



## Women's Studies Centre Anniversary Conference

### *Intersecting Feminisms: Theory, Politics and Activism*

University of Łódź, Poland

November 16 – 18, 2012

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

Women's Studies Centre, founded at the University of Łódź in 1992, has successfully survived the turbulent years of political and institutional transformations in Poland. Facing the challenges of the times, it has laboured to promote the visibility of women and gender in the field of research, pedagogy and politics, widening social perception of and advancing respect for difference. Its productive functioning proves resiliency of coping strategies and inspires belief in the value of the collective effort invested theoretically, politically and socially in ongoing feminist criticism and creativity.

It is on this occasion that we invite you to participate in the international conference held to celebrate Women's Studies Centre's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November 16-18, 2012. The event will be hosted by the Faculty of International and Political Studies, University of Łódź. Bringing together scholars, students, activists, politicians and artists to critically address interconnections between theory and practice, the conference will reconsider and reevaluate the place and role of feminism in contemporary world. It will offer a platform for creative and insightful encounters of various politics of location both Polish and international. Intersectionality has for the past decades gained currency not only as a useful critical tool of analyzing diverse sites of oppression but also as a productive strategy of dealing with everyday exclusionary practices and forms of inequality. Introducing intersectional framework, the conference will, therefore, attempt to respond thematically to the multiple axes of differentiation and consider how they interweave and affect equality.

Scholars and activists are welcomed to submit proposals – in either English or Polish – of individual presentations and panels of minimum three presenters from **a wide range of areas analyzing significant issues that arise in feminist critique and praxis.**

#### Confirmed Keynote Speakers

Wanda Nowicka, Speaker of Polish Parliament

Patricia Hill Collins, University of Maryland, College Park, USA

Nina Lykke, University of Linköping, Sweden

Joanna Mizielińska, The Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Poland

**Deadline for Abstracts: April 30, 2012**

Please submit a proposal of up to 250 words for each individual presentation. For panels, include an abstract for each presentation. Please specify in your abstract the title of your paper or panel, your name and affiliation, your postal and electronic address, and any requirements for technology that you anticipate to use. Please send your abstracts and all queries to the following e-mail [genderlodz2012@gmail.com](mailto:genderlodz2012@gmail.com)

**Publication of a selection of conference papers is envisaged.**

**Conference Convener**

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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**CONFERENCE FEE:** 120 euros

The conference fee covers the conference expenses, coffee breaks, lunch, and a reception.

You will be asked to pay the registration fee once your abstract is accepted. We will send you the bank details along with the letter of acceptance. The conference fee must be paid no later than September 30, 2012.