

CALL FOR PAPERS

Food Practices in Transition: Transformative Relationships between Gender and Food

Nutrition is not merely a physical necessity, it is linked to social practices that have strong identification and distinction functions. This includes knowledge of nutritional issues, food production, food preparation, meals, and food and nutrition in the media. These practices are intertwined with gender relations in various ways. Thus, from a social constructivist perspective, it is examined how gender is produced through food practices – for example, through choices of food, food preparation, or food issues in the media. The fact that food work as care work as well as access to food production resources are unequally distributed between the genders is being discussed from a care-theoretical perspective and with regard to feminist ecological critique.

These interconnections will be in the focus of this issue, which will examine transformative interactions of gender and food. For this purpose, we call for contributions from social, literary and media studies, cultural anthropology as well as nutritional and agricultural science taking a gender approach. How are gender relations (re-)produced and (de-)stabilized in changing, increasingly differentiated and globalized food chains? How do existing gender relations inhibit or promote processes of change in food practices? What gendered concepts of pleasure, danger, and health are negotiated around notions of food? This issue aims to identify relevant interactions, to discuss current findings and research approaches, and to identify research desiderata in this interdisciplinary field of research.

Possible questions/research topics in detail

- The role of intersectional gender relations in current agricultural disputes (e.g. the German farmers protest movement “Land schafft Verbindung”, right-wing ideas in organic agriculture).
- How are relations of gender, sexuality and kinship reproduced and/or transformed in alternative food networks?
- (Changes in) gender role attributions in nutrition education and counseling as well as in the conveying nutritional knowledge.

- Shifts and continuities in the identity and distinction functions of food (e.g. discussions of veganism and masculinity).
- Gendering of media, artistic and literary negotiations of food and nutrition.
- How does the increase of institutional food services and eating out affect gendered divisions of labor in the household?

Procedure and timetable

Please submit a one- to two-page abstract by **13 June 2021**. Non-German speakers are welcome to submit their articles in English. The Editorial Department works with the online editing system OJS. We would therefore like to ask you to register as an author of the journal GENDER at www.budrich-journals.de/index.php/gender and to submit and upload your abstract there. A guideline for the use of OJS is available at www.gender-zeitschrift.de/en/manuscripts.

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 **28. Juni 2021**. The deadline for submission of the final manuscript is **21. November 2021**. Manuscripts must not exceed 50,000 characters (including space characters). A style sheet for authors is available at 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.

About GENDER. Journal for Gender, Culture and Society

GENDER. Journal for Gender, Culture and Society was founded in 2009 as a journal on women and gender studies. The journal aims to cover a wide range of topics and academic disciplines in which gender issues are reflected. Given the journal's multi-disciplinary setting, we welcome analyses from, for instance, sociology, educational science, political science, cultural science and history which correspond to the interdisciplinary nature of gender studies. GENDER is published in three issues a year. Contributions to the free section are always welcome, irrespective of the focus of the special issue.

Do you have any questions?

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