



Sektion Politik und Geschlecht
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Call for Papers

Queer. Resistance. (Anti-)Capitalism and Global Economies. Genealogies, Potentials and Politics of Queer-Feminist Critiques of Capitalism and Inequality

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In the last decade, the relationship between „queer“, „capitalism“ and „class“ has gained new interest within queer(-feminist) social movements and also within Queer Studies, particularly in the German-speaking context. Exclusions based on classism (e.g. within queer communities) and/or a lack of class politics and critique of capitalist structures within queer theory, activism and coalition building have been addressed. At the same time, materialist perspectives are frequently being framed as antithetical to queer theory and LGBTIQ³/queer politics. Hence, shared anti-capitalist and materialist genealogies within queer theory/politics are sidelined, anti-capitalist practices and theories of resistance and solidarity therefore tend to become infringed. This includes for instance LGBTIQ involvements in workers' struggles or de- and anti-colonial protest movements in the Global North and South.

However, on the other hand topics such as working conditions, capitalist modes of production, struggles for land rights or fights against economic exploitation including practices of dispossession and socio-economic forms of (state) violence remain marginalized in queer research. Vice versa do classical (post-)Marxist analyses of capitalism rarely include queer perspectives and critiques of heteronormativity. Finally, also within contemporary debates on ecological sustainability, commons, alternative economies or de-growth, questions around queer/ness and the performativity of gender remain undertheorized.

The aim of this conference is to explore the analytical and political potentials of queer and queer-feminist perspectives on class and capitalism from a social and political sciences perspective and from different theoretical and methodological angles – including activist based research. The conference aims to strengthen queer materialist thinking particularly by taking account of the complex and ambivalent entanglements of queer(-feminist) mobilizations with intersectional global inequalities. It attempts to uncover the contradictions created by racialized interpretations of LGBTIQ*-rights as new markers for „modernity“ and „development“ supporting the formation of new right wing hegemonies.

³ LGBTIQ: LesbianGayBeTransInter*Queer

Moreover, this conference also aims to promote discussions of anti-capitalist queer genealogies and histories that have become „unstoried“ and to read diverse social movements in the past and present through a queer lens. Finally, this conference seeks to create an intersectional space for thinking about visions and possibilities for alternate futures and post-capitalist utopias from a queer and queer-feminist perspective.

Hence, we are looking forward to contributions that focus on one or more of the following topics from a social or political science perspective:

- Queer and queer-feminist expansions of established critiques, theoretical concepts and analysis with regard to class and capitalism, particularly those including intersectional, post-/decolonial und transnational approaches
- Marginalized traditions and genealogies of queer analysis of class and capitalism, such as materialist approaches within lesbian*, trans* and/or BIPOC⁴ Feminisms
- Anti-capitalist and/or class-critical queer, feminist und LGBTI*Q political practices, politics and strategies in different geopolitical and historical contexts, also including practices of solidarity or coalition building
- Queer and queer-feminist perspectives and readings of workers' struggles, union and wage policies, particularly by including different geopolitical contexts and interlocking systems of oppression and forms of inequality
- Anti-capitalist queer, queer-feminist, feminist und LGBTI*Q- practices and projects (e.g. share economies, practices of commoning, community housing)
- Visions and utopias of post-capitalist, sustainable economies and societies from a queer or queer-feminist perspective
- Potentials and desiderates of queer and queer-feminist analysis of class- and capitalism

Please send your abstract (max. of 500 words) until the **31. November 2019** to aantonakis@zedat.fu-berlin.de, nuethen@staff.uni-marburg.de and christine.klapeer@uni-goettingen.de.

Abstracts can be submitted in German or English. Please also indicate your language (e.g. if you are able to understand English and/or German) since we aim to provide an inclusive conference setting while depending on our financial capabilities. The location of the conference is wheel chair accessible. Childcare will be provided.

Organization and concept:

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⁴ BIPOC: Black, Indigenous and People of Color