

# Trans Realities.

## The 6th Nordic Trans Studies Network Conference

Trondheim, Norway: 11-13 September 2019

### Call for Papers and Participation!

We are welcoming contributions for our 2 1/2 day conference in September in Trondheim, Norway.

Our aim is to create space and opportunity for scholars, activists and community members to meet, discuss, and learn together. The conference intends to generate awareness about how our lives, bodies and feelings are shaped by gendered norms, expectations and roles - and how they are affected by the current political, social and environmental shifts and changes. How can we survive, thrive and create collective forms of resistance through academia and activism? This conference is a collaborative effort. It is primarily hosted and supported by the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies in Culture (at the University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim), and NTNU's organisations GenderHub and the Decolonial Research Project. We are also supported by Litteraturhuset's Literature for Inclusion initiative, as well as Trondheim Pride, which runs 6-15 September.

### Call for... Academic Papers and Poster Presentations

We welcome academic paper and poster presentations especially focusing on the embodied, felt and sensed experiences of living as beyond or outside of gender norms in our contemporary global environment. Topics for papers can include diverse considerations on the changing political, social and ecological landscapes in connection to and affecting trans bodies and lives. Moreover, we welcome papers looking back in history, where the roots of trans activism and studies lie, to what we have learned from those who became before us - on collective as well as personal levels.

Any stage of research will be considered. We warmly welcome papers based on polished articles and ready research projects as well as considerations on interesting side projects and unfinished ideas. Let's make the conference a place for feedback, discussing and developing ideas together. Following the previous Nordic Trans Studies conferences, we are seeking kinder ways of doing academia within a competitive neoliberal university context.

### Call for... Films, Panelists, & Performances

Our conference is offering a little extra! Please note that participants may contribute to multiple forums.

*Films:* The first night will be the conference opening with a film screening and dinner, so we welcome submissions of films on the topic of gender diversity. Any professional level of film will be considered.

*Panelists:* On the third day, we will host two panels, each with 3-4 panelists (we provide the moderator).

1. 'Pride in the Nordic region: The silent 'T' in LGBT?' hosted by Trondheim Pride.  
Seeking panelists to discuss activism in the Nordic region.
2. 'Trans Poethics' hosted by Libe García Zarranz of the TransLit project and Decolonial Research Group.  
Seeking panelists with interest in trans poetics, ethics, literature and/or film.

*Performances:* On the final (third) evening, we are providing a stage for performances for our conference closing. So, we are welcoming submissions for performance pieces, spoken word, dance, stand-up, drag, burlesque, music or other contributions. Send a short description of yourself/your group and what you'd like to contribute.

**Send us a short abstract, poster description or performance proposal (300 words)  
& a bio (75 words) to: [transrealitiesconference@gmail.com](mailto:transrealitiesconference@gmail.com)**

**Deadline for all submissions is Thursday, 23 May, 2019.**

Find the conference event on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/428522097724186/>

Looking forward to seeing you all in September!

The organising team: france rose hartline, Max van Midde, Luca Tainio & Libe García Zarranz



## Schedule

<b>WED 11. Sept</b> Film & dinner	18:00 - 20:00	Vegan dinner & conference welcome at Mangfoldhuset
	20:00 - 22:00	Film screening & open discussion at Mangfoldhuset
<b>THU 12. Sept</b> Academic presentations & dinner at NTNU	9:00 - 12:30	Morning session at NTNU (exact location TBA) Guest speaker: Agnes Bolsø (Prof. Gender Studies, NTNU)
	12:30 - 13:30	Vegan lunch for conference contributors
	13:30 - 17:00	Afternoon session at NTNU (exact location TBA) Guest speaker: Wibke Straube (Senior Lecturer, Centre for Gender Studies, Karlstad Uni, SE)
	18:00 - 21:00	Dinner for conference contributors at Stammen Café
<b>FRI 13. Sept</b> Workshops, panel, & discussion at Litteraturhuset	9:00 - 11:00	De/colonial group workshop: 'Trans Poethics', run by Libe García Zarranz (Assoc. Prof. Literature, NTNU; TransLit Project)
	11:00 - 12:00	Trondheim Pride presentation: 'Trans Rights in Norway?' by Luca Dalen Espseth (FRI, Foreningen for kjønns- og seksualitetsmangfold)
	12:00 - 13:00	Vegan lunch for workshop attendees
	13:00 - 14:30	Trondheim Pride panel: 'Pride in the Nordic Region'
	14:30 - 15:00	Coffee/snack break
	15:00 - 16:30	GenderHub workshop: 'Strategies for a Trans Inclusive Classroom'
	17:00 - 18:00	Vegan dinner (location TBA)
	18:00 - 20:00	Open stage for performances at Ila Brainnstation
20:00 – late	Conference closing and social drinks at Ila Brainnstation	