

INVITATION

to a **WORKSHOP**

Incorporating gender into research on COVID-19

DATES

Tuesday 23/11/2021

Wednesday 24/11/2021

Thursday 25/11/2021

TIME

18.00-20.00 Greece

17.00-19.00 Norway

15.00-17.00 Iceland

Theme

During the COVID-19 pandemic, gender inequality has come to much greater public attention. Building on some of the debates that have resulted, this workshop will explore diverse methods and strategies for incorporating a gender perspective into research on COVID-19. It will do so through a mix of group work, brainstorming and discussion that draw on concrete examples and explore possible scenarios and research proposals. At the end, participants will have gained an insight into the ways in which gender inequality shapes scientific research and will have developed practical strategies for incorporating a gender lens into research on COVID-19. We will address two key themes: (1) how gender inequality shapes the field of scientific research and (2) how to incorporate a gender perspective into research on COVID-19.

(1) The workshop will address the overall context of how gender inequality affects scientists at work. It is well documented that during lock downs, women scientists' productivity and research publications dropped dramatically, as they were the ones who primarily took over care responsibilities at home. This gendered division of labour, and its reinforcement during COVID-19, will likely have long lasting impacts for women in research. The workshop will examine the gendered composition of research teams, asking how they could be re-

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organised in order to respect work-life balance. It will also explore how we might reconsider the ways in which scientific outputs are evaluated and assessed by placing gender and care at the centre.

(2) Turning to the question of specific research practices, the workshop will introduce participants to key concepts and debates on the gendered nature of scientific research itself. Thus we will explore how not only working relations, but also the very types of questions researchers ask are shaped by gender politics. Using concrete examples of research areas and questions, participants will work in groups to devise research approaches and strategies that incorporate an intersectional gender perspective. Although focussed primarily on incorporating gender into social science research, the workshop will also address how these perspectives might inform COVID-19 research in other fields such as biology or medicine.

The workshop is open to students, activists, thinkers, as well as professionals who are working in related fields and are interested in conducting research on gender and COVID-19.

Programme

- Tuesday 23/11/2021:** “Women in science during COVID-19: Challenging gender inequality in research teams and evaluations”
- Wednesday 24/11/2021:** “Science as a field of inequality: How are research questions and methods gendered?”
- Thursday 25/11/2021:** “Intersectional research practices and COVID-19: developing new research questions, methods and strategies”

The workshop is organised in the context of the ProGender Project by the Research and Education Collective [RECollective](#) in collaboration with the [Centre for Gender Studies of Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences](#)

Workshop Coordinators

Saskia Fischer is a researcher, educator and media maker of Indian and Dutch origin who has worked in Europe, the US and Latin America. Through her practice, both within and beyond the university, she explores the interconnections between media, political subjectivity and struggle and, increasingly, between the human and non-human worlds. Her

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specialisation is in qualitative research, and she has a particular interest in ethnography and participatory techniques. In her PhD (University of London, 2018), she investigated Mapuche movements' use of radio in their [struggles against settler colonialism](#) in Argentina. In addition to academic work, she has broad experience outside the university, and has worked, among other things, as a union organiser, a coordinator of community projects and a youth video educator. Her writing and images have appeared in diverse outlets including academic books and journals, *Open Democracy* and in the productions of the experimental performance group [PartSuspended](#).

Nelli Kambouri a political scientist and gender scholar. She currently works as associate research fellow at the Centre for Gender studies Panteion University and as a senior research fellow at the University of Hertfordshire UK, where she conducts research on platform labour in urban spaces (Horizon 2020 Project PLUS) <https://project-plus.eu/> and on a tender for EIGE on "Gender, Digitalisation and the Future of Work". In the past, she was involved in the research, scientific management and implementation of two FP7 projects, GeMIC, Gender, Migration and Intercultural Interactions (www.gemic.eu), Mig@net Transnational Digital Networks, Migration and Gender (<http://www.mignetproject.eu>) and RESCUE (<http://www.rescueproject.eu/>), Combating Trafficking in Women for Labor Exploitation in Domestic Work, and the tender Female Genital Mutilation in Europe funded by EIGE. Her work and publications focus on gender theory and analysis, gender violence, migration, social movements, and new technologies, media and science. She has taught in the past gender labour and social policy at the Department of Social Policy of Panteion University and held a scientific advisory post in the General Secretariat for Gender Equality at the Greek Ministry of the Interior for the International Labour Organisation.

To **apply** please visit the following link: <https://progender.panteion.gr/workshop/how-to-integrate-gender-into-research-on-covid-19/>

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.

Good knowledge of English is required. It is free of charge.

Deadline for applications: Thursday 18th of November 2021

For more information please visit our website: <https://progender.panteion.gr/>

Certificates of participation will be given to participants upon request.

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