

# HUMAN RIGHTS FEMINIST- AND GENDER-PHILOSOPHICAL PERSPECTIVES

Call for Papers

Cooperative Symposium  
University of Vienna, Department of Philosophy and  
Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP Austria)

**Date:** Friday 16th + Saturday 17th November 2018

**Venue:** Department of Philosophy, NIG Universitaetsstr. 7, University of Vienna

This symposium explores human rights and emphasizes feminist and gender-philosophical perspectives. It welcomes submissions from all disciplines, sub-disciplines and tendencies inside philosophy as well as interdisciplinary papers and projects.

In recent years especially, international theories of justice and cosmopolitan ethics have addressed questions of justification and implementation of human rights and investigated their moral, political, legal and cultural significance. Nonetheless, the central idea of human rights that all humans are equal still remains not only a major philosophical problem, but also a juridico-political challenge. Hence, we are confronted with a series of fundamental theoretical, as well as practical questions. Especially in the light of the current political developments, namely an authoritarian shift in large parts of Europe and in the United States, the symposium aims at re-discussing, revising and reviving the theoretical status as well as the ethico-political significance of human rights in contemporary debates. By emphasizing a feminist- and gender-philosophical perspective, we especially wish to target problems of gender-related inequality, poverty, and discrimination, but also discuss possible emancipatory strategies.

Accordingly, the **topics** of the symposium will range from fundamental aspects of human rights to more specific issues – such as (*including, but not limited to*): fundamental philosophical aspects of human rights; a critical philosophical inquiry into the concept of human rights; the role of human rights in recent political issues (e.g. the pressure situation of asylum seekers); human rights in regard to economic questions (e.g. women and poverty in a neoliberal world-order and women in exploitative situations all over the world); Critical Whiteness; LGBTIQ and human rights; human rights and the precarious situation of children all over the world; human rights and religion as a feminist issue; freedom and security; human rights and the issue of environmental protection; a gender-theoretical and feminist approach to the antifeminist, antisemitic and chauvinistic tendencies inside far-right political parties worldwide; human rights and transhumanism (e.g. the possibility of attributing human rights to cyborgs), and so forth.

We also welcome papers and projects for a *free section*.

Participants are welcome to submit abstracts for presentations to the following email-address  
by **1<sup>st</sup> May 2018**: [human-rights2018@univie.ac.at](mailto:human-rights2018@univie.ac.at)  
A full paper-version is due to be delivered in September 2018.

## **Abstracts:**

Prepare a short outline of the proposed contribution (max. **600 words**, Times new roman, 12 pts, double spacing) incl. an informative title and send it as an attachment in MS Word or PDF.

Please include the relevant contact details: name, affiliation with academic institution/independent scholars, postal address and email-address.

All accepted contributions will be published as an academic paper in a special volume of the SWIP Austria Series.

## **Background of SWIP Austria**

The aim of SWIP Austria is to bring into focus the importance of women working in academia and to promote their work in philosophy. SWIP is not only a forum for feminists and gender-scientists, it also provides a basis for scientific exchange and cooperation among women in the philosophical field in general. The society is a non-profit organization which supports women working in and committed to research of philosophy in Austria. Its purpose is to improve and cultivate equal treatment and gender parity for women in philosophy. One important aim is to be committed to ending discrimination against women which can be found not only in all parts of our society but also at universities.

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**Looking forward to seeing you in Vienna!**