

# Call for Papers

Second Interdisciplinary Conference on Gender Studies at the University  
of Rostock on

## **GENDER – GENERATION – AGEING**

November 26-28, 2009

Questions of age and ageing have become increasingly central in political, social, academic and aesthetic discourses and areas of activity. We therefore invite scholars of all disciplines to inquire into the interconnections of gender, generation and ageing and the resulting conflict potential from historical, contemporary and comparative cultural perspectives. Possible topics include:

### **Age(ing) and gender**

- Age(ing) as a social and cultural construct
- Life course and gender
- Social norms of interaction with ageing people and gender differentials
- Gender and age – conventions of linguistic representation
- Family (hi)stories and family relations

### **Age-specific ways of life, self-image and gender**

- Gender- and age-specific ways of life and social change
- Gender- and age-specific language and communication processes

### **Forms and experiences of life-long learning**

### **Generational and familial relations and gender**

- Expressions and deficits of inter-generationality such as generational conflict and age discrimination
- Historical/cultural variability in social perceptions of 'generation'
- Scholarly discourses on intergenerational relationships and demographic change
- Reflection on life experience as an influence on inter-gender and inter-generational relationships

### **Gender, generation and age(ing) in art, literature and the media**

### **Comparative perspectives on cultures**

- Culture-specific and socially specific patterns of gender, generation and age(ing)
- International perspectives on social policy

If you are interested in presenting a paper, please send a proposal of approximately 300 words for a twenty-minute presentation to the Administrative Assistant of the Sociology Dept., Ms. B. Stöwesand, <[brigitte.stoewesand@uni-rostock.de](mailto:brigitte.stoewesand@uni-rostock.de)> by **May 15, 2009**.  
Conference languages: German and English.

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