

**Activist Scholarship and Transnational Feminist
Praxis: Politics of Imagination and Creativity**
Workshop with Margo Okazawa-Rey
14 – 15 September 2017

Can and should feminist scholars generate knowledge and pedagogies that bolster local and global forms of resistance to imperialism, racial/gender/class oppression, and the multi-faceted violence wrought by the triplets of neoliberalism, militarism, and religious fundamentalisms? What kinds of feminist research and scholarship and activism will inspire us to imagine and create new possibilities to guide our work alongside how we contribute to our communities and live our lives? These questions and more will frame this interactive workshop. Participants will be asked to engage with the primary “texts” for the workshop: their experiences as feminist scholars, researchers, and activists, the central methodological, political, and ethical conundrums they face, and the questions that keep them awake at night wondering.

With this workshop we will continue our collaboration with Margo Okazawa-Rey that is well known to all participants of the International Exploratory Workshop „Imagine Otherwise“ we hosted last year. But also all new PhDstudents of the network gender Studies are encouraged to participate!

Margo Okazawa-Rey

Margo Okazawa-Rey is Professor at the School of Human and Organization Development, Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara (USA). She is also Professor Emerita of the San Francisco State University, School of Social Work, San Francisco (USA). Dr. Okazawa-Rey’s primary areas of research and activism are gender, militarism, and feminist activist research. Her work focuses specifically on militarism, armed conflict, and violence against women. Dr. Okazawa-Rey sits on the international boards of the NGOs PeaceWomen across the Globe, based in Bern Switzerland, and Du Re Bang (My Sister’s Place) in Uijongbu, South Korea. She was a founding member of the Combahee River Collective, who articulated a theory of intersectionality in “A Black Feminist Statement.”

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PROGRAM

Thursday, 14th of September

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| 10.15 | Welcome, Information |
| 10.30 | Getting to know each other and the projects everyone works on |
| 11.15 | Coffee break |
| 11.30 | Input: Feminist research, feminist theory, feminist activism: What differences do these make in lives of people we care about as scholar/activists? |
| 12.00 | Discussion |
| 13.00 | Lunch break (Spiga) |
| 14.30 | Input & discussion of texts and projects:
What about "good intentions"? What good intentions underlie our work? What must we understand about "intentions" vs. "outcomes"? |

TEXTS

Ackerly, Brooke / True, Jacqui: Back to the future: Feminist theory, activism, and doing feminist research in an age of globalization, in: Women's Studies International Forum, 2010, Vol.33(5), pp.464-472.

Gillies, Val/ Alldred, Pam: The ethic of intentions: Research as political tool, in: Miller, Tina/ Birch, Maxine/ Mauthner, Melanie/ Jessop, Julie: Ethics in Qualitative Research, Sage 2012: 43-60.

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| 15.30 | Coffee break |
| 15.45 | Reflections on collective principles for feminist activist scholarship:
Self and Group |
| 17.00 | End |

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Friday, 15th of September

10.15 Welcome

10.30 - 12.30 Input & discussion (Margo Okazawa-Rey/ Cita Wetterich)
Feminist Security Studies: For, By, and With Whom

TEXT

Wibben, Annick T. R: Feminist Politics in Feminist Security Studies, in: Politics & Gender, 2011, Vol.7(4), pp.590-595.

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch break (Spiga)

14.00 - 16.30 Developing Visions - Strategies, Networks: Complements,
Alternatives, and Audacities

16.30 Closing

17.00 End