*Grazia Eleonora Vita*, University of Bologna, Italy

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**15:45 - 16:15 Afternoon Tea & Coffee Break (Room L2.201)**

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**16:15 - 17:45**

**Session 3: Literary Perspectives on Environment**

*Irma Erlingsdóttir*, University of Iceland

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

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**19:00 onwards**

**Dinner (self-paid)**

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## 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

Chair: Annalisa Mattei, Paderborn University

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10:45 - 11:00

### Mid-morning Tea & Coffee Break (Room L3.204)

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11:00 - 12:30

### Session 4: Climate Change

*Jeff Hearn*, Hanken School of Economics

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

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12:30 - 13:30

### Lunch Break (Room L2.201)

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**13:30 - 15:00**

**Session 5: Energy and Justice**

*Tamara Shefer*, University of the Western Cape

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.

*Sabine Loos*, 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

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**15:00 - 15:30**

**Afternoon Tea & Coffee Break (Room L2.201)**

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**15:30 - 16:30**

**Session 6: Feminist Fiction and Worldmaking**

*Eva Midden*, Utrecht University

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*, Utrecht University

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

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

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## **Day 3 – Friday 20th October 2023**

### **General Assembly, for RINGS Members**

Venue: Hybrid

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

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10:30 - 11:00 **Mid-morning Tea & Coffee Break (Room L2.201)**

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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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*Prof. Dr. Sabine Grenz*

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