

# body power & gender

## Rethinking the Practice Turn

January 24-26, 2013  
Göttingen, Germany



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### 24.1. Thursday

#### 14:00 Welcome

**Ulrike Manz and Karin Klenke**

DFG-Network „Praxeologies of the Body“

**Hiltrud Casper-Hehne**

Vice-President, University of Göttingen

**Irene Schneider**

Chair of the Working Group Gender Studies,  
University of Göttingen

#### Panel I: Materiality

Chair: Ulrike Manz, University of Frankfurt

14:30 **Susanne Lefrow**, University of Paderborn

Materiality and Praxis. Remarks on Material Feminism

15:15 **Malika Rödel**, University of Frankfurt

What matters? Nature, technology and gender  
in the discourse of preimplantation genetic diagnosis

#### 16:00 Coffee break

16:30 **Silke Schickelanz**, University of Göttingen

The giving and taking of organs – ethical and  
cultural dynamics beyond symbolic actions

17:15 **Eva Sänger**, University of Frankfurt

Matter of time: making up babies in obstetrical  
ultrasound scanning in Germany

#### 18:00 Dinner

### 24. 1. 20:00 Public Keynote Lecture

**Nina Lykke**, University of Linköping  
Feminist postconstructionism, postdisciplinary practices –  
and the oxymoron of doing academic activism

**Venue:** Holborn'sches Haus, Rote Straße 34

### 25.1. Friday

#### Panel II: Discursivity

Chair: Karen Nolte, University of Würzburg

09:30 **Margrit Shildrick**, University of Linköping  
Embodied discourses: The somatechnics of disability

10:15 **Heike Raab**, University of Innsbruck  
Technobodies and dis/ability –  
on an analysis of a discursive relationship of tension

#### 11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **Olaf Stieglitz**, University of Essen  
Texts and muscles – discourse, practice &  
the writing of sports history

12:15 **Mica Wirtz**, University of Hamburg  
Analysing contemporary fitness practices –  
methodological reflections

#### 13:00 Lunch

#### Panel III: Performativity

Chair: Karin Klenke, University of Göttingen

14:30 **Robert Schmidt**, Technical University of Darmstadt  
From studies of the performative towards a sociology  
of social practices. Notes on changing perspectives

15:15 **Sigrídur Thorgeirsdóttir**, University of Iceland  
Performative theories of the body in environmental  
ethics and how they make environmental ethics  
a radical field within the humanities

#### 16:00 Coffee break

16:30 **Uta Schirmer**, University of Göttingen  
On the performativity of drag as social practice

17:15 **Kristina Schneider**, University of Göttingen  
„We are doing it, not appearing like it!“ –  
Performing lesbi genders in Indonesia

#### 19:30 Dinner

### 26.1. Saturday

#### Panel IV: Structurality

Chair: Karen Wagels, University of Kassel

09:00 **Brigitte Bargetz**, Humboldt University Berlin  
Structuring the everyday. Politics, power, practices

09:45 **Katja Jana**, University of Göttingen  
From Westernization to civilization? Body politics  
and the formation of modern subjects in the passage  
from the Ottoman Empire to the Turkish nation-state

#### 10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **Anne Marie Rafferty**, King's College London  
The body politic in colonial nursing

11:45 **Bettina Brockmeyer**, University of Bielefeld  
Colonizing bodies: German structures,  
African experiences?

12:30 Wrap-up:  
**Andrea Bühmann**, University of Göttingen

#### 13:15 Lunch

### Thema der Tagung

Die internationale Tagung „Body-Power-Gender. Rethinking the Practice Turn“ hat sich zum Ziel gesetzt, praxeologische Ansätze, die einen innovativen Forschungsbeitrag zum Thema Körper zu leisten versprechen, aus einer Geschlechterperspektive kritisch zu reflektieren.

Praxeologische Ansätze konzentrieren sich auf Handlungsvollzüge, in denen als natürlich und kulturell gedachte, individuelle und gesellschaftliche Dimensionen immer schon ineinander verwoben sind. Diese Ansätze erscheinen daher besonders geeignet, gängige Dichotomien in der Debatte über den stets schon geschlechtlich konstituierten Körper, allen voran die von ‚Natur‘ und ‚Kultur‘, zu überwinden. Mit der programmatischen Ausrufung des practice turn drohen jedoch die Dimensionen von Macht und Herrschaft aus dem Blick zu geraten.

Praxistheorien rekurren auf vielfältige disziplinäre Zugänge wie z.B. soziologische Handlungstheorien, Konzepte der Historischen Anthropologie, philosophische Beiträge zu den Science and Technology Studies oder zur Biopolitik sowie ethnologische Arbeiten zum Thema embodiment, die jedoch in der Regel nicht in Beziehung zueinander gesetzt werden. Ziel der Tagung ist es, Grenzen und Leerstellen der jeweiligen Zugänge ausfindig zu machen und produktiv zu wenden. Den Rahmen dafür bieten die konzeptuellen Felder Materialität, Diskursivität, Performativität und Strukturalität. Mit Blick auf die Kategorie Geschlecht soll überprüft werden, wie einerseits Praxistheorien in der empirischen Forschung operationalisierbar sind und andererseits durch empirische Befunde neu überdacht werden müssen.

### About the Workshop

The international workshop „Body-Power-Gender. Rethinking the Practice Turn“ aims to critically reflect from a gender perspective on praxeological approaches that promise to make an innovative contribution to research on the subject of the body.

Praxeological approaches focus on performed actions, in which supposedly natural and cultural, individual and societal dimensions are always already interwoven. Therefore, they seem especially suited to overcoming established dichotomies in debates about the gendered body, such as the opposition of ‚nature‘ versus ‚culture‘. However, with the programmatic proclamation of a practice turn there is the danger of losing sight of structures of power and domination.

Practice theories draw on a variety of disciplinary approaches, such as sociological action theories, concepts of Historical Anthropology, philosophical contributions to Science and Technology Studies (STS) or to bio-politics, as well as anthropological approaches to embodiment. However, these diverse disciplinary approaches are rarely brought into dialogue with one another. This workshop sets out to explore and creatively engage with the limits and lacunae of existing contributions in order to make them fruitful for research on the gendered body. This endeavour is framed by the conceptual fields of materiality, discursivity, performativity and structurality. With respect to the category of gender, the workshop asks both how practice theories can be operationalised in empirical research, and also how they have to be rethought on the basis of empirical findings.

#### Registration

The workshop is open to a limited number of guests. Please register via [kklenke@gwdg.de](mailto:kklenke@gwdg.de) until January 15th, 2013. The registration fee for guests is 40€ / students 20€ and includes beverages and lunch.

#### Workshop Venue

The workshop takes place at the Tagungszentrum an der Sternwarte of the University of Göttingen at Geismar Landstraße 11. The public keynote lecture by Nina Lykke in the evening of Thursday, January 24, will be held at Holborn'sches Haus, Rote Straße 34.

#### Accommodation

The municipal Tourist Office offers a variety of accommodation options, which can be booked via their website <http://www.goettingen-tourismus.de>. We advise you to book your room in advance.

For more information on the workshop visit <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/416939.html>.

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