



Women's Spring: Feminism, Nationalism and Civil Disobedience

22-23 June, 2018

Venue: Media Factory, Kirkham St, Preston, Lancashire PR1 2XY

Conference program

Friday, 22 June		
10:00-10.30	Registration and coffee <i>Room: Media Innovation Studio (MIS)</i>	
10:30-11.00	Welcome / Housekeeping <i>Room: MIS</i>	
11.00 -11.45	Keynote Address – Prof Ewa Mazierska (University of Central Lancashire) The Advantages and Risks of Identity Politics <i>Chair: Dr Isabel Gil-Naveira Room: MIS</i>	
11:45-14:00	Panel 1: Against the Other: Examples of Political, Economic, and Symbolic Violence <i>Chair: Dr Aretha Phiri Room: MIS</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Larissa Gomes (Federal University of Minas Gerais) and Dr Helga Almeida (Federal University of Minas Gerais): Dr Clarisse Paradis (University of Lusophone Afro-Brazilian International Integration, Bahia – Brazil): The 	Panel 2: Women's Activism: Struggles for Freedom <i>Chair: Magda Dolińska Rydzek Room: ME 320</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gabriela Loureiro (Brazilian Journalist): 'To be Black, Queer and Radical': Centering the Epistemology of Marielle Franco El Houcine Boualili, (Chouaib Doukkali University, Morocco): Women's Political Empowerment in Morocco: An Assessment of the Gender Quota's Experience (SKYPE)

	<p>Parliamentary Coup Against President Dilma Rousseff: A Case Study of Violence Against Women in Politics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Prof Jee H. An (Seoul National University): "Ou libere?" Are you free?": Violence, Nationalism and Aborted Dreams 3. Dr Jyoti Atwal (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India) Representations of Caste-based Gender Violence in Indian Cinema: <i>Ankur</i> (1974) and <i>Bandit Queen</i> (1996) and <i>Padmavat</i> (2018) 4. Victoria Yates (UCLan): #Time'sUp on White Patriarchal Narratives of Rape on Screen and off: The Potentialities of Female and Oppositional Gazes (Victoria's paper will be read by Dr Caroline Blunt) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Dr Yasmin Khodary and Noha Salah (The British University in Egypt): Beyond the Arab Spring: Women's Civil Obedience or Disobedience in Conflict and Post-conflict Contexts? (SKYPE tbc) 4. Ioana Unk (Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca): The #metoo Phenomenon and the Mentality Revolution (SKYPE) 5. Amira Möding (Humboldt University): Neo-liberalism, Security and Broken Promises: Possessing Oneself and Possessing the Other
14:00-15:00	Lunch	
15:00-15:45	Keynote Address: Dr Umut Erel (Open University): Black and Migrant Women Challenging Nationalist and Racist Politics of Reproduction <i>Chair: Dr Aretha Phiri Room: MIS</i>	
15:45-17.15	<p>Panel 3: Women's Movements in India <i>Chair: Dr Jyoti Atwal Room: ME 314</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr Namrata Ravichandra Ganneri (University of York): Hindu Women 'Organise': The Politics and Programme of the All India Hindu Mahila Mahasabha 2. Dr Adrija Dey (SOAS South Asia Institute): Shaping Campuses: The Effects of the Rise of Right-Wing Nationalism on Women and LGBT Students in Indian Universities 3. Bhawna Singh (University School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University): Shattering the Glass Ceiling of a Bracketed Existence: Rise of Feminist Theatre in India 	<p>Panel 4: Black Women's Participation and the Black Lives Matter Movement <i>Chair: Dr Maria Sanelli Room: MIS</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr Robert J. Patterson (Department of African American Studies, Washington): When and Where Black Women Enter; the Global Black Lives Matter Network and Black Women's Leadership (SKYPE) 2. Mary Pena (University of Michigan): Black Public Art: On the Socially-Engaged Work of African-American Women Artists 3. Dr Joanna Freer (University of Exeter): The Anarchist Politics of Toni Cade Bambara's <i>The Salt Eaters</i>

