

December 16th, 2013 & February 27th, 2014

# *Intersectionality*

*a cross-disciplinary exchange*

## LECTURE 1

### Brussels - Monday December 16th, 2013

- 16:00 Welcome and introduction to the series  
(Organising committee)
- 16:10 'Inequality, intersectionality and the politics of discourse'  
Professor Myra Marx Ferree (Wisconsin University)
- 16:55 Discussion – Professor Petra Meier (University of Antwerp)
- 17:05 'EU non-discrimination law: From compartmentalisation to  
inclusion? Reflection on intersectionality in EU Law'  
Professor Dagmar Schiek (Leeds University)
- 17:50 Discussion – Professor Daniël Cuypers  
(University of Antwerp)
- 18:00 General discussion
- 18:20 Concluding Remarks (Organising committee)

### ORGANISERS

Policy Research Centre on Equality Policies  
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### REGISTRATION

Admission is free, but registration is required  
Deadline for registration: December 2nd, 2013

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### UPCOMING - LECTURE 2

Brussels—Thursday February 27th, 2014

With lectures of Professor Mieke Verloo  
and Professor Helma Lutz

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## INTERSECTIONALITY

The concept of intersectionality – the interlocking, multi-dimensional and co-constituting character of power structures, such as gender, ethnicity, class, and age – is a major contribution of gender studies to the study of inequalities.

The understanding that ethnic minority women are not discriminated upon as ‘women’ or as ethnic minority citizens but as ‘women of ethnic origin’ has demonstrated the shortcomings of gender and other single markers of inequality.

Since its inception in the U.S. in feminist critical race and legal theory circles the concept of intersectionality has travelled into various disciplines in the social sciences and law. However, there has not been much conversation across the disciplines, and the concept is only slowly making its way into policy circles.

With this lecture series, the Policy Research Centre on Equality Policies (PRCEP) sets out to build links between the scientific disciplines. The Centre aims further to stimulate discussion between policy-makers, civil society and academia on the utility of ‘intersectionality’ as a basis for understanding social inequalities and for developing effective policy.

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Professor Myra Marx Ferree and Professor Dagmar Schiek open the lecture series.

**Professor Myra Marx Ferree** (Wisconsin University - Department of Sociology) examines the history of the concept of intersectionality. She engages with the growing European interest in the concept of intersectionality and argues that awareness of the black feminist origin of the concept in U.S. jurisprudence is essential if it is to be used to illuminate rather than disguise the dynamic politics of multiple inequalities in particular contexts.

**Professor Dagmar Schiek** (Leeds University - Centre for European Law and Legal Studies) focuses on the implications for EU non-discrimination law. She discusses the compartmentalised logic of EU non-discrimination law and stimulates us to reflect upon the possibility to protect persons who are situated at the intersection of discrimination grounds via existing EU non-discrimination laws.

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Professor Helma Lutz - Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main

