

**International Politics of Gender and Sexuality:  
Is There Place for Ambiguity in a Polarized Context?**

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**3 July (Thursday)**

9:30-10:30 – **Workshop Session 1: Introductions**

*10:30-11:00 – coffee break*

11:00-12:30 – **Workshop Session 2: Women as Agents in International Politics**

Lena Kempermann (Lund University) “The Gendered Peace Table as a Site of Agency and Restriction: Women Negotiators in Between Navigating and Resisting Gender Stereotypes”

Discussants: Tonka Kostadinova, Shireen Manocha

*12:30-14:00 – lunch break*

**14:00-15:30 – Workshop Session 3: Gendered Experience of State Institutions**

Tonka Kostadinova (University of Cyprus) “Gender, Informal Institutions, and Diplomacy in-between Authoritarianism and Democracy: a Case-study of Bulgaria”

Bibi Imre-Millei (Lund University) “Peacekeeper Or Expeditionist: Performing Masculinity Within Frameworks Of Conservatism And Liberalism Among Army Drone Operators In Canada”

Discussants: Rahime Süleymanoğlu-Kürüm, Emil Edenborg

*15:30-16:00 – coffee break*

**16:00-17:30 – Workshop Session 4: Diplomacy as a Gendered Elite Practice**

Karoline Faerber (King’s College London) “The German Foreign Office Gendered, Classed, and Raced: Diplomatic Subjectivities and the Practice of Feminist Foreign Policy”

Rahime Süleymanoğlu-Kürüm (Manchester Metropolitan University/Bahçeşehir University), Selin Türkeş-Kılıç (Yeditepe University), Nuran Öksüz (Yeditepe University), “Rethinking Elite Sociology through Marital Alliances: Liminal and Hybrid Forms of Power”

Discussants: Estel Otte, Hongli Liu

#### **4 July (Friday)**

##### **9:00-10:30 – Workshop Session 5: Gendered Images of Nations**

Hongli Liu (King's College London) “The Drag Performativity of Sovereignty via Diplomatic Discourses in the Crisis of the British Empire under Decolonisation”

Shireen Manocha (London School of Economics) “Bollywood's 'New India': Hindu Nationalism and Changing Gendered Imaginations of the Indian Nation in Films”

Discussants: Emma Limane

*10:30-11:00 – coffee break*

##### **11:00-12:30 – Workshop Session 6: Feminist Foreign Policies?**

Stephen Brown (University of Ottawa), Bartosz Neumann (Concordia University), Momin Rahman (Trent University), Morgane Rosier (Université du Québec à Montréal)  
“An Ambiguous Ally: Canada’s Pro-LGBTQ+ Foreign Policy”

Estel Otte (University of Luebeck), Ivana Peric, “Make Feminism A Threat Again – Feminist Defence Policy In Post Zeitenwende Germany”

Discussants: Karoline Faerber, Bibi-Imre Millei

*12:30-14:00 – lunch break*

##### **14:00-15:30 – Workshop Session 7: Gender and Contestation**

Emma Limane (Université de Montréal) “Negotiating Feminism: Contested Gender Norms During NAFTA’s Renegotiation”

Monika de Silva (University of Gothenburg), Ann Towns (University of Gothenburg),  
“Discourses of Gender Equality in the Era of Complex International Hierarchies”

Discussants: Bartosz Neumann, Lena Kempermann

*15:30-16:00 – coffee break*

**16:00-17:30 – Workshop Session 8: Gender and Geopolitical Imaginaries +  
A Concluding Discussion**

Emil Edenborg (Stockholm University) “Queer Cold Wars: Deconstructing Geopolitical Visions of Gender and Sexuality”

Discussants: Stephen Brown, Monika de Silva