

Resistance to anti-gender politics: social movements, coalitions, and institutional politics in Europe

Programme:

Monday 13 May:

Registration: 13.30 PM onwards

Location :

Institut de Sociologie, Université Libre de Bruxelles

Avenue Jeanne, 44, 1050 Bruxelles

Salle Henri Janne S.S.15.331, Bâtiment S, 15th floor



14:00 | Opening and welcome

14:15 | **Epistemology workshop:** The challenges of researching feminist and LGBTQIA+ movements in the context of rising conservative and anti-gender politics and the ways to overcome them.

The rise of political initiatives against gender equality and the intensification of anti-gender politics revived questions of scientific knowledge production, about objectivity and value-freedom of research, related to the fairness and responsibilities of the researchers and their philosophies of research. Following Harding (2015) one should reflect about how will a piece of research affect the lives of the people who are the subjects of that research? While the question concerns both research on anti-gender movements and on progressive movements, the focus of this session will be on feminist, LGBTQIA+, sexual and reproductive rights movements who oppose and resist anti-gender politics. What are the challenges of doing research about progressive movements in times of democratic backsliding? How to do research that benefits democratic and social justice ends? What are the risks of misuse and instrumentalization of research about progressive movements to serve conservative goals? Should and is the voice of progressive activists heard about whether and how the research will be done?

*During this session some activists from the LGBTQIA+ and feminist movement organizations and groups will join us for collective reflection, knowledge exchange and knowledge production related to questions of epistemology. One option would be to write an epilogue for the book out of this collective reflection or we can choose another format that we might deem appropriate.

The session is accompanied by a workshop on verbal defense against anti-gender by **Irene Zeilinger**, founder of the feminist self-defense organization in Brussels, Garance. She is also pursuing a PhD on the role of violence in masculine identities at Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB).

16:45 | Coffee break

17:00 | Working session 1 (chapter presentation & discussion)

17:00 – 17:10 | **Martijn Mos**, Universiteit Leiden

Anti-Gender Politics in the Netherlands: Repoliticization as a Resistance Strategy

17:10 – 17:40 | Discussion by: Phillip Ayoub & Irene Zeilinger

17:40 – 17:50 | **Maryna Shevtsova**, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

The war of values: (geo)political homophobia in Georgia and Moldova in the context of Russia's war against Ukraine

17:50 – 18:20 | **Discussion by:** Lucrecia Rubio Grundell & **Rodrigo Cruz**

19:30 | Restaurant dinner

Apocalypse

Chaussée de Boondael 347, 1050 Ixelles

Indications transport

9-minute walk from ULB

Tuesday 14 May :

Location :

Maison des Sciences Humaines (MSH), Université Libre de Bruxelles,
Salle de réception – Niveau 3
Avenue Antoine Depage 1 1050 Bruxelles

Carte indications



9:30. | Welcome Coffee

10:00 | Working session 2 (chapter presentation & discussion)

10:00 – 10:10 | **Lucrecia Rubio Grundell**, Universidad Complutense de Madrid
Divide and conquer? The strategic engagement of anti-gender and far right actors with intra-feminist debates in the European Parliament

10:10 – 10:40 | Discussion: **Ilana Eloit** & Alexandra Ana

10:40 – 10:50 | **Rylan Verlooy** and **Petra Meier**, Universiteit Antwerpen
On the limiting power of political institutions: feminist activism against anti-gender mobilizations in the Belgian House of Representatives

10:50 – 11:20 | Discussion by: Martijn Mos & **Véronique Sehier**

11:20 – 11:30 | **Natasza Quelvennec**, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales
Resisting Anti-Gender Campaign Focused on Reproductive Issues in Poland: between Cooperation and Divergence

11:30 – 12:00 | Discussion by Claire Thurlow & **Anne-Sophie Crosetti**

12.00 | Lunch

13:30 | Working session 3 (chapter presentation & discussion)

13:30 – 13:40 | **Phillip Ayoub**, University College London & **Kristina Stoeckl** (LUISS)
Movement Interaction: LGBTI Rejoinders to Global Resistances.

13:40 – 14:10 | **Discussion by:** Maryna Shevtsova & **Malte Breiding**

14:10 - 14:20 | **Alexandra Ana**, Université Libre de Bruxelles

Resistance to anti-gender politics: The role of coalitions and the challenges to alliance-building

14:20 – 14:50 | Discussion by Natasza Quelvennec & **Georgiana Lincan**

14:50 - 15:00 | **Aurora Perego**, Università di Trento

How Spanish and Italian LGBTQIA* organizations used Facebook to counter anti-gender politics between 2011 and 2020.

15:00 – 15:30 | Discussion by Braedyn Ezra Simon & **David Paternotte**

15:30 | Coffee break

16:00 | Working session 4 (chapter presentation & discussion)

16:00 – 16:10 | **Braedyn Ezra Simon**, Freie Universität Berlin

Anti-Trans Feminist Politics of Exclusion in Germany's EMMA Magazine: Thinking Beyond Boundaries of Gender

16:10 – 16:40 | **Discussion by** Rylan Verlooy & **Radzhana Buyantueva**

16:40 – 16:50 | **Claire Thurlow**, Cardiff University

Anti-trans feminism as anti-gender politics

16:50 – 17:20 | Discussion by Aurora Perego & **Mauro Cabral Grinspan**

19:30 | Restaurant dinner

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Rue de Rollebeek 13, 1000 Bruxelles

Indications transport

Tramway 8 from Solbosch to Legrand
Tramway 93 from Legrand to Petit Sablon and walk 5 minutes.

Wednesday 15 May:

Location :

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Carte indications



09:30 | Welcome Coffee

10:00 | Book build-up

12:00 | Closing remarks

12:15 | Lunch

Drive to upload your draft papers:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1M2LSuve7Uq4r_GxBgiqNdZRYbl2INtaS?usp=share_link

Accommodation

Two or three nights are booked for each participant in need of accommodation, as previously discussed by e-mail at:

Hôtel Aqua*** by HappyCulture; **Rue de Stassart 43** Bruxelles (**Ixelles**); **1050** Belgique;
+32 2 213 01 01
info@aqua-hotel.be

<https://www.aqua-hotel-brussels.com/fr/>

Indications transport

From hotel to ULB

Take bus 71 to the Porte de Namur stop and get off at the ULB stop.

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