

Forskerskolens kurs i 2013:

Stipendiatsamling

Den nasjonale forskerskolen i kjønnsforskning arrangerer stipendiatsamling om analysestrategier i etterkant av Kjønnsforskning NÅ!

Tid: Tirsdag 5. november

Sted: Stavanger

Graduate Course: Queer Theory's Foucault

Time: 28 -30 August, 2013

Place: University of Bergen

Organizers: Centre for Women's and Gender Research (SKOK), University of Bergen

«Woman as Gift» - Alliance and Gift Exchange Theory Revisited

Time: 17 - 18 April, 2013

Place: University of Oslo

Organizers: PhD Programme for History of Culture and Religion, Archaeology, Asian and African Studies at the University of Oslo

Theories of Affect

Time: 28 - 30 May 2013

Location: University of Bergen, Ida Bloms hus, Allégaten 34, Seminar room, 3rd floor.

Organizers: Centre for Women's and Gender Research (SKOK)

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Samlingen blir på Universitetet i Stavanger tirsdag 5. november kl. 14.00 – 17.30.

Forskerskolen vil gjerne samle stipendiatene i etterkant av konferansen for å bli bedre kjent, utveksle erfaringer og få nyttig tilbakemelding! Vi er ikke så mange på hvert sted, og Kjønnsforskning NÅ! er en fin anledning til å møtes.

Professor Hanne Haavind ved Universitetet i Oslo vil innlede om analysestrategier relatert til arbeidet dere presenterer. Hun vil særlig peke på hvordan ulike forståelser av kjønn kan inngå i analysene eller kommer frem som resultat av analysene.

Forarbeid til samlingen:

Alle oppfordres til å melde på paper til Kjønnsforskning NÅ! Vi som skal kommentere på stipendiatsamlingen vil komme og høre på. Det er fint om dere også kommer og hører på hverandre. I tillegg vil vi ha et lite notat til stipendiatsamlingen, 3-5 sider, der du gir et kort sammendrag av hva avhandlingen handler om + **ENTEN**: et spørsmål du vil diskutere som handler om din analyse, **ELLER**: et lite utdrag av empiri du skal analysere.

Program:

14:00 – 15:30 Hanne Haavind innleder om analysestrategier i kjønnsforskningen relatert til stipendiatenes arbeid

15:30 Kaffe og spørsmål/diskusjon

16:00 – 17:30 Gruppearbeid om stipendiatenes notater og papers

Kommentatorer: Hanne Haavind UiO, Kari Jegerstedt UiB, og Merete Lie NTNU

Påmelding innen 15. september til lotte.saether@ntnu.no

Frist for notatet er 15. oktober

Graduate Course: Queer Theory's Foucault

Time: 28 -30 August, 2013

Place: University of Bergen

Organizers: Centre for Women's and Gender Research (SKOK), University of Bergen

Lecturer: Professor Robyn Wiegman, Literature and Women's Studies, Duke University

Contact: Tone Lund Olsen

Deadline for registration: Please register by **June 20th** 2013 at the University of Bergen

The course invites PhD candidates, but is also open to master students. Participation without essay will give 3 ECTS credits. Participation and essay will give 5 ECTS credits.

The course is free (and includes lunches and one dinner), but participants will have to arrange and pay for the travel and accommodation themselves.

Course description:

This course will read Michel Foucault's critical influence on the intellectual and political formation of queer theory since it emerged as a distinct body of knowledge in the early 1990s. While Foucault did not live to see queer theory take up his name as one of its founding figures, there is no one more famous for shaping the field's major theoretical concerns about sexuality, subjectivity, modernity, and power. Whether figured as a call to jettison "sex-desire" in favor of "bodies and pleasures", or to challenge juridical notions of sovereignty and rights by attending to biopower, or to refute humanism by insisting that the nineteenth century birthed "the homosexual" as "a species", Foucault engaged the most significant intellectual inheritances of the twentieth century: psychoanalysis,

Marxism, and liberalism. By situating "Queer Theory's Foucault" in the context of these intellectual traditions, we will trace not only the generative force of *The History of Sexuality* but how it has remained central to ongoing queer theoretical labors. Key engagements with Foucault will include familiar figures from the field (Leo Bersani, Judith Butler, and Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick) as well as those working in other left critical traditions.

This course is an intensive seminar; participants need to be able to devote significant time before arriving in Bergen to the material on the course schedule below.

Course schedule:

August 28

Session 1

9:00-12:00 **Foucault's Queer Archive**

Read: Michel Foucault, "The West and the Truth of Sex"

Michel Foucault, *History of Sexuality, Volume 1*

Michel Foucault, *History of Sexuality, Volume 2: Introduction and Conclusion*

Listen: Michel Foucault, *The Culture of the Self*, Berkeley Lectures

Session 2

14:00-17:00 **Historicizing History**

Read: Didier Eribon, "Michel Foucault's Histories of Sexuality"

David Halperin, "Forgetting Foucault" (excerpted)

Karma Lochrie, "Desiring Foucault"

Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick, "Axiomatic"

August 29

Session 1

9:00-12:00 **Homosexuality and Politics**

Read: Michel Foucault, "Friendship as a Way of

—, "Sexual Choice, Sexual Acts"

—, "History and Homosexuality"

David Halperin, "Michel Foucault, Jean Le Bitoux, and the Gay Science

Lost and Found: An Introduction"

Michel Foucault, Nicolae Morar, and Daniel W. Smith, "The Gay Science" (Interview)

Frank Mort and Roy Peters, "Foucault Recalled: An Interview with Michel Foucault"

Christopher Lane, "Foucault and Extradiscursive Sexuality"

Session 2

14:00- 17:00 **Bodies and Pleasures**

Read: John Champagne, "Interrupted Pleasure" (pgs 181-194)

Leo Bersani, "Foucault, Freud, Fantasy, and Power"

Judith Butler, "Revisiting Bodies and Pleasures"

Annamarie Jagose, "Counterfeit Pleasures: Fake Orgasm and Queer Agency"

August 30

Session 1

9:00-12:00 **Biopolitics**

Read: Jeffrey Nealon, "Once More, with Intensity: Foucault's History of Power Revisited"

Michel Foucault, "7 January 1976" (from *Society Must be Defended*)

Michel Foucault, "The Birth of Biopolitics"

David Glover, "Foucault, Sexuality, Liberalism: A Commentary"

Ann Laura Stoler, "Placing Race in the *History of Sexuality*"

Chandan Reddy, "Freedom's Amendments"

Session 2

14:00-17:00 **Normativity**

Read: Judith Butler, "Bodies and Power Revisited"

Janet Jakobsen, "Queer Is, Queer Does? Normativity and the Problem of Resistance" (pgs 511-22)

Michael Warner, "Normal and Normaller: Beyond Gay Marriage"

Annamarie Jagose, "About Time: Simultaneous Orgasm"

"Woman as Gift" - Alliance and Gift Exchange Theory Revisited

Time: 17 - 18 April, 2013

Place: University of Oslo

Organizers: PhD Programme for History of Culture and Religion, Archaeology, Asian and African Studies at the University of Oslo

Contact: Associated professor Ingrid Fuglestedt, ingrid.fuglestedt@iakh.uio.no

Deadline for registration: Please sign up/submit your abstract to pamelding@stk.uio.no before March 8.

Seminar credits: 5 ECTS

This seminar will be profitable for PhD students and researchers who want to use gift exchange and reciprocity perspectives in their research, improve their knowledge of structuralist theory, and update their gender theory.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

This is a combined course and workshop, which is open for PhD students and researchers. PhD students can participate in the course part. This requires preparation and active participation including the presentation of a paper. The course provides the possibility of two types of PhD student papers; either the presentation of a "core title" from the reading list, or the presentation of a PhD project. The last possibility is open for candidates who are doing projects that include topics of relevance to "Woman as Gift" and gender/exchange perspectives. Duration of papers by PhD students is set to max 20 minutes.

The workshop is open for researchers on all levels, and advanced students. Workshop participants are expected to contribute to comments and discussion, and are also encouraged to send in brief abstracts for short (5-10 minute) papers or research notices.

Please sign up/submit your abstract to pamelding@stk.uio.no before March 8.

The program will be worked out in more detail after the deadline.

Wednesday 17th of April: Why study exchange and woman as gift?

1000-1015: Registration, welcome & coffee

1015-1100: Ingrid Fuglestad: *Introductory lecture: Meetings Make History*

1100-1115: Questions

1115-1200: Øystein Gullvåg Holter: *Gender, Gift Theory and Social Forms Analysis*

1200-1230: Questions and discussion

1230-1315: Lunch

1315- 1600: Paper presentations by PhD-students: *Presentations of literature* from reading list & discussion

Thursday 18th of April: Current research on gender and gift exchange

0915-1130: *Presentation of PhD-projects* & discussion, coffee

1130-1215: Lunch

1215-1300: Jorun Solheim: *Marriage Economies in Comparative Perspectives*

1300-1330: Questions and discussion

1330-1345: Break

1345-1430 Thomas Hylland Eriksen: *Dowry and Bridewealth in the Contemporary World*

1430-1500: Questions and discussion

1500-1600: Summary discussion & coffee

Friday 19th of April: Gender conference participation (voluntary)

The Research Council of Norway arranges the end conference of the Gender Research Program (in Norwegian), and participants are encouraged to attend.

Background

Throughout European cultural history, kin groups have often become allies by giving and receiving women as marriage partners. This cultural pattern is found around the globe, but the closest “ethnographic” and ethno-historical examples are the royal families of Europe as well as third world refugee groups settled in the West. The phenomenon of “giving away” a daughter or sister is rooted in a system focused on the making of allies through flows of rights and material wealth. In this framework the female kin partner makes the vital point of the bonds. Thus, the contracts are embodied in the woman by the “traffic” passing through her.

Gift exchange and reciprocity are interesting in many fields as an addition to other perspectives, for example in order to understand markets and commodity relations, where transactions may have gift exchange aspects too. However gift theory can also be relevant in a strong version where gift and reciprocity patterns “create” the person. The action creates the actors.

Modern societies contain structures that are reminiscent of social organization rooted in a pre-modern world. According to one of the founders of sociology, Émile Durkheim, society is something that objectively exists, and its reality is exactly the social bonds, or “glue” making society an integrated factuality, and not a mere aggregate of individuals. Later on, Marcel Mauss, through his essay on *The Gift*, granted these societal bonds with literal objectivity as these unions are materially manifest through the exchange of goods and status objects. Building on this sociological tradition, anthropologist Claude Lévi-Strauss emphasized the woman as the “ultimate gift” involved in the creating of alliances and networks. According to Lévi-Strauss, “flow” of women between kin groups is essential to social integration, and groups are held together by men giving or receiving wives, daughters and sisters.

The position that woman represents the ultimate gift has been met with broad critique, not least from gender scholars, discomfited by views of women as mere objects (gifts). However, it is possible to interpret Lévi-Strauss’ theoretical, which was based on a large body of ethnographic observations, in different ways. The gift position may not necessarily be detrimental or reduce the person to an object) and may involve other groups (men, children) too.

The critique of the theory of “woman as gift” has made scholars more reluctant to study gender in society by means of the theoretical devices of the French tradition, and more reluctant towards structuralist theory generally. The aims of this course will be to explore the richness of this theoretical tradition, with an emphasis on Lévi-Strauss. His theories will be challenged but also defended. We will explore how this system can more fruitfully be used and become operative in the study of empirical material. Theories of gift exchange and reciprocity also provide a platform for studying the relations between materiality, society and gender.

The reading list and content of the course will provide scholars in the field of humanities and in the social sciences with theoretical tools to understand some central structures of gender dynamics and social organization through European history. It will have relevance to the present day multi-cultural western world, as well as within global approaches.

Reading list

KINSHIP AND ALLIANCE

Eriksen, Thomas Hylland 2001: *Small Places, Large Issues. An Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology*. London: Pluto Press. p. 93-123 (chapters 7 & 8) 30 pages

Fox, Robin 1967: *Kinship and Marriage. An Anthropological Perspective*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books. p. 175-207 (chapter 7) 33 pages

Dumont, Louis 2006: Introduction to Two Theories of Social Anthropology. Descent Groups and Marriage Alliance. Oxford / New York: Berghahn Books. p. 61-87, 27 pages

Lévi-Strauss, Claude 1969: The Elementary Systems of Kinship. Boston: Beacon press. p. 42-68 (chapters IV 6 V) 26 pages

Holy, Ladislav: Anthropological Perspectives on Kinship. London: Pluto Press. p. 124-142 (chapters 6) 19 pages

SOCIAL GIFT EXCHANGE THEORY

Sahlins, Marshall 1972: Stone Age Economics. New York: Aldine de Gruyter. p. 149-183 (chapter 4) 34 pages

Hénaff, Marcel 1998: Claude Lévi-Strauss and the Making of Structural Anthropology. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press. p. 21-93 (chapters 1, 2 & 3) 65 pages

Godelier, Maurice 1999: The Enigma of the Gift. Cambridge: Polity Press. All chapters, 133 pages

WOMAN AS AGENT; CRITIQUE OF WOMAN AS "GIFT"

Rubin, Gayle 2006 [1975]: The Traffic in Women: Notes on the "Political Economy" of Sex. In Lewin, L. (ed.): Feminist Anthropology. A Reader. Oxford: Blackwell. p. 87-106, 17 pages

Weiner, Annette, B. 1992: Inalienable Possessions. The paradox of Keeping-While-Giving. Oxford: The University of California Press. all chapters, 132 pages

Strathern, Marilyn 1988: The Gender of the Gift. Problems with Women and problems with Society in Melanesia. London: University of California Press. p. 133-224 (chapters 6, 7 & 8) 90 pages

Rose, Sonya 2010: What is Gender History? Cambridge: Polity Press. p.1-16, 102-121 (chapters 1, 6) 36 pages

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Theories of Affect

Time: 28.5.2013-30.5.2013

Location: University of Bergen, Ida Bloms hus, Allégaten 34, Seminar room, 3rd floor.

Organizers: Centre for Women's and Gender Research (SKOK)

University of Bergen, Norway

Lecturer: Professor David L. Eng, Department of English Institute for Advanced Study, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Science, Princeton, USA/Adjunct Professor, SKOK, UiB

Contact: [Tone Lund-Olsen](#)

Course description

In *Postmodernism, or, the Cultural Logic of Late Capitalism* (1991), Fredric Jameson speaks about a “waning of affect” that marks our postmodern times. In the recent years, however, there has been increasing scholarly attention to affect, emotion, and feeling across the humanities and social sciences. Our seminar will consider the politics of affect from a number of critical perspectives and disciplines.

Given the fact the liberal divide between private and public has traditionally consigned feeling to the private sphere, we will pay particular attention to the ways in which affect insistently connects (and disconnects) individuals to larger social experiences and historical events. At the same time, we will consider how poststructuralist critiques of the subject have become fatigued by representational politics and how, in turn, attention to affect might allow us to situate the subject in relation to biopower, terror, and technologies of control as well as problems of the human, the non-human, temporality, vulnerability, and security.

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Register before May 1, 2013 at the University of Bergen:

<http://www.uib.no/skok/en/kurs/2013/02/graduate-course-theories-of-affect>

Required texts

- Sara Ahmed, “Affective Economies,” *Social Text* 22.2 (2004): 117-139.
- Lauren Berlant, “Cruel Optimism,” *differences* 17.3 (2006): 20-36.
- Judith Butler, “Psychic Inceptions: Melancholy, Ambivalence, Rage,” *The Psychic Life of Power: Theories in Subjection* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1997), 167-198.
- Patricia Clough, “The Affective Turn: Political Economy, Biomedicine, and Bodies,” *Theory, Culture, and Society* 25.1 (2008): 1-22.
- Ann Cvetkovich, “Introduction,” *Depression: A Public Feeling* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2012), 1-28.

- Gilles Deleuze, "Control and Becoming: Gilles Deleuze in conversation with Antonio Negri," *Futur Anterieur* 1(1990). <http://www.generationonline.org/p/fpdeleuze3.htm>.
- Gilles Deleuze, "Postscript on Control Societies," *L'autre journal* 1 (1990). <http://www.nadir.org/nadir/archiv/netzkritik/societyofcontrol.html>
- David L. Eng, "The Language of Kinship: Transnational Adoption and Two Mothers in First Person Plural," *The Feeling of Kinship: Queer Liberalism and the Racialization of Intimacy* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2010) 93-137.
- David L. Eng and Shinhee Han, "A Dialogue on Racial Melancholia," *Psychoanalytic Dialogues* 10.4 (2000): 667-700.
- Sigmund Freud, "Mourning and Melancholia" (1917), *The Standard Edition of the Complete Works of Sigmund Freud, Volume XIV*, translated and edited by James Strachey et al. (London: Hogarth, 1957), 237-258.
- J. K. Gibson-Graham, "Affects and Emotions for a Postcapitalist Politics," *Postcapitalist Politics* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2006), 1-21.
- Brian Massumi, "The Autonomy of Affect," *Parables of the Virtual: Movement, Affect, Sensation* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2002), 23-45.
- Jasbir K. Puar, "Queer Times, Queer Assemblages," *Terrorist Assemblages: Homonationalism in Queer Times* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2007), 204-222.
- Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick and Adam Frank, "Shame in the Cybernetic Fold: Reading
- Silvan Tompkins, "Touching Feeling: Affect, Pedagogy, Performativity" (Durham: Duke University Press), 93-121.
- Raymond Williams, "Structures of Feeling," *Marxism and Literature* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1977), 128-136.

Film

- Deann Borshay Liem, *First Person Plural* (2000)
- Deann Borshay Liem, *In the Matter of Cha Jung Hee* (2010)

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Course outline

28 May Foundations

10:00-12:00

Williams, "Structures of Feeling"

Gibson-Graham, "Affects and Emotions"

Sedgwick and Frank, "Shame in the Cybernetic Fold"

14:00-16:00

Ahmed, "Affective Economies"

Berlant, "Cruel Optimism"

Cvetkovich, "Introduction"

(Screening)

First Person Plural and In the Matter of Cha Jung Hee

29 May Melancholia

10:00-12:00

Freud, "Mourning and Melancholia"

14:00-16:00

Butler, "Psychic Inceptions"

Eng & Han, "A Dialogue on Racial Melancholia"

Eng, "Transnational Adoption and Queer Diasporas"

30 May Assemblage

10:00-12:00

Clough, "The Affective Turn"

Deleuze, "Control" and "Postscript"

14:00-16:00

Massumi, "The Autonomy of Affect"

Puar, "Queer Times, Queer Assemblages"