



## First Call For Papers

**CIRSDe (Interdisciplinary Center for Women's and Gender Research and Studies - University of Turin) is organizing the international conference**

***Beyond Genders.  
Intersectionality between theory and practice. Interdisciplinary gazes***

**University of Turin**

**November 24-25, 2023**

Originating within the Anglo-American legal discourse - where it was coined by the U.S. jurist Kimberlé Crenshaw as a reaction to the blindness of law and anti-discrimination policies to interactions such as those affecting women of colour - the concept of intersectionality rejects the existence of clear-cut social hierarchies and promotes the breaking down of categories such as sex, gender, class, ethnicity, religion, age, disability or sexual orientation. Today, as a theoretical orientation, intersectionality is widely used in gender and women's studies to discuss the ways in which markers of difference intertwine with hegemonic structures. Over the years, it has extended *beyond* the afore-mentioned disciplines, including social, pedagogical, psychological, medical and linguistic studies, just to name a few examples. An increasing number of scholars working on inequalities, social justice and discrimination are showing awareness of the need to overcome binaries and dichotomies that oversimplify the complexity of multiple identities. Intersectionality constitutes the subject of epistemological and ideological controversies between those arguing about its nature as an ideological expression, which cannot be limited to a mere methodological approach, and those who support its analysis as class struggle, closely tied to social justice. Moreover, while in some disciplines, such as gender studies, intersectionality has been well-received both theoretically and analytically, in other fields it remains a blurred concept, especially in its concrete applications. Given the transdisciplinary nature of the debate and its applications, this conference aims to foster a multidisciplinary debate and to explore the state of the art of research and reflections on intersectionality. What are the perspectives through which intersectionality has developed over the years, and what are its applications? What makes its implementation complex, and what are the pitfalls to its effective applicability? Why do some areas of study seem to have a more fluid dialogue with this concept while others still prove refractory? What are the most effective research methods, and why?

How is the concept of intersectionality being explored and debated in different disciplines? How can an intersectional perspective be developed in global contexts that necessarily have to come to terms with a past of colonialism and oppression?

People interested in participating may submit a contribution related to the following themes:

- Cross-disciplinary narratives
- Genders and identities
- Posthumanist gazes
- Discrimination, inequality and minorities
- Health and well-being
- Rights and countering inequality
- Differences in class, ethnicity, and other stratifications.

These are purely indicative topics, and any other topics related to the theories and practices of the concept of intersectionality in its multiple declinations will be considered. Both monodisciplinary and interdisciplinary proposals are welcome, and it is also possible to propose panels consisting of no more than 4 contributions, at least 3 of which pertaining to different disciplinary fields.

There is no cost for participation in the conference. However, registration is required by September 30, 2023, specifying whether you have submitted a contribution. To register, please see the CIRSDe website as of May 15, 2023: <https://www.cirsde.unito.it/it>

All information for reaching the conference and staying in Turin will be published on the website.

### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

The deadline for abstract submission is **June 15, 2023**. The abstract should be sent to the following e-mail address: **beyondgenders@unito.it** Acceptance of the proposal will be communicated by July 15, 2023.

The abstract must not exceed 300 words (bibliography included), must be written in Italian and/or English, Times New Roman font size 12, justified, 1.5 spacing, and must contain three to five keywords. Bibliographic citations and bibliography must be completed adopting the APA system (<https://epale.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/apastyle2018.pdf>). The title in Times New Roman 14, centered and bold, must be followed, on separate lines, by the first name(s) and last name(s), affiliation and institutional email address (