

4th Gender and Diplomacy Conference

GenDip Program – University of Gothenburg

May 22-24, 2025

VENUE: Nääs Fabriker, Spinnerivägen 1, Tollerød, Sweden (just outside Gothenburg)

Deadline for paper submissions: **May 12, 2025**

Upload to SharePoint: [GenDip Workshop May 2025 papers](#)

Password: GenDip2025!



PANEL INSTRUCTIONS:

Conference participants are expected to have read most of the papers and to be ready to participate in the discussions with constructive feedback. Preparation is key!

In addition, all participants will have assigned tasks as chairs, discussants and question-providers. Discussants will provide fuller feedback and questions/comments, whereas question-providers prepare 1-2 questions/comments for each paper.

2-paper panels (80 min): Max 10 min presentation of each paper (by authors), followed by 10-15 min for the discussant + 5 min for each author to respond. 25-30 min for Q&A, starting with question-providers. End with 5 min for each presenter to wrap up.

3-paper panels (120 min): Max 10 min presentation of each paper (by authors), followed by 15-25 min for the discussant + 5 min for each author to respond. 35-40 min for Q&A, starting with question-providers. End with 5 min for each presenter to wrap up.

List of participants

First name	Surname	Affiliation
Zorana	Antonijevic	Research Fellow, Center for International Security, U of Belgrade, Serbia
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Chris	Campbell	PhD Student, History, University of Cambridge, UK
Monika	de Silva	PhD Candidate, Dept of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
Kristin	Eggeling	Assistant Professor, Dept of Political Science, U of Copenhagen, Denmark
Petrice	Flowers	Professor, Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, U of Hawai'i
Karoline	Färber	PostDoc, International Politics, University of Erfurt, Germany
Susan	Harris Rimmer	Professor, International Law, Griffith University, Australia
Jack	Hayes	PhD Candidate, The Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University
Melissa	Hitchman	PhD Candidate, National Security College, Australian National University
Joakim	Kreutz	Associate Professor, Dept of Political Science, Uppsala University, Sweden
Katarzyna	Jeziarska	Professor of Political Science, University West; Deputy Director of GenDip, Sweden
Romain	Lecler	Associate Professor, Dept of Political Science, University of Montreal, Canada
Haley	McEwen	PostDoc, Dept of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
	Megha	Assistant Professor, Dept of Political Science, University of Delhi, India
Cherry	Miller	Research Fellow, Centre for European Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland
Bahar	Rumelili	Professor, Department of International Relations, Koç University, Turkey
	Shilpa	PhD Student, Dept of Political Science, Panjab University, India
Khushi	Singh Rathore	PhD, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
Karen	Smith	Professor, International Relations, London School of Economics, UK
Claire	Somerville	Lecturer, Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland
Elise	Stephenson	PhD and Deputy Director, Global Institute for Women's Leadership, Australian National University
Ann	Towns	Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg; Director of GenDip, Sweden
Sindre Gade	Viksand	PostDoc, Dept of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

SHORT FINAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday May 22

- 07:45 Meet in front of main entrance to Clarion Hotel Post, Drottningtorget (by Central Station)
- 8:00 Leave Gothenburg for Nääs on chartered bus
- 9:00-9:30 Opening welcome
- 9:30-10:30 Presentation of GenDip research (Haley, Monika, Sindre)
- 10:30-10:45 COFFEE
- 10:45-12:05 Panel I: (2 papers)
- 12:15-13:10 LUNCH
- 13:15-15:15 Panel II: (3 papers)
- 15:15-15:45 FIKA
- 15:45-17:05 Panel III: (2 papers)
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- 18:00 DINNER 20:30-22 HOT BATH BY LAKE

Friday May 23

- 9:10-10:30 Panel IV: (2 papers)
- 10:30-11:00 FIKA
- 11:00-12:20 Panel V: (2 papers)
- 12:30-14:30 LUNCH & WALK
- 14:30-15:50 Panel VI: (2 papers)
- 15:50-16:20 FIKA
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- 17:30-19 HOT BATH BY LAKE 19:30 DINNER

