



Fellow's Individual Project

Fellow	Host Institution	PhD enrolment	Start Date	Duration
ESR 13	HUB	Y	Month 9	36 months

Project title and related WP(s): Liquid encounters - fluid conversations around water, environment, and gendered naturecultures (WP4, WP7).

Objectives: The ESR will explore the natureculture of water from a FPE lens. Working in different landscapes, the ESR will set out how to understand water not only in terms of a growing scarce commodity but also in terms of the material entanglements of a gendered bodily existence. Questions will be asked, for example, about the consequences of polluted water (e.g. biochemicals, agricultural infiltrations etc.) on gendered bodies. The study will take an interdisciplinary approach, looking first into the economic impact of gendered health problems and the costs of the unequal distribution of water. Secondly, from an ecological perspective it will highlight the regeneration of water resources under the conditions of climate change. Thirdly, from a technological approach the focus will be on infrastructure policy and planning. And fourthly from a political science perspective the study will scrutinise power relations, which influence uneven access to and use of water along gendered, ethnic and class lines. These four approaches will be brought together in a comparative study of the governance of water looking at the interconnections among communities, gender and water in urban environments in Germany, the Netherlands and Uruguay.

Expected results: The study will present an understanding of the naturecultures of water sketching the different layers of political intervention in infrastructural planning and spatial development in Europe, learning from the example of Uruguay. This will build awareness of the complicated entanglements of social, cultural and economic factors influencing the governance of water.

Planned secondments: DVM (3 months) to look at FPE practices and the governance of water and IHE (3 months) to work on the theoretical and practical approach to the governance of water.

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