

CALL FOR PAPERS

Rethinking inequalities: Theoretical and methodological questions of intersectional gender research

Since the concept of intersectionality was established in US-American problematizations of feminist anti-racist political practice (Crenshaw 1991; Combahee River Collective 1977), a broad spectrum of theoretical approaches, debates and different research practices has developed. The analysis of the interaction of gender with other categories and processes of inequality and their mutual conditionality is also productively taken up in the German-speaking context. This raises methodological, methodological and theoretical questions, including the transferability of the concept to different social contexts and academic disciplines - starting with the critique of "whitening intersectionality" (Bilge 2014) and the question of the meanings of the central category of race beyond the US context, as well as methodological developments in qualitative and quantitative research.

The examination of the concept of intersectionality as a theoretical approach and methodological approach as well as a power-critical instrument is productive, creative, and challenging at the same time. Against this background, we invite submissions on theoretical and methodological issues of intersectional analysis as well as on empirical research results of interdisciplinary gender studies.

Possible questions/research topics in detail

- Which inequalities are included in intersectional analyses? What approaches exist that include structures and actions?
- How is intersectional knowledge generated in various contexts: be it in social and cultural movements, be it in equal opportunity policies, be it in everyday life experiences and social institutions?
- What role does the material, cultural, and social structure of a specific social space or field play in arranging and determining the situated structures of inequality?
- How does the power-critical claim of intersectionality research relate to the various methodological and theoretical challenges of intersectionality research that uses the concept as an analytical tool?
- How are social and cultural categories expanded and changed by intersectional approaches? How can processuality and dynamics in the reproduction of intersectional inequalities be conceptualized?
- How can quantitative and qualitative research methods be further developed to meet the theoretical requirements of intersectional perspectives?

Procedure and timetable

- Please submit a one- to two-page abstract by **30 March 2025**. Non-German speakers are welcome to submit their articles in English.

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- Please send your proposal as well as your manuscript as a Word file to: manuskripte@gender-zeitschrift.de (subject: Special issue „Inequalities“).
- 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 **14 April 2025**. The deadline for submission of the final manuscript is **14 September 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.

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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