When looking at security and historical constellations of securitization, of participation and visibility in political and social discourses, gender appears to be a vital category, which deeply affects patterns of perception, interpretation and practice. All the more astounding is the fact that in Security Studies, i.e. in a field of research, which obviously has a lot to do with notions of maleness, gender has not yet become a prominent category of analysis. The political scientist Lene Hansen emphasized this already in 2000. In the meantime, several studies have been published, mainly in the field of political sciences, which confirm the importance of gender for Security Studies. However, gender still appears to be utterly under-represented in the field with regard to content as well as conceptual framing.

During the preparation of the follow-up of the Marburg Collaborative Research Centre “Dynamics of Security” (SFB: http://www.sfb138.de/) it became apparent that gender is a significant factor in many projects of the first and the second funding period. We take that as a promising starting point to host a workshop from 20-22 September 2018, the objective of which will be the elucidation of gender & security as a significant cross-sectional issue of our SFB. First of all, we want to learn about the diverse contexts and relations gender is dealt with in the respective projects. Based on the ensuing discussion among and within the participating disciplines we intend to delineate comprehensive problems and questions, which will enable us to deal with gender & security systematically and in a well-structured way. External keynote speakers and commentators will support us in this endeavor.

We invite all members of the SFB (first and second funding period) to hand in proposals for papers dealing with gender & security. The presentations should be no longer than 20 minutes each. Key aspects may be: male and female practitioners of security, subjects and objects of securitization processes, (in-)visibility and visuality, gender-bias in securitization discourses and practices, questions of method and their application, theoretical issues etc.

Please send in your paper proposal and a short abstract no later than February 28.

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