

Investigating Identities in Academia: An International Interdisciplinary Workshop

Organised by the Chair of Philosophy of Science (University of Tartu, Estonia), in co-operation with the Centre of Gender Studies, (University of Uppsala, Sweden), and Centre for Ethics (University of Tartu, Estonia)

Date: Friday, May 17, 2013, 10.00–18.00

Venue: Institute of Philosophy and Semiotics, University of Tartu, Jakobi 2, room 336

The workshop is devoted to discussing how social, professional, and academic identities are shaped and changed in the increasingly complex contemporary research and higher education landscape. Since identity has become an issue studied from several disciplinary perspectives, we have invited speakers from science education, gender studies, communication studies and higher education studies to participate in the workshop.

Our theoretical basis lies in the anthropological approach proposed by Sharon Traweek and in the work of Joseph Rouse, a philosopher of science. For them, disciplinary identities in science are not simply predetermined by some shared theoretical consensus or a given list of values but are instead seen as something that is developed and modified by an epistemic group on the basis of shared history and perspectives of the future. “Allies” and “enemies” are formed in response to particular situations, people, and problems to be solved. The groups that eventually form in certain circumstances are important objects of research from an academic and educational point of view.

In the workshop, we will discuss specific examples of the formation and significance of researchers’ transgressive identities, intersectionality in negotiating identities, teacher identities, student identities, and the aims, values, and methods of identity research. The workshop language is English.

Everybody interested is warmly welcome!

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Programme:

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| 10.00 | Endla Lõhkivi Introduction: “Why we need to investigate identities in academia?” |
| 10.15–11.15 | Anita Hussénus and Kathryn Scantlebury “Transgressive identities and interstitial spaces” |
| <i>Coffee</i> | |
| 11.30–12.00 | Pille Põiklik “Discourse analysis as a method of mapping values, goals and actions” |
| 12.00–12.45 | Miia Rannikmäe TBA |
| <i>LUNCH</i> | |
| 14.15–15.15 | Kristina Andersson and Annica Gullberg “Chafing borderlands — student teachers' meeting with feminist critique in science courses” |
| 15.15–15.45 | Raili Marling “Intersectionality and the negotiation of identities” |
| <i>Coffee</i> | |
| 16.15–16.45 | Anna Danielsson “Physics students’ identity formation, gender and social class” |
| 16.45–17.15 | Jaana Eigi “Aims of science in the context of the aims of society” |
| 17.15–17.45 | Anu Sarv and Mari Karm “Value conflict between university policy and teachers’ self-image” |
| 17.45–18.00 | Endla Lõhkivi Summary |