International Women’s Day Seminar: Crisis, Economy and Global Health

Date: Thursday 08 March 2018
Time: 09:15 – 12:00
Venue: Pufendorf Institute, Biskopsgatan 3, Lund 221 00

09:15 – 09:20 Introduction by Annika Bergman Rosamond
09:20 – 10:00 Public health, gender and the political economy of bad ideas: the case of austerity in times of economic crisis by Ben Rosamond, Professor of Political Science, University of Copenhagen
10:00 – 10:10 Q&A
10:10 – 10:30 Fika
10:30 – 11:10 Approaching crisis from the perspective of social work: some reflections on gender and the diversity of society by Carin Cuadra, Associate Professors of Social Work, Malmö University
11:10 – 11:20 Q&A
11:20 – 12:00 Crisis, economy and global health: A short reflection on the intersections of gender, race and socio-economic inequalities by Vasna Ramasar followed by an open discussion

In this seminar we will engage with the narratives and material realities of crisis in relation to health and the economy. Particular attention will be paid to questions of gender as we celebrate International Women’s Day on 08 March and acknowledge that crisis, economy and health are deeply inter-twinned with struggles of women and issues of gender inequality.

Guest Speakers:
Ben Rosamond is Professor of Political Science and Deputy Director of the Centre for European Politics at the University of Copenhagen. He works at the intersection of international political economy and European studies, with a particular focus on the role of economic ideas in shaping contemporary economic governance. Recent work has focused on the politics of ‘deficit fetishism’, the political economy of Brexit and theorizing European disintegration. He is founding co-editor of the journal Comparative European Politics and co-editor of the Handbook of the Politics of Brexit (Routledge, 2018).

Carin Cuadra is associate professor in social work at Malmö University, Department of social work. Her interests involves distribution of security and welfare, precarity, risk and vulnerability. Her current project involves the role of local social services in disaster management and in the Swedish contingency system.

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Note: The seminar is open to the public

Advanced Study Group on Crisis
This ASG on CRISIS revolves around critical explorations of crisis. The ASG's work focuses on the alarming reports about crises such as hurricanes and floods; political instability and unpredictability; soaring civilian casualties due to armed conflict; scenes of desperate refugees and migrants; persisting poverty; and outbreaks of aggressive diseases. Such discourses, images and practices weave our world together and this trend is sustained by global media narratives reporting on crisis across the world. Yet, crises also refers to the pressing realities that those affected by experience, many of which cause societal rupture and destruction.

A crisis, materialised or perceived, provides for rapid shifts in the socio-political and economic landscapes of the world and brings to the surface the inherently gendered dimensions of any given crisis. Gender, masculinity, power and socioeconomic privileges are critical factors to take into account when studying crisis, not only to understand the ramifications of a crisis, but also to unfold definitions of a crisis and attempts of resolving it. The new advanced study group asks a set of questions pertaining to critical explorations of crisis; what does crisis mean for the security, precariousness, rights, and social justice of particular individuals and groups in specific contexts? Urgent calls for political action and ethical calls for more inclusive and efficient models for crisis prevention, mitigation and restoration all indicate the importance of critically exploring crisis from an interdisciplinary perspective. Hence, the new group will undertake interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary examinations of the conceptualization of crisis, the reciprocity between various types of crises, and the gender dynamics by which a crisis is configured.

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The Advanced Study Group includes a large number of scholars from within and outside Lund University as well as representatives of various agencies and organizations.