17.15-18.45	<p>Panel 5: The Rise of Religious Nationalism and Different Forms of Resistance in Southern Asia <i>Chair: Dr Adrija Dey Room: MIS</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr Anindya Sekhar Purakayastha (Kazi Nazrul University, India): <i>Love-Jihad</i>, Hindu Nationalism and Gender Rights: The Hadiya Story as Women's Spring 2. Dr Abhiruchi Ojha (Central University of Kashmir): Gender, Nationalism and Militarism in South Asia: A Case Study of APDP in Kashmir 3. Dr Gulnaz Anjum (Department of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts, IBA Karachi) and Dr Mudassar Aziz (Department of Social Sciences, SZABIST Karachi): Nationalism and Feminism: The Role of Religious Fundamentalism in Pakistani Women's Political Engagement (SKYPE) 	<p>Panel 6: Hashtag #Against: Cyber-Feminism <i>Chair: Dr Caroline Blunt Room: ME 320</i></p>
18:45-19:30	<p>Keynote Address – Prof Cathy J. Cohen (The University of Chicago): From Combahee to Black Lives Matter: The Radical Possibilities of Black Queer Feminist Politics <i>Chair: Jade Montserrat Room: MIS</i></p>	
19:30-20:15	<p>Buffet dinner and reception sponsored by the School of Humanities and the Social Sciences</p>	
20:15-20:45	<p>Julie Cook: <i>'This isn't climate change; it's EVERYTHING change'</i> (Margaret Atwood). From Activism to Academia to Fiction – Readings from <i>Higher Ground</i>, a novel (forthcoming) <i>Chair: Prof Alan Rice Room: MIS</i></p>	
20:45-22.00	<p>Screening of <i>Daughters of Igbo Woman</i> (2017) followed by Q&A with the director of the film, Ros Martin <i>Chair: Prof Jee H. An Room: MIS</i></p>	

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Saturday, 23 June			
9.30-10:00	Registration and coffee		
10.00-10:45	<p>Keynote Address – Prof Toby Miller (University of California): Where's the Activist in Your Smart Phone? Which Nation Made Your Laptop? How Feminist Is Your Tablet? <i>Chair: Prof Ewa Mazierska Room: MIS</i></p>		
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<p>12.45-13.15 Interview with Nira & Pragna</p>	<p>Archival Research on the Black Atlantic (SKYPE)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Victoria Colston-Brooks (Howard University, Washington): Rhythm, Resistance, and Re-Membering: African Aesthetic Modalities of Lauryn Hill Prof Dr Susanne Maurer, (University of Marburg, Germany) and Denise Bergold-Caldwell, (University of Marburg): Stories of conflict and hope: Reflections on feminist her*storiographies 	<p>Panel 9 (11.45-13.15): Different Faces of Maternity <i>Chair: Dr Caroline Blunt Room: ME 320</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Monica Mina Tawdros and Ramy Magdy (Cairo University): <i>Om El-Donia</i>: Egypt, Female Idealizations and The Cult of Egyptian Manhood in Nationalistic Songs (SKYPE) Adi Sheffi (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): Mothers under Attack: Representation of Motherhood in New Israeli Documentary Cinema Dr Isabel Gil-Naveira (University of Oviedo): The Social Role of Mothers-in-Law: Matrilineality in Ama Ata Aidoo's "Something to talk about on the way to a funeral" and <i>The Dilemma of a Ghost</i>
<p>13:15-14:15</p>	<p>Lunch and reception sponsored by the Institute for Black Atlantic Studies</p>	
<p>14:15-15:00</p>	<p>Keynote Address – Pragna Patel (Southall Black Sisters) <i>Dissenting Women: Navigating the Space between Race, Gender and Religion in the Work of Southall Black Sisters</i> <i>Chair: Prof Dr Susanne Maurer Room: MIS</i></p>	
<p>15.00-15.45</p>	<p>Keynote Address – Prof Nira Yuval-Davis (Research Centre on Migration, Refugees and Belonging, CMRB, the University of East London) <i>Situated Intersectionality and Transversal Politics as Feminist Dialogical Epistemologies</i> <i>Chair: Prof Dr Susanne Maurer Room: MIS</i></p>	
<p>15.45-18:15</p> <p>Panels 10, 11, 12 run in parallel</p>	<p>Panel 10: Art and Literature Against Oppression <i>Chair: Dr Raphael Hoermann Room: MIS</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Maryam Mirza (University of Bonn): Resisting Activism: Political Disengagement in Manju Kapur's <i>Difficult Daughters</i> and Kamila Shamsie's <i>Broken Verses</i> Hooria Liaqat and Dr Amra Raza (University of the Punjab): Mythological Oppression in Anita Desai's <i>Fasting, Feasting</i> (1999) Alysha M. Page (Howard University): "The Fire Next Time": Black Iconoclastic Patriotism and the Re-Imagining of a National Icon in the Work of Faith Ringgold 	<p>Panel 11: Different Strategies for Constructing Identity <i>Chair: Magda Dolińska Rydzyk Room: ME 314</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Karolina Szyrko (University of Sussex): What does it mean for Polish feminism to exist: Mnemonic Labour of The Newly Found Polish Feminist Movement Jennifer Ramme (European University Viadrina, Frankfurt Oder and Collegium Polonicum, Stubice): Framing Solidarity. Ambivalent Feminist Counter-Discourses in Poland Dr Eva Midden (Utrecht University): National Belonging in the Netherlands: Learning from the Intersections between Religion, Gender and National Identity after Conversion to Islam