Saturday May 24

- 9:10-10:30 Panel VIII: (2 papers)
- 10:30-11:00 FIKA
- 11:00-13:00 Panel IX: (3 papers)
- 13:00-14:15 LUNCH
- 14:15-15:00 Book Project Presentations (Ann & Kasia)
- 15:00-15:30 FIKA
- 15:30-16:00 Concluding discussion: Potential for joint publications?
- 16:30 Return to Gothenburg on chartered bus, Drop-off at Clarion Hotel Post

FULL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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07:45 Meet at Clarion Hotel Post, Drottningtorget (by Central Station)

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9:00-9:30 Opening welcome

9:30-10:30 Presentation of GenDip research

Haley McEwen

Monika De Silva

Sindre Gade Viksand

10:30-10:45 COFFEE

10:45-12:05 Panel I – Queer Diplomatic Experiences

Romain Lecler “Career Paths of Homosexual Diplomats”

Jack Hayes “Diplomacy From a Deficit”

Chair: Haley McEwen Discussant: Karoline Färber

Questions: Shilpa; Claire Somerville

12:15-13:10 LUNCH

13:15-15:15 Panel II – Gender at the MFA

Karoline Färber “The German Foreign Office”

Zorana Antonijevic “Changing Norms and Minds in the (Moldovian) MFA”

Shilpa “Gendered Normativity in India’s Diplomacy”

Chair: Ann Towns Discussant: Elise Stephenson

Questions: Petrice Flowers; Melissa Hitchman

15:15-15:45 FIKA

15:45-17:05 Panel III – Women’s Access to and Representation in Diplomacy

Joakim Kreutz & Magda Lorena Cárdenas “Women as Mediators in Armed Conflict”

Karen E. Smith & Marta Kozielska “Representation of Women in Diplomacy”

Chair: Sindre Gade Viksand Discussant: Romain Lecler

Questions: Zorana Antonijevic; Susan Harris Rimmer

18:00 DINNER

20:30-22 HOT BATH BY LAKE

Friday May 23

9:10-10:30 Panel IV – Gender in Ottoman & Safavid Diplomatic History

Anahita Arian “Correspondence and Dynastic Marriages”

Bahar Rumelili et al. ”Gender in Ottoman Diplomatic History”

Chair: Sindre Gade Viksand Discussant: Ann Towns

Questions: Chris Campbell; Khusbi Singh Rathore

10:30-11:00 [FIKA](#)

11:00-12:20 Panel V – How Is the Presence of Female Diplomats Conceived?

Kristin Annabel Eggeling “Women in High Places in the German Foreign Service”

Megha “Female (Bodies) and Feminine Rationalities in Diplomacy”

Chair: Katarzyna Jezierska Discussant: Bahar Rumelili

Questions: Jack Hayes; Khusbi Singh Rathore

12:30-14:30 [LUNCH & WALK](#)

14:30-15:50 Panel VI – The Influence of Female Diplomats on Foreign Policy

Elise Stephenson “Stellar Diplomacy”

Melissa Hitchman “Women with a Mission”

Chair: Ann Towns Discussant: Karen Smith

Questions: Joakim Kreutz; Karoline Färber

15:50-16:20 [FIKA](#)

17:30-19 [HOT BATH BY LAKE](#)

19:30 [DINNER](#)

Saturday May 24

9:10-10:30 Panel VIII: Multilateral Negotiations of Feminist Policy

Susan Harris Rimmer “Feminist Climate Diplomacy at the UN”

Claire Somerville “Anti-Gender Disruption at the WHO”

Chair: Katarzyna Jezierska Discussant: Monika De Silva

Questions: Megha, Haley McEwen

10:30-11:00 FIKA

11:00-13:00 Panel IX: Gender & Constructions of National Image in Diplomacy

Chris Campbell “Gender in British Cultural Diplomacy”

Petrice Flowers “Ritual and Ceremony at the G7 in Hiroshima”

Khushi Singh Rathore “Gendering Delhi’s Diplomatic Bubble”

Chair: Haley McEwen Discussant: Kristin Eggeling

Questions: Sindre Gade Viksand; Anabita Arian

13:00-14:15 LUNCH

14:15-15:00 Book Manuscript Presentations

Ann Towns *Global Gender Logics of Bilateral Diplomacy*

Katarzyna Jezierska & Ann Towns *Implementation of Feminist Foreign Policy: Global Hierarchies in Rhetoric and Practice*

15:00-15:30 FIKA

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