

International Conference

Caring Masculinities in Action

6. DECEMBER 2023 | AUDIMAX - FH JOANNEUM GRAZ

The Institute for Masculinity Research and Gender Studies (VMG) invites you to the symposium „Caring Masculinities in Action“ on December 6, 2023 in the Audimax of University of Applied Science FH JOANNEUM. The conference thematizes Caring Masculinities in the context of violence prevention. In addition to a keynote speech by Mart Busche (Professorship at ASH Berlin), experts from six European countries will present essential findings, materials and methods from the European Change Agent Project Caring Masculinities in Action in panel lectures and workshops.

The conference will be held in German and English. The conference is supported by the European Union, the Austrian Social Ministry and the Province of Styria/ Department 6 Education and Society. The conference takes place in cooperation with the Umbrella Organisation of Men' Work in Austria (DMÖ), the GenderLab and the University of Applied Science FH JOANNEUM.

We look forward to a stimulating exchange!

Information, program and registration:

www.genderforschung.at/carmia

06.12.2023 | 09:00-11:00

Opening & Keynote

Moderation:
Eva Eli Taxacher

09:00 -
09:30

Registration

09:30 -
09:45

Opening with Elli Scambor (VMG)

Why do address Caring Masculinities when dealing with gender equality and violence prevention?

09:45 -
10:00

Greetings

Anna Riegler (FH Joanneum), Simone Schmiedtbauer (LR Land Stmk), Benedikt Treschnitzer (BMSG BK)

10:00 -
10:45

Keynote with Mart Busche (ASH, Berlin)

Young masculinities between (non)violence and vulnerabilities

10:45 -
11:00

Video CarMiA Campaign

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Panel

Moderation:
Eva Eli Taxacher

11:00 -
11:20

Break

11:20 -
11:30

Short Lecture with Madja Hrženjak (PI) (englisch)

What do the CarMiA results tell us about gender norms, gender based violence and the role of boys* and men*?

11:30 -
11:40

Short Lecture mit Erika Bernacchi (IdI) (englisch)

How can a gender based violence preventive approach can be brought to life in work with multipliers and peers?

11:40 -
12:40

Presentation of CarMiA short videos and games. Glimpse behind the curtain of film production together with peers and partners. (englisch)

12:40 -
13:00

Theater pedagogical methods with Olivier Malcor. (englisch)

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Workshops

13:00 -
14:00

Lunch

14:00 -
15:30

Workshop 1 with Marc Gärtner

Why it makes sense to stand up for gender justice and how to do it?

Gender justice is also good for men*! Boys* and men* suffer from stereotypical demands of „masculinity“ right from the start, like “Boys don’t cry”. They live shorter lives on average than women*, which are less healthy, often relatively violent and unhappy. This workshop tries to shed light on different areas of boys’ and men’s problems and find out how to solve them.

14:00 -
15:30

Workshop 2 with Olivier Malcor (englisch)

Violence preventive methods: How can we make the work on the prevention of violence accessible to all.

This training will provide tools that allow to work on gender, power and violence in a playful way. Participants will try games, theatrical tools and create simple scenes about violence where change will be tried and rehearsed. The main methodology will be the theatre of the oppressed.

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Workshop 3 with Leja Markelj & Moritz Theuretzbacher (englisch)
Beyond the Manosphere: Embracing diverse masculinities in a changing world.

In today's societies, traditional views on gender are undergoing a transformation, welcoming alternative and non-violent expressions of masculinity. Yet, a counter-current of conservatism challenges these shifts, framing it as a „crisis of masculinity.“ It's important for young individuals to navigate this complex landscape, recognizing that diversity in gender expressions is a strength, not a threat. This workshop delves into the manosphere, a phenomenon of web-based social networks where some men oppose feminism and gender equality, and aims to explore ways of challenging these ideas together with young people.

14:00 -
15:30

Workshop 4 with Mart Busche & Elli Scambor
Violence resilience and boyhood - a relevant connection?

In this workshop, an examination of the relationship between gender and violence will take place. The focus is on the power to violate and the openness to violations as well as ways of dealing with experiences of violence. Using case vignettes, we discuss factors and conditions of resistance to violence in boys*. A better understanding of the factors and processes that contribute to a successful and non-violent coping with potentially violent situations in boys* enables us to use the right levers in violence prevention work.

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Workshop 5 with Rafa Soto and Alex Moschitz (englisch)

Caring Masculinities and Art.

In this workshop we will explore in a dynamic and participative way the possibilities of art as a raising awareness tool and to encourage men to change towards equality and non-violence.

14:00 -
15:30

Workshop 6 with Erika Bernacchi & Antonio Raimondo Di Grigoli (englisch)

How to use pop culture to work with students in preventing gender-based violence.

The workshop aims to show how to work with adolescents on different models of masculinity and on the prevention of gender-based violence using pop culture (music, TV series, graphic novels etc). The objective is to promote the ability to use critical gender lens in order to analyse gender stereotypes conveyed by pop culture's products. In addition, the workshop is finalised to provide teachers and professionals methods on how to use those products as didactical and pedagogical tools.

14:00 -
15:30

Workshop 7 with Till Dahlmüller & Philipp Leeb

Crash course gender-reflective boys' work.*

This workshop is aimed at anyone who wants to develop or sharpen a gender-reflective way of working with boys*. Attributions, generalizations and assumptions around the category „gender“ shape our pedagogical actions. And it is not uncommon for children and young people to be restricted in their individual development and development opportunities. Gender-reflective boys' work expands the perspectives and possibilities of action of educators on the one hand, and individual and collective emancipatory spaces of boys* on the other. In the workshop, we offer a conceptual framework that offers an introduction to working with young people.

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16:00

Coffee

16:00 -
16:30

Three highlights from each workshop

16:30 -
17:20

Panel on change agent work in practice.

Together with CarMiA partners and peers from different countries: Exchange of experiences with a view to own motivations, highlights from peer work, challenges and difficulties as well as benefits of the change agent in terms of violence prevention.

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17:30

Conclusion and evaluation

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Erika Bernacchi is a researcher at the Istituto degli Innocenti for more than 20 years and adjunct professor in sociology of education at the University of Florence. Her research themes concern; gender stereotypes in education, gender-based violence, masculinity and postcolonial studies.

Mart Busche is professor for General Pedagogy and Social Work at Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences. They have a background in political youth education and realized different research projects in the fields of critical masculinity studies and violence prevention.

Till Dahlmüller works as an educator in gender-reflective boys* work and gives further training on boys* work, critical examination of masculinity(s). He is particularly interested in cultural education and movement/dance pedagogical approaches.

Marc Gärtner is a sociologist and concerned with men and masculinities for more than 20 years. He works as an expert on International Gender Equality Policy at Bundesforum Männer/Federal Forum for Men in Berlin.

Antonio Raimondo Di Grigoli is junior researcher in Educational studies at the University of Florence and consultant at the Istituto degli Innocenti. His main research regards critical studies on men and masculinities, queer and intersectional pedagogy and popular culture in educational studies.

Majda Hrženjak is a sociologist and senior researcher at the Peace Institute in Ljubljana. Her research focuses on the concept of care in relation to gender, intersectional inequalities, migration, citizenship, and the feminist ethic of care.

Philipp Leeb as a teacher for 14 years and is the founder and director of poika - an association for the promotion of gender-sensitive work with boys in education and teaching. He has been working with children and young people for over 25 years on the topics of role models and gender identities using a violence prevention and intersectional approach.

Olivier Malcor is a philosopher. He develops games and theatrical tools to script gender based violence and rehearse change collectively.

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Leja Markelj is a social pedagogue, currently working as a research assistant at the Peace institute – Institute for contemporary social and political studies. As a PhD student in gender studies at the Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, she draws upon her background as a former youth worker, bringing expertise in working with unprivileged youth.

Lisa Mittischek is a sociologist, gender researcher and didactics expert with a focus on gender and diversity, an employee of Graz University of Technology, a lecturer at universities in Graz and active in research and adult education.

Alex Moschitz is a social worker and associate at the Institute for Men's and Gender Studies and the Fachstelle für Burschenarbeit in Graz. He primarily works in projects with adolescents and children on the prevention of gender-based violence.

Anna Riegler, Mag. Dr.. Interim Head of the Institute of Social Work, Head of Bachelor's and Master's degree programs in Social Work. Deputy Academic Director at FH JOANNEUM. Social pedagogue, supervisor, organizational developer (ÖAGG certified). Teaching in the field of critical social work, supervision and research. Research in the field of migration, flight, difference, gender, intersectionality, recognition.

Elli Scambor, Sociologist. Managing Director of the Institute for Masculinity Studies and Gender Research (www.genderforschung.at). Coordinator of numerous international studies with a focus on men & gender equality, Caring Masculinities, gender based violence and violence resilience. Lecturer at Universities in Graz. Vice president at the Umbrella Association for Men's Work in Austria (DMÖ).

Simone Schmiedtbauer graduated from high school in Graz and, after working in banking, started a farm where she ran a pig farm with direct marketing together with her husband. She finally entered politics as a career changer in 2009 and was mayor of her home municipality of Hitzendorf from 2015-2019. In 2019, she won a seat in the European Parliament as the Styrian ÖVP's top candidate and was deputy head of the ÖVP delegation in Brussels. In October of this year, she was elected to the Styrian provincial government as the successor to Hans Seitinger, who resigned for health reasons, where she heads the life department.

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Rafa Soto is a social worker and holds a Master's degree in interdisciplinary intervention in gender-based violence. He has been working with men in various areas since 2005, particularly in the areas of co-education, violence and addiction.

Eva Eli Taxacher, studied sociology (Graz, Örebro/Sweden), international gender research and feminist politics (Graz and Vienna), works in the field of supervision, coaching and process support, as well as in the coordination and course management of the GenderWerkstätte at the Verein Frauenservice Graz.

Moritz Theuretzbacher, social worker in the Association for Men and Gender Issues (VMG), working in men's counselling in Neusiedl/See (Burgenland) as case manager, counsellor and anti-violence trainer. Involvement in research projects on the prevention of gender-based violence at the Institute for Masculinity Research and Gender Studies. School workshops with young people on sex education and violence prevention.

Benedikt Treschnitzer has been working at the Austrian Ministry of Social Affairs since 2017, where he is responsible for the Caring Masculinities department, among other things. He has been in charge of the Boys' Day programme since this year. His area of responsibility also includes the Ministry of Social Affairs' violence prevention projects, which focus on preventing male violence against women.

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