

INVITATION

to a Three-Day Online SEMINAR

Gendered structures, practices and representations in science and the knowledge society

DATES

Tuesday 9 November 2021

Wednesday 10 November 2021

Thursday 11 November 2021

TIME

16.00-18.00 Greece

15.00-17.00 Norway

13.00-15.00 Iceland

Theme

The **three-day online seminar** will focus on gender imbalance in science and cover a broad range of approaches to better understand how imbalance persists, and how it can possibly be changed. The participants will be introduced to the existing research literature, and topics that will be highlighted include how to achieve change through policies and actions; the gendered imaginaries and representations of academic careers; as well as the implications of gender imbalance for society, particularly with reference to information society and smart technologies.

Introductions will be given by Norway-based researchers who will share findings from their recent and ongoing relevant research from a project funded by the Norwegian Research Council, titled "GENDIM - Understanding gender imbalances among university professors: the shaping and reshaping of epistemic living spaces." Participants will be invited to share experiences and share comparative insights. The aim is also to explore further the implications, possibilities, and perils in the wake of COVID-19.

The seminar will explore the following questions:

- a) What are the limitations of universal explanations of gender (im)balance in science? To what extent can better understandings of local patterns and dynamics inform future policies for change?
- b) What narratives about women in science and academic careers are in circulation? Are there any changes in how academic careers are imagined in the wake of the pandemic?
- c) What will be gained from gender balance in science? Has covid-19 created only obstacles, or also windows of opportunity for women's inclusion?

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 9/11/2021:

“Gender patterns in universities: How to achieve change”

Wednesday 10/11/2021:

“Career imaginaries in academia: Opportunities, obstacles, and the role of narratives”

Thursday 11/11/2021:

“Implications for society: The importance of gender balance in science”

The seminar will be conducted by a [group of researchers](#) from the [Department of Interdisciplinary Studies of Culture at NTNU](#) – Norwegian University of Science and Technology who have long standing research interests in the topic of gender balance in academia. The seminar instructors are:

Vivian Anette Lagesen, Professor in Science and Technology Studies and leader of the PhD program in Interdisciplinary studies of culture. Her current research concerns gender inclusion and diversity management in academia, academic leadership, and academic living-spaces.

Sofia Moratti, Senior Researcher at the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies of Culture at NTNU. Her research focus is the study of professions and professionalism, mainly the academic and the healthcare professions. She has investigated policy- and decision-making processes as well as cultural representations.

Ivana Suboticki, researcher holding a PhD in Science and Technology Studies (STS) and currently involved in research aiming to explore social inclusion and gender equality issues related to energy transitions and higher education reform.

Knut Holtan Sørensen, Professor emeritus in Science and Technology Studies. Sørensen has a long standing research interest in gender balance in academia, as well as Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI), and in sustainability transitions.

Siri Øyslebø Sørensen, Professor in Gender and Diversity Studies, and head of Center for gender research at NTNU. Her research fields include organizational studies, policy studies, and media studies.

The seminar is open to students, researchers, activists, and practitioners who are interested in the topic. It is free of charge. Good knowledge of English is required. A certificate of participation will be provided upon request.

To **apply** please press here <https://progender.panteion.gr/discussion/gendered-structures-practices-and-representations-in-science-and-the-knowledge-society/>

You will need to upload a short CV and motivation note. If the number of applications exceeds the available places, applicants will be selected based on their CV.

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Deadline for applications: Thursday 4th of November 2021

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Certificates of participation will be given to participants upon request.

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