<p>18.00 sandwiches & fruit will be served.</p>	<p>4. Dr Aretha Phiri (Rhodes University and Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study): <i>Ghana Must Go</i>: Taiye Selasi's War on Wor(l)ds.</p>	<p>4. Devika Karnad (Cardiff University): The Identity Crisis in Indian Feminism: Some Reflections on Indian Anglophone Feminist Fiction</p>
		<p>Panel 12: Queer Activism vs. Queering <i>Chair: Jade Montserrat Room: ME 320</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lara Özlen (İstanbul Sabanci University): Visibility Politics and Activism of Lesbian-Bisexual Feminists In İstanbul (SKYPE) 2. Sukrita Lahiri (Jawaharlal Nehru University): Homonationalism and Anti-Pinkwashing: Queering the Palestinian Question (SKYPE) 3. Alicia A. Wallace (black feminist and women's rights activist): Caribbean Feminist Movements and Collective Imagination! (SKYPE) 4. Dr Danai Delipetrou (Universitat de València): Intersectionality in times of crisis (SKYPE)
<p>18:15-19:15</p>	<p>Panel 13: Chance to Change: Female-led Refugee Support in Europe <i>Chair: Prof Alan Rice Room: MIS</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sophia Schmid (Humboldt University of Berlin): The Anti-Fascist Political Potential of Female-led Refugee Support Work in Germany 2. Gina Frausin, Katrina Barnish, Caryn Willmott and Victoria Frausin (Activists): Sewing Circle and Sewing Café, Lancaster 	<p>Panel 14: What is Happening Within the European Right? <i>Chair: Dr Eva Midden Room: ME 320</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Andreas Hechler (Dissens – Institute for Education and Research, Berlin): 'In-Between-Things' – Cissexism and Interphobia within the German Extreme Right (SKYPE live) 2. Angelina Penner (Norwegian University of Science and Technology): Radical Women on the Right – A Case from Norway (SKYPE)
<p>19:15-20:00</p>	<p>Final Keynote Address: a performance lecture by Jade Montserrat: A Contagion of Boldness; I Make You with Love</p> <p>This contribution to "Women's Spring: Feminism, Nationalism and Civil Disobedience" considers the ways drawing has been utilized within contemporary performance practices and asks what it means to take the practice of drawing out of a private space and enact it as a somatic form of expression. It explores how 'bodily' drawing challenges traditional hierarchies of perception and can potentially give voice to more democratic aesthetics.</p>	

	<i>Chair: Prof Alan Rice Room: MIS</i>
20:00	Closing of the conference