

Vulnerability, Gender, and Justice. Contemporary Feminist Debates

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The concept of vulnerability has come to occupy a prominent place in various political debates, as well as on the agendas of governments and international organizations. Its many uses today refer to the risks of poverty, unemployment, or loss of social security, to the exposure to climate change and natural disasters, or to bioethical considerations related to health practices.

The idea of a generalized vulnerability (associated with mutual bodily exposure and conceptualized by Judith Butler as precariousness) could represent an enabling condition for ethical and political action. Nonetheless, there are differential levels of precarity that need to be addressed.

This conference will address the multilayered dimensions of vulnerability, intertwined with matters that involve gender and justice. In this sense, it will foster interdisciplinary perspectives within contemporary feminism that provide with analytical tools to understand vulnerability and situations of precarity, and that also explore the possibilities of agency and critical engagement with social relations and institutions.

Keynote speakers:

- Athena Athanasiou (Panteion University)
- Elena Tzelepis (University of Athens; University of London).
- Leticia Sabsay (London School of Economics and Political Science).
- Tuija Pulkkinen (University of Helsinki)
- Adriana Zaharijević (University of Belgrade)
- María José Guerra Palmero (University of La Laguna, Spain).

Potential topics include but are not limited to the following:

- Vulnerability, agency, and freedom
- Vulnerability and gender violence
- Vulnerability and gender justice
- Gendered aspects of vulnerability to climate change
- Feminist critical engagement against precarity
- Institutional and administrative precarity related to gender

For individual presentations, please submit a proposal in **the following format**:

- Title and abstract (200 words max.)
- Short bio (75 words max.)

Deadline for submissions: April 30, 2019

Please send your abstracts to Mónica Cano Abadía: monica.cano-abadia@uni-graz.at

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