International Symposium
Critical Explorations of CRISIS: Global Entanglements and Gendered Ramifications

Date: June 8th, 2018
Venue Morning: R240, R Building (Second Floor)
Venue Afternoon: M221, M Building (Second Floor)
Paradise Campus Area (Allhelgona Kyrkogata 14) Lund University, Sweden
Organizer: The Pufendorf Institute Advanced Study Group on CRISIS

PROGRAM

9.00-9.15: Arrival.
Chair: Helle Rydström, Professor, Dept. of Gender Studies, Lund University.

9.15-9.30 Opening:
Mo Hamza, Professor, Division of Risk Management and Societal Safety, Lund University &
Helle Rydström, Professor, Dept. of Gender Studies, Lund University.

9.30-9.50 Crisis and Crises: What Gender and Sexuality Bring?
Jeff Hearn, Professor, School of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences, Örebro University and Management and Organization, Hanken School of Economics, Finland.

9.50-10.00 Discussant: Diana Mulinari, Professor, Dept. of Gender Studies, Lund University.

10.00-10.10: Q & A

10.10-10.30: BREAK (Tea and Coffee)

10.30-10.50 The Complexity of Crisis, the Tapestry of Resilience.
Dan Smith, Professor, Director Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

10.50-11.00 Discussant: Dr. Matt Scott, Raoul Wallenberg Institute.

11.00-11.10: Q & A

11.10-11.30 Narrating Crisis, Crisis in Narrating: Media Discourses on the 2015 Refugee Crisis.
Dalia Abdelhady, Reader, Director, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University.

11.30-11.40 Discussant: Dr. Srilata Sircar, Dept. of Human Geography, Lund University.

11.40-11.50: Q & A

12.00-13.15: LUNCH
Chair: Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen, Professor, Director, Raoul Wallenberg Institute.

13.20-13.40 **Entropy and Dislocation: Uncovering the Inevitability of Crisis in the Social.**
Richard Howson, Associate Professor, Sociology, School of Humanities and Social Inquiry, Faculty of Law, Humanities and the Arts, University of Wollongong, Australia.

13.40-13.50 Discussant: Vanja Berggren, Associate Professor, Clinical Health Promotion Center, Faculty of Medicine, Lund University.

13.50-14.00: Q & A

14.00-14.20 **Crisis as a Disruptive Experience; How Thick Description of Disruptive Experiences can Help Understand the Phenomenon and Notion of Crisis.**
Josphea Wessels, Senior Researcher, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University.


14.30-14.40: Q & A

14.40-15.00: BREAK (Tea and Coffee)

Moderator: Annika Bergman Rosamond, Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Lund University.

15.00-15.30 **Roundtable Discussion: Connecting the Dots. What is Crisis?**
Jeff Hearn, Professor School of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences, Örebro University and Management and Organization, Hanken School of Economics, Finland.
Mo Hamza, Professor, Division of Risk Management and Societal Safety, Lund University.
Vasna Ramasar, Senior Lecturer, Division of Human Ecology and Center for Sustainability Studies, Lund University.

15.30-15.50 Questions, Comments, Discussion.

15.50-16.00 Closing: Mo Hamza, Professor, Div. of Risk Management and Societal Safety, Lund University & Helle Rydström, Professor, Dept. of Gender Studies, Lund University.

**Everybody is Very Welcome!**

**Practical Information**

- Deadline for registration for the symposium is June 1st, 2018.
- Lunch will be offered.
- Sign up for the symposium by sending an email to Vasna Ramasar at: vasna.ramasar@hek.lu.se including your dietary requirements.
- Find the venue at Google Maps; University Building R and Building M:

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Concept Note
In a crisis-ridden world, it has become increasingly pertinent to understand the breadth and depth of ‘crisis’, as a notion, materiality, reality, and experience. On a daily basis, we are alarmed by crisis reports concerning: hurricanes and floods; economic and financial uncertainties; political instability; armed conflict and soaring civilian casualties; scenes of desperate refugees and migrants; persisting poverty; and outbreaks of aggressive global diseases.

Crisis weaves our world together as threads of a mediatized transnational crisis narrative frequently twisted in populist and apocalyptic ways. The rhetoric of crisis is also performatively variable, for example, in political uses to justify economic austerity. Yet, crisis also refers to monumental forces of reality that shatter the lifeworld of individuals, families/households, and communities and thus causes severe societal rupture.

A crisis even brings to the surface that crises are intrinsically gendered in terms of interpretation, policies, strategies, and impact. The study of crisis has not, however, kept pace with the increasing complexity in the socio-economic and political systems and the nature of a crisis when traversing from the global to the local level and vice versa. These conditions coupled with uncertainty in predictions, gender-specific priorities in regard to mitigation strategies, a “post-fact” environment, the rising tide of populism, and diversity in the human suffering erupting from a crisis indicate an urgent need for novel approaches to researching ‘crisis’.

Common approaches to the study of crisis and its ramifications for environment, society, and people have not kept sufficient pace with increasing societal complexities in a global world; the morphing nature of a crises; and the diversity in the human suffering erupting from a crisis. Crisis cannot be captured within the conceptual framework of a single discipline.

The Symposium will unravel some of the many shapes and manifestations global and local crises can take by focusing on The Gendering of Crisis as Intersected with:

- Climate Change and Precariousness
- Destabilization and Conflicts
- Movements and Economies
- Global Health and Insecurities
The Symposium will bring together the Advanced Study Group and its network with high profiled international scholars who will speak on CRISIS.

The Symposium will revolve around three foci areas namely ‘conceptualization’, ‘entanglements’, and ‘resilience & vulnerability’:

1. **Conceptualization:** How can crisis be defined conceptually and which are the analytical strengths of crafting crisis as a notion, for instance, depicted as a prism?

2. **Entanglements:** Is there a breaking point for a crisis in terms of transforming into a new more permanent ‘normality’ and what are the socio-economic, political, and socio-cultural implications of such a metamorphosis?

3. **Resilience & Vulnerability:** How can increased political demands for population alertness and resilience in connections with various kinds of crises be critically scrutinized and alternative views on the human implications of a crisis projected into the public realm?

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More information on the Pufendorf Advanced Study Group on CRISIS
https://www.pi.lu.se/en/activities/asg-crisis
Speakers at the Symposium, June 8th, 2018

Dalia Abdelhady is a Reader in Sociology and the Director of the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies at Lund University. Her work focuses on the experiences of different groups of migrants (and their children) in different national and regional contexts. Specifically, she looks at forms of identification, communal belonging and cultural expression as aspects of integration trajectories. Additionally, she studies the ways institutions such as labour markets, schools and media influence the experiences of migration and integration. She is the author of The Lebanese Diaspora: The Arab Immigrant Experience in Montreal, New York and Paris (published by New York University Press) and numerous journal articles and book chapters narrating immigrant experiences and discourses in contemporary global societies.

Jeff Hearn is Senior Professor, Gender Studies, Örebro University, Sweden; Professor of Sociology, University of Huddersfield, UK; Professor Emeritus, Hanken School of Economics, Finland; Professor Extraordinarius, Institute for Social and Health Sciences, University of South Africa; Fellow, Academy for the Social Sciences (UK); and an honorary doctor in Social Sciences, Lund University, Sweden. He is co-managing editor of Routledge Advances in Feminist Studies and Intersectionality book series; co-editor, NORMA: the International Journal for Masculinity Studies; co-chair, RINGS: the International Association of Institutions of Advanced Gender Studies. His current research focuses on gender, sexuality, violence, work, organizations, management, social policy, and transnational processes. Recent books include: Rethinking Transnational Men, co-edited with Marina Blagojevi and Katherine Harrison, Routledge, 2013, Routledge; Men of the World: Genders, Globalizations, Transnational Times, Sage, 2015; Men’s Stories for a Change: Ageing Men Remember, with the Older Men’s Memory Work Group, Common Ground, 2016; Revenge Pornography: Gender, Sexuality and Motivations, with Matthew Hall, Routledge, 2017; Engaging Youth in Activist Research and Pedagogical Praxis: Transnational Perspectives on Gender, Sex, and Race, co-edited with Tamara Shefer, Kopano Ratele and Floretta Boonzaier, Routledge, 2018. He is currently completing a book on unsustainable institutions worldwide, co-edited with Ernesto Vasquez del Aguila and Marina Hughson for Routledge.

Richard Howson is an Associate Professor in the Sociology Program at the University of Wollongong, Australia. His primary research interests lie in the application of (contemporary) social and political theories such as postmarxism, hegemony and masculinities to social phenomena such as, men, (transnational) migration, social capital, policy and innovation. He is the author of A Sociology of Postmarxism (2017) and Challenging Hegemonic Masculinity (2006) and has co-edited the volumes: Migrant Men (2009), Hegemony (2008) and Engaging Men in Building Gender Equality (2015). His current research projects are on Burmese men in transnational contexts and a sociological study of elitism.

Dan Smith is the Director of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). He is a scholar and analyst, with a long record of research and publication on a wide range of conflict and peace issues. His current work focuses on the relationship between climate change and insecurity, on peace and security issues in the Middle East and on global conflict trends. From 1993 to 2001 he was Director of the International Peace Research Institute, Oslo, and from 2003 to 2015 he was Secretary General of the peacebuilding organization, International Alert. He served four years in the UN Peacebuilding Fund Advisory Group, two of which (2010–11) were as the Chair. From January 2014 until mid-2017, he also held a position as Professor of Peace & Conflict at the University of Manchester. He is the author of successive editions of atlases of politics, war and peace, and the Middle East, and of a blog on international politics.

Josepha Ivanka (Joshka) Wessels is a Senior Researcher at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies at Lund University, Sweden. She is a human geographer, social anthropologist and ethnographic filmmaker with 21 years of research experience on Syria. Currently she works on migration and Syrians in Europe, Syrian documentary filmmaking and video activism prior and after the Syrian Revolution. She is in the final stages of publication of a monograph with IB Taurus about the history of documentary filmmaking and digital video activism in Syria. She has also worked on environmental peace building, sustainable development, heritage, water and environmental challenges in the Middle East and North African (MENA) Region.