

# Call for Papers

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The transnational mobility of people, goods and ideas influences gender relations. Sustained relationships of exchange between individuals, between and within families and households, institutions and social movements in a transnational space create new ways of thinking about oneself. The ways in which people identify and do gender relate to multiple points of reference within these transnational spaces. Alternative visions of gender relations as well as restrictive views of gender are increasingly distributed and validated in a transnational frame. How does this influence the relationship between national identities, gender relations and the symbolism of gender, family and 'proper' or 'liberal' conceptions of sexuality? How do constructions of multiple 'others' mark gender and sexual difference? How are they gendered and sexualized? What does an analysis of the transnational scale of relations and representations contribute to understanding the concrete lived experiences of gender? How do local, national and transnational scales intersect in these lived experiences of gender? How do transnational economic relations affect the production of gendered identities? The ways in which migration has affected doing gender with respect to domestic and care work have received a lot of attention: while the gendered identities of some class privileged women in richer nations have been partially 'freed' from the association with unpaid domestic and care work by drawing on the paid work of migrants. Yet, these feminine gendered jobs are done by migrants gendered male and female. How do we think about the ways in which transnational power relations such as in unequal incorporation into labour markets at once reify and make more fluid gendered boundaries. How can we think about these processes across the mutually constitutive power relations of gender, class, ethnicity, migration and citizenship status, ability, age and others?

Transnational spaces can also enable and sustain alternative gender, sexual and queer projects and communities. How do mobilities and transnational spaces challenge or re-construct gender binarisms? What is the role of transnational spaces in enabling or restraining transgender identities and movements? While challenging some forms of power relations, do transnational support networks also give rise to new forms of power relations and conflicts around ownership or appropriation of symbolic and material resources? How do transnational alternative gendered, sexual and queer projects negotiate the privileges and burdens of representation?

We want to encourage potential contributors to think and theorize about Europe beyond national boundaries; therefore we welcome articles which include 'local' and 'global' perspectives by analysing the links between them. We also want to stimulate articles which theorize about methodological problems and challenges deriving from the need to investigate multiple locations and sites. All contributions falling within this broad scope covering transnational spaces and relations in and beyond Europe are welcome.

All articles will be subject to the usual review process. Articles should be prepared according to the guidelines for submission on the inside back cover of the journal or at the worldwide web address: [<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/ejws>]. Articles should be sent to the Managing Editor of the journal by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011.

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