

CALL FOR PAPERS  
**Reaktive Haltungen im Feminismus / Reactive Attitudes and Feminism**  
SWIP Germany Jahreskonferenz / Annual Meeting 2020  
University of Hamburg, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

In recent decades, many scholars have dedicated their attention to the nature and role of reactive attitudes in interpersonal morality, politics and the law. The theorising on these issues originates from Peter Strawson's work on moral responsibility as well as other traditions which explore the role of attitudes and emotions in struggles for justice. Our aim in this conference is to examine reactive attitudes from the perspective of feminist theory by addressing two sets of questions. Firstly, we are interested in exploring the ways in which reactive attitudes – including in the original Strawsonian context of the ascription of moral responsibility – are gendered in the sense that the same actions are often met with different reactions depending on the gender ascribed to the actors. Secondly, building on the growing literature about the part that reactive attitudes should play in social and political life, we wish to look at the role of different reactive attitudes within the feminist movement. We aim to discuss the role of potentially problematic attitudes, such as anger and blame, in the feminist struggle as well as the place that attitudes often understood as more positive, such as forgiveness, might have in the fight for gender justice. Our aim is to explore reactive attitudes that can be directed at different targets, ranging from those responsible for gender injustice, the victims of these injustices, fellow feminists as well as potentially the very existence of structural gender injustice.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- The question of whether reactive attitudes differ in relation to different gender identities
- In what sense can (gendered) reactive attitudes count as misogynistic (according to Kate Manne's definition?)
- How do gendered reactive attitudes relate to epistemic (gender) injustice?
- The role of anger, indignation and blame in the feminist struggle
- The role of shame and public shaming in the feminist movement
- The place of forgiveness and compassion in the fight for gender justice
- The problem of the target of reactive attitudes in the feminist movement. In particular: 1. Individual vs. collective agents as addressees of reactive attitudes; 2. Reactive attitudes and responsibility for structural injustice

Two panels with two papers each on the topic of this call for papers will be part of the SWIP (Society for Women in Philosophy) Germany Annual Meeting. In addition to the panels, Professor Anne Reichold (Flensburg) will give a keynote lecture on indignation.

Submitting a proposal:

1. Please send an abstract for a presentation (in German or English) of up to 30 min as an attachment in PDF (500 words, excluding bibliography) prepared for blind review. The total slot will be 45 minutes including discussion.
2. Include in the body of the e-mail relevant contact information: the author(s), and affiliation(s), and email address(es).
3. The abstract and contact information should be sent by the 31st July 2020 to the following e-mail address: [swiphamburg@gmail.com](mailto:swiphamburg@gmail.com).

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we are not in the position to predict what the situation will be like in November. Therefore, we might have to make some organizational changes or even postpone the event closer to the date.

This event is organised by the Hamburg branch of SWIP Germany.

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