

## **A Seminar Series on Gender/Gender Equality and the Natural Sciences**

The Gender Academy Stockholm University, Autumn schedule 2019

*The seminar series is partly hosted by different departments in their regular seminar series, therefore times and locations vary. Organiser: Malin.Ah-King@gender.su.se*

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**13 September at 13-14**, room P216, the NPQ house, Svante Arrhenius väg 20 A

### **Feminist and Queer Questions from Inside Evolutionary Reproductive Biology**

**Caitlin McDonough, Syracuse University, USA**

As a queer and feminist scientist working in the field of evolutionary and reproductive biology I've been learning to listen to myself when something doesn't feel right. To trust myself when I notice (and the evidence supports) that research favors investigations into the intricacies of the ejaculate and overlooks the activity and complexity of the female reproductive tract. To follow the possibilities of rethinking the evolution of sexual behavior in a way that can more parsimoniously account for the wide-spread presence of same sex sexual behavior. And to call out the ways research on asexually reproducing animals is constrained within the language and dogma of sex. In these three vignettes of my research and work I hope to share the ways that I have engaged with identifying and countering entrenched biases and assumptions in biology, and the many ways I can still improve.

**26 September at 13-15**, room P224 the NPQ house, Svante Arrhenius väg 20 A

### **Workshop Gender perspectives in natural sciences**

**Malin Ah-King**, Evolutionary biologist and gender researcher, department of Ethnology, History of Religions and Gender studies, Stockholm University.

How can we make gender analyses in natural sciences? After a presentation of "tools of gender analyses" illustrated with examples, we will conduct hands-on analyses of texts/publications. You are welcome to bring texts to analyse from your own field, but there will also be texts available. It is optional to bring a laptop which can be useful for the analyses.

**Deadline for registration is 19 September** to [Malin.Ah-King@gender.su.se](mailto:Malin.Ah-King@gender.su.se) so that we can order coffee/tea and fika.

**14 October at 9-12** room P224 the NPQ house, Svante Arrhenius väg 20 A

### **Workshop: Gender equality work in organizations – opportunities and challenges**

**Charlotte Holgersson**, docent in gender, organization and management and Associate Professor at KTH Royal Institute of Technology.

In Sweden, gender equality is a political goal and employers are by law both prohibited to discriminate on the basis of gender, and obliged to carry out proactive work to eliminate inequalities. Today, there is a vast amount of both Swedish and international research on such work for change in organizations, particularly in male-dominated workplaces and on positions of power and influence. Research has identified common methods employed and some of the opportunities and challenges in these efforts. During the workshop, Charlotte will give an introduction to some of the main insights from this research and provide opportunity for group discussions drawing on participants' own experience and needs.

**Deadline for registration is 7 October** to [Malin.Ah-King@gender.su.se](mailto:Malin.Ah-King@gender.su.se) so that we can order coffee/tea and fika.

**7 November at 13-14**, (room to be announced).

**Lecture** (title to be announced)

**Liisa Husu**, Professor of Gender Studies, School of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences, Örebro University.

*More information to be announced later.*

**November 28 at 14-15** Hosted by the Department of Zoology, room D502, D house, Arrhenius laboratories, Svante Arrhenius väg 18b

**The Female Turn - how evolutionary science shifted perceptions about females**

**Malin Ah-King**, Evolutionary biologist and gender researcher, department of Ethnology, History of Religions and Gender studies, Stockholm University.

Females were long expected to be coy and to gain no benefit from mating with more than one male. Since 1980, evolutionary biologists' views have undergone a shift following the findings that females often mate with multiple males. Early polyandry research was male-focused, followed by increased interest in questions pertaining to females. The project aims at understanding how and why views about females have shifted in the international research community of evolutionary biologists. What theoretical, empirical, technical innovations or societal changes enabled these shifting views?

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