

KVIK 206 Gender and sexuality in a global context (Spring 2017)

Practical info

Course leader (organizer) is **Randi Gressgård**: randi.gressgard@uib.no

The classes will take place at **Centre for Women's and Gender Research (SKOK), Allégaten 34, seminar room 3rd floor, Wednesdays 1015–1300.**

A detailed schedule – with topic and readings for each class – is available at **Mitt UiB** under “Files”:

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<http://www.uib.no/en/skok>

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Senter-for-kvinne-og-kj%C3%B8nnsforskning-SKOK/171083596409443> and **Twitter**: https://twitter.com/uib_gender

The following outline is a **specific** course description for the spring 2017. The **general** (formal) course description is available here: <http://www.uib.no/skok/79341/enkeltemne-om-kj%C3%B8nn>

About the course

Do you see the need for in-depth, critical knowledge of contemporary migration and the recent “refugee crisis”?

Centre for Women's and Gender Research (SKOK), University of Bergen, offers a 15-credit course on “Gender, migration and time” in the spring semester of 2017. The course will give the students opportunities for interaction with researchers involved a new project entitled *Waiting for an uncertain future: The temporalities of irregular migration*, within the field of interdisciplinary gender studies.

Large numbers of displaced people – undocumented migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – spend extended periods in camps, in transit land, or in search of papers. Lack of information of expected waiting time, or what needs to be done to get their permits, makes their futures unpredictable and uncertain. Experiences of time, acts of resistance, tempos and speed, circulation, movement, stasis and immobility are all gendered categories, intersecting with other social categories.

The module offers a critical, historical and global approach to waiting, from multiple analytical angles in feminist and gender studies, social theory, critical phenomenology, critical political theory, human geography, post-colonial theory, queer theory, anthropology and sociology.

Themes covered include:

- speed and tempo
- temporal norms and practices
- power and resistance
- experiences and social organization of time
- conditions, spaces and politics of prolonged waiting
- future, hope, possibility and failure
- legal and ethical dimensions of time

The specific aims and objectives of the course are

- To critically examine a diverse range of work on gender, migration and time with the attention to the analytical tradition out of which they have emerged and from which they may diverge.
- To explore how waiting may serve an important socio-political function in the organization of society, based on selected case studies and ethnographies of (irregular) migration.
- To develop critical thinking skills by engaging with scholarly literature that approaches gender, migration and time as analytical categories.
- To develop skills that are transferable to other modules and essential to future employability, including: team-working, argumentation, time-management, presentation and project management.

Teaching methods

The teaching is organized as a seminar/reading group. Students and researchers meet for 1x3 hours over 12-14 weeks to discuss cutting-edge theoretical texts and empirical studies on gender, migration and time. One instructor is responsible for initiating the discussion each time, and all participants are expected to prepare for the discussion by reading course literature specified in the semester plan.

Compulsory assignments and attendance

Portfolio consisting of an essay written over an assigned topic (2000–3000 words); a blog, film, interview, pod cast or similar over a freely chosen research topic (individually or in groups); and an oral presentation over the research topic which links it to the curriculum. The essay counts 50 percent, and the two other tasks 25 percent each towards the final grade.

Deadline for the blog etc.: **18 April**

Deadline for the essay: **22 May**

Reading list

Mandatory reading, in total 842 pages

Recommended reading [R], 309 pages

Ethnographies

Jeffrey, Craig (2010). *Timepass: Youth, Class and the Politics of Waiting*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. [232 pp.] [R] Available at: <http://site.ebrary.com/lib/bergen/detail.action?docID=10620405>

Khosravi, Shahram (2017). *Precarious Lives: Waiting and Hope in Iran*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. [320 pp.] Forthcoming in February.

Perspectives on migration, time and waiting

- Andersson, Ruben (2014). "Time and The Migrant Other: European Border Controls and The Temporal Economics of Illegality". *American Anthropologist* 116(4): 795-809. Available at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/aman.12148/epdf>
- Cwerner, Saulo B. (2001). "The Times of Migration". *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 27:1: 7-36. Available at: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/13691830125283?needAccess=true>
- Cwerner, Saulo B. (2004). "Faster, Faster and Faster: The Time Politics of Asylum in the UK". *Time & Society* 13(1): 71-88. Available at: <http://tas.sagepub.com/content/13/1/71.full.pdf+html>
- Conlon, Deirdre (2010). "Fascinatin' Rhythm(s): Polyrhythmia and the Syncopated Echoes of the Everyday". In Edensor, T. (ed.). *Geographies of Rhythm: Nature, Place, Mobilities and Bodies*. London: Routledge. (Pp. 71- 81) Available at: <http://site.ebrary.com/lib/bergen/reader.action?docID=10367774&ppg=14>
- Dodgshon, Robert A. (2008). "Geography's Place in Time". *Geografiska Annaler* 90(1): 1-15. Available at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1468-0467.2008.00272.x/epdf>
- Edensor, Tim (2010). "Thinking about Rhythm and Space". In Edensor, T. (ed.). *Geographies of Rhythm: Nature, Place, Mobilities and Bodies*. London: Routledge. (Pp. 1-18) Available at: <http://site.ebrary.com/lib/bergen/reader.action?docID=10367774&ppg=14>
- Griffiths, Melanie (2014). "Out of Time: The Temporal Uncertainties of Refused Asylum Seekers and Immigration Detainees". *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 40(12): 1991-2009. Available at: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/1369183X.2014.907737?needAccess=true>
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- Hage, Ghassan (ed.) (2009). *Waiting*. Carlton, Vic.: Melbourne University Press. Chapter 8, "Waiting Out the Crisis: On Stuckness and Governmentality" (by Hage, pp. 97-120).
- Hoy, David Couzens (2008). "The Politics of Temporality: Heidegger, Bourdieu, Benjamin, Derrida". In Miller, Tyrus (ed.). *Given World and Time: Temporalities in Context*. Budapest: Central European University Press. (Pp. 261-276) Available at: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.7829/j.ctt2jbmx>
- Schwartz, Barry (1974). "Waiting, Exchange, and Power: The Distribution of Time in Social Systems". *American Journal of Sociology* 79: 841-870. Available at: <https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/2776346.pdf>
- Willen, Sarah S. (2007). "Toward a Critical Phenomenology of 'Illegality': State Power, Criminalization and Abjectivity among Undocumented Migrant Workers in Tel Aviv, Israel". *International Migration* 45(3): 8-38. Available at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/imig.2007.45.issue-3/issuetoc>

Humanitarianism and emergency

- Brun, Cathrine (2016). "There is No Future in Humanitarianism: Emergency, Temporality and Protracted Displacement". *History & Anthropology* 27(4): 393-410 Available at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/02757206.2016.1207637>
- Olson, Elizabeth (2015). "Geography and Ethics 1: Waiting and Urgency". *Progress in Human Geography* 39(4): 517-526. Available at: <http://phg.sagepub.com/content/39/4/517.full.pdf>
- Ticktin, Miriam (2011). "The Gendered Human of Humanitarianism: Medicalising and Politicising Sexual Violence". *Gender and History* 23(2): 250-265. Available at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1468-0424.2011.01637.x/epdf>

Gender, Place & Culture (special issue on waiting)

- Conlon, Deirdre (2011). "Waiting: Feminist Perspectives on The Spacings/Timings of Migrant (Im)mobility". *Gender, Place & Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography* 18(3): 53-60. Available at: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/0966369X.2011.566320>
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- Hyndman, Jennifer and Wenona Giles (2011). "Waiting for What? The Feminization of Asylum in Protracted Situations". *Gender, Place & Culture* 18(3): 361-379. Available at: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/0966369X.2011.566347>
- Mountz, Alison (2011). "Where Asylum-seekers Wait: Feminist Counter-topographies of Sites between States". *Gender, Place & Culture* 18(3): 381-399. Available at: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/0966369X.2011.566370>
- Schuster, Liza (2011). "Dublin II and Eurodac: Examining the (Un)intended Consequences". *Gender, Place & Culture* 18(3): 401-416. [R] Available at: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/0966369X.2011.566387>

Queer time and sexuality

- Mulhall, Anne (2014). "Dead Time: Queer Temporalities and the Deportation Regime". (Periscope dossier on Elizabeth Freeman's Time Binds). *Social Texts*. [4 pp.] Available at: http://socialtextjournal.org/periscope_article/dead-time-queer-temporalities-and-the-deportation-regime/
- Seitz, David K (2016). Limbo Life in Canada's Waiting Room: Asylum-seeker as Queer Subject". *Environment and Planning D* (pre-published online). [19 pp.] Available at: <http://epd.sagepub.com/content/early/2016/08/29/0263775816667074.full.pdf+html>
- Shakhsari, Sima (2014). The Queer Time of Death: Temporality, Geopolitics and Refugee Rights". *Sexualities* 17(8): 998-1015 Available at: <http://sex.sagepub.com/content/17/8/998.full.pdf+html>

Affects of waiting

- Berlant, Lauren (2007). "Slow Death (Sovereignty, Obesity, Lateral Agency)". *Critical Inquiry* 33(4): 754-780. [R]
- Bissell, David (2007). "Animating Suspension: Waiting for Mobilities". *Mobilities* 2(2): 277-298. Available at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17450100701381581>
- Brun, Cathrine (2015). "Active Waiting and Changing Hopes". *Social Analysis* 59(1): 19-37.
- Mains, Daniel (2007). "Neoliberal Times: Progress, Boredom, and Shame among Young Men in Urban Ethiopia". *American Ethnologist* 34(4): 659-673. Available at: <http://search.proquest.com/docview/1684400259?pq-origsite=gscholar>
- Rotter, Rebecca (2016). "Waiting in The Asylum Determination Process: Just an Empty Interlude?". *Time Society* 25(1): 80-101. Available at: <http://tas.sagepub.com/content/early/2015/11/23/0961463X15613654.full.pdf+html>

Gender, age and life-course

- Honwana, Alcinda Manual (2013). "Youth, Waithood, and Protest Movements in Africa". Public Lecture. [6 pp.] Available at: <http://africanarguments.org/2013/08/12/youth-waithood-and-protest-movements-in-africa-by-alcinda-honwana/>
- King, Russell, Mark Thomson, Tony Fielding and Tony Warnes (2006). "Time, Generations and Gender in Migration and Settlement", in Penninx, R., M. Berger and K. Kraal (eds.). *The Dynamics of International Migration and Settlement in Europe*. Imiscoe Joint Studies. Amsterdam University Press. (Pp. 233-267) Available at: <https://www.imiscoe.org/publications/library/2-imiscoe-research-series/42-the-dynamics-of-migration-and-settlement-in-europe>
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