

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Sustainability?! Feminist perspectives on transformative science

Science plays a crucial role in mastering global challenges and current crises. Research expertise is a sound basis for identifying problems and for sustainability policy solutions. At the same time, institutions of higher education are increasingly striving to meet sustainability goals (e.g., climate neutrality).

Feminist and intersectional approaches have revealed that prevailing sustainability concepts and strategies sometimes adhere to principles and premises that appear problematic: The idea of perpetual economic growth, the favoring of knowledge- and technology-based approaches, the reproduction of hegemonic dualisms of Western modernity and the devaluation or neglect of care, vulnerability and dependency. Science – understood as comprising social practice, work, community, institution and business, as well as a mode of cognition and a social form of knowledge production – is often characterized by androcentric phantasms of seemingly disembodied, independent performers. These also function as mechanisms of exclusion and discrimination against those who do not conform and can be a bias in scientific interpretations of sustainability issues.

Transformative science, focusing on existing power relations as causes of global challenges, therefore also raises questions about what ‘sustainable’ means in relation to science as such (in view of its ecological, economic, political, social, cultural, aesthetic and epistemological aspects) and how sustainability in science can be achieved.

We welcome contributions with a theoretical, empirical, methodological or conceptual approach that may be inter- or transdisciplinary. The following questions may be addressed from a (queer) feminist and intersectional perspective and with regard to various academic contexts (research, teaching, transfer, governance, institution, epistemologies and methodologies, etc.):

#### Possible questions/research topics in detail

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- How can science become sustainable in a transformative sense regarding its inherent practical, institutional and epistemological prerequisites, ways of working, cognition and social relationships?
- What transformative potential does the concept of sustainability in science bear?
- How can aspects of care, solidarity, expansion of possibilities, vulnerability, dependency, circularity and regeneration as well as other aspects relevant to sustainability be considered and acknowledged in the context of science?

#### Procedure and timetable

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- Please submit a one- to two-page abstract by **24 November 2024**. Non-German speakers are welcome to submit their articles in English.
- Please send your proposal as well as your manuscript as Word file to: [manuskripte@gender-zeitschrift.de](mailto:manuskripte@gender-zeitschrift.de) (subject: Special issue „Natural and Engineering Sciences“).

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- Once your abstract has been assessed and judged suitable for this issue, you will receive an invitation to submit. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by **8 December 2024**. The deadline for submission of the final manuscript is **1 June 2025**.
- Manuscripts must not exceed **50,000 characters (including space characters)**. A style sheet for authors is available at [www.gender-zeitschrift.de/en/manuscripts](http://www.gender-zeitschrift.de/en/manuscripts).

All submissions will be reviewed in our double-blind peer review process based on which the final selection of contributions to be published will be made. The editors may give instructions to revise the contribution, which is the rule rather than the exception. In case of a high number of positively peer-reviewed contributions, the Editorial Department reserves the right to make a final selection of articles and to publish some contributions in a later issue.

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## Do you have any questions?

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