

Ecofeminism Reading Cycle (SS 2022)

We are happy to announce the third ecofeminism reading cycle at the University of Vienna, which will take place during the summer semester 2022, starting at the end of April. This reading cycle will be shorter and more focused, specifically on ecofeminism through the lens of intersectionality. To this end, we have chosen a series of ecofeminist texts to read and discuss together.

Outline of the reading cycle:

Feminism and environmental issues have many convergences that are strongly interrelated and mutually reinforcing. These convergences have to do, especially, with the sources and consequences of oppression, domination, dualism, colonization and exploitation, as they underlie problematic power structures and relations still prevalent today. In this reading cycle, we want to cover some of the basic ideas of ecofeminism and feminist environmental philosophy more broadly and approach some of the contributions made by women philosophers and activists in this field, especially in the last decades. Some of the questions we want to discuss are:

- How to understand the different positions on ecofeminism/feminist environmental philosophy; both historically and systematically?
- Assuming a plurality of “ecofeminisms”, what unites them and where do they diverge?
- Do feminist and environmentalist claims respond to the same “source of domination” relating to both gender and non-human nature?
- To what extent can dualistic parallels such as man/nature and man/woman be critically rethought?
- Could different demands lead to more inclusive and effective responses to problems that concern feminist and environmental struggles?

When: Wednesdays every other week from 15:00 – 17:00pm (CET)

Where: Zoom (links will be provided)

Schedule & Material:

27.04. 22: Crenshaw, K. (1990). Mapping the margins: Intersectionality, identity politics, and violence against women of color. *Stan. L. Rev.*, 43, 1241.

11.05. 22: Aavik, K., & Kase, D. (2015). Challenging Sexism while Supporting Speciesism: The Views of Estonian Feminist on Animal Liberation and Its Links to Feminism. *Journal for Critical Animal Studies*, 13(1), 92-127.

25.05. 22: Carol Adams [1990] (2015). *The sexual politics of meat: A feminist-vegetarian critical theory*. Bloomsbury Academic.

01.06. 22: Cho, S., Crenshaw, K. W., & McCall, L. (2013). Toward a field of intersectionality studies: Theory, applications, and praxis. *Signs: Journal of women in culture and society*, 38(4), 785-810.

15.06. 22: Kaijser, A., & Kronsell, A. (2014). Climate change through the lens of intersectionality. *Environmental Politics*, 23(3), 417-433.

29.06. 22: Rust, N. A., & Taylor, N. (2016). Carnivores, colonization, and conflict: a qualitative case study on the intersectional persecution of predators and people in Namibia. *Anthrozoös*, 29(4), 653-667.

Prior knowledge on debates in Environmental Philosophy or Feminism is not necessary. The idea is to create an informal platform to explore the texts together.

Also you do not need to read the paper in advance if you don't manage to do so, as one of us is going to give a brief overview of the paper before starting the general discussion.

If you want to participate, please contact sarah.espinosa@univie.ac.at or doris.friedrich.at@gmail.com so they can send you the texts and the Zoom links.

Looking forward to reading and discussing with you!