

Workshop in a Nutshell as part of the Teaching Assistantship Programme 2020

Hybridity and Nation-State Building: the Entanglement of Gender, Culture and Religion in “Imagined Communities”

Organizational details

Instructor: Laura Popa

Date: November 12, 2020, from 2–6 pm

Location: Online (link will be sent after registration via info@ggs.uni-giessen.de)

Content

By aiming to discuss new study directions about the ambiguous position of women in the formation of the nation-states in Europe, this workshop examines how the recent flourishing European feminist scholarship on women’s history and nationalism can be challenged by using in an innovative way the Homi Bhabba’s postcolonial concept of hybridity. This concept will be applied in relation to Benedict Anderson’s concept of the nation-states as "imagined communities", in order to analyze the negotiation of gender, religious and cultural identities of women by women in a fragmented society on its way to becoming national. The case-study used is the history of a group of Protestant women teachers in nineteenth-century Italy. Through readings of the mentioned-above authors and my own research on the topic, the participants will be encouraged to reflect and discuss the (contested) applicability of using concepts in Humanities and Social Sciences within an interdisciplinary approach, here "hybridity" applied to Women’s History.

Timetable

- Introduction and discussion of the reading texts: 1 hour
- Presentation of my own case-study research: 45 minutes
- Reflection on participant’s own interests: 1 hour
- Discussion about the (contested) applicability of using concepts in Humanities and Social Sciences within an interdisciplinary approach: 45 minutes

There will be two planned breaks, 15 minutes for each.

Learning Targets

- to be able at the end of the workshop to have clearly understood what the hybridity concept is and how can be applied in an innovative way to women's history and nationalism
- how to apply any concept at its own research interest in an interdisciplinary way

Target group

Students, Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs of all Faculties

Course language

English

Registration

Please register **by November 09, 2020** via e-mail at info@ggs.uni-giessen.de.