

CROSSING DISCIPLINES

Celebrating 50 years of gender research at Umeå University

14-15 October 2026

14th October

11.30 – Welcome!

Vice-Chancellor, Tora Holmberg

12.30 – 13.45: Lunch

13.45 -14.15:

Introductory talk: Why gender research is not interdisciplinary,

Sara Edenheim

14.30 - 15.00:

Being a PhD-student at the Gender Research School,

Kerstin Edin and Josefin Olsson

15.00 – 15.30: Coffee and refreshments

15.30:

Panel Discussion with supervisors at the research school

Anna Hegardt Källén, Museology, Department of Culture and Media Studies, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, **Isabel Goicolea**, Public Health, Department of Epidemiology and Global Health, Faculty of Medicine, **Henrik Björklund**, Computing Science, Department of Computing Science, Faculty of Science and Technology, **Göran Bostedt**, Umeå School of Business, Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Social Sciences. Moderator: Emil Marklund

17.00: Drinks reception

15th October

08.30 – 10.00: Parallel Sessions, part 1

10.00 – 10.30: Coffee and refreshments

10.30 – 12.00: Parallel Sessions, part 2



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15th October: 08.30–10.00 Parallel Sessions, part 1

HUM.F.214: Bodies, Health and Feminist Imaginaries

(Chair: Liselotte Eriksson) 08.30–10.00 Parallel Sessions, part 1

Beyond the Phallus: Can the Penis Become a Feminist Object of Inquiry?

Adriano Dinacci

Feminist Pills? Abortion Pills in the Narratives of Feminist Movements in Ecuador and Bolivia

Isabel Goicolea, Erika Arteaga, Cecilia Terrazas, Maria Dolores Castro & Paz Guarderas

Testosterone Trouble: Online Discussions of Healthcare, Knowledge and Masculine Wellbeing

Disa Helander, Linda Berg & Ida Linander

FemTox: Domestic lifestyles, Toxic femininity and Resistance in the Femosphere

André Baltz, Maria Carbin, Eric Carlsson and Johanna Lauri

HUM.G.211: Critical perspectives on Masculinities and Crises

(Chair: Emil Marklund) 08.30–10.00 Parallel Sessions, part 1

Owning It, Owning Us: Experiences of Belonging and Solidarity as a Reaction to HIV/AIDS in the Swedish Gay Press, 1982–1986

Martina Terrazzano

Constructing and Negotiating Masculinity among Gay Men: Discursive Processes across Heterosexual Publics and Gay Counter publics

Vasilis Daios Galan

Interdisciplinary Rhetoric, Disciplinary Silos: Mapping Queer Scholarship on Crises, Disasters, Peace, and Conflict

Jim Jormanainen

OK Charo: Misogynous Jargon in the Spanish Manosphere

Maria L. Medel



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HUM.G.217: Gendered Futures: Technology, Work and Organizations

(Chair: Sophia Erhardt) 08.30–10.00 Parallel Sessions, part 1

Unequal Contextual Conditions: The Influence of Gendered Organizational Structures on Passive Leadership and Leaders' Stress

Mats Reinhold

Gendered Patterns of Doctoral Advisership in Mathematics

Dongna Chen

Should AI Optimize for Fairness? Age and Gender Differences in Health-Care Outcome

Kean Tang, Lars Matsson & Patrik Rydén

Emotion and Gender in Swedish Engineering Education: Feeling Rules and Student Narratives

Somayeh Ebrahimi

Policy to Plate: Hospital Foodservice reform as Interdisciplinary Gender Research

Sofia Rapo

HUM.G.219: Institutional Power and the Boundaries of Belonging

(Chair: Jacob Hane Weijman) 08.30–10.00 Parallel Sessions, part 1

Ungrievable, Stareable, Lost – A Case Study of Preconditions for Racial Discrimination and Eugenic Policies in Sweden

Maria Litosh

From Inside the Institution: Psychiatric Care in Sweden According to Patients' Letters from the 1940s

Tove Ljuslinder

“I Want to See All the Lunatics”: Staring at Mad Women in 19th-Century Swedish Fiction

Josefine Wälivaara

The Natural Mother and the Woman in Despair: Two figures in the Swedish Anti-Abortion Movement

Diana Vallsten

Exploring New Modes of Anorexia Representation in Contemporary Life-Writing

Kätlin Koik Ullah



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15th October: 10.30–12.00 Parallel Sessions, part 2

HUM.G.211: Feminist Perspectives on Violence, Agency and Resistance

(Chair: Sophia Erhard) 10.30–12.00 Parallel Sessions, part 2

Daring to Ask about Violence? Social Services' Question-Centred Responses to Gender-Based Violence

Hanna Bäckström, Maria Carbin, Isabel Goicolea, Marcus Lauri & Ida Linander

Providers of Welfare or A Feminist Alternative? Women's Shelters' Role in Supporting Girls in Gang-Related Environments in Sweden

Jennie Brandén & Johanna Lauri

Get Down to Earth! Rihanna, Ana Mendieta, and How to Blend in with Nature.

Erika Skilström

Forbidden Fields: The Selling and Buying of Women's Bodies Through Online Brothels. Ethics and Security when Observing the Digital Darkside.

Erica Bergkvist

HUM.G.217: Gender, Power and the Politics of Resources

(Chair: Emil Marklund) 10.30–12.00 Parallel Sessions, part 2

“Lotta Can Handle It”: The Gendered Consumer in National Preparedness in Swedish Media Advertising, 1939–1945

Johanna Overud

Residential Demand Response – Expropriation or Sufficiency? An Intersectional Feminist Critique

Ioanna-Mirto Chatzigeorgiou, Evie Kouroumichaki & Dimitris Kitsikopoulos

The politics of poverty: Gender and moral economy at the turn of the 19th century

Åsa Karlsson Sjögren

Progress, Loss, and the question of what really happened

Daniel Nyström



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HUM.G.219 – Gendered Subjectivities Across Place and Context

(Chair: Kelsey Mol) 10.30–12.00 Parallel Sessions, part 2

At the Intersection of Gender, Disability, and Immigration: Special Education in Postwar Sweden, 1940s–1990s

Badegül Eren-Aydınlık

Affective Political Subjectivity: Feminist Democracy Activists' Narratives of Exile in Mexico City

Linda Berg & Disa Helander

Conflicting Expectations: The Meaning of Gender in Girls and Young Women's Narratives of Growing Up in Racially Diverse Neighbourhoods

Maria A. Vogel & Linda Arnell

A Utopian Feminist Society? A Study of French Ecological Communities that Rethink Gender and Labor

Hélène Devienne

Household Energy Choices and Gendered Welfare Outcomes: An Empirical Analysis from Ethiopia

Etschiwot Semreab Tiruneh

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10.30–12.00 Parallel Sessions, part 2

Roundtable Discussion: Making Space for Girls' Experiences: The Limits of Planning

Linda Sandberg, Linda Gustafsson, Annika Dalén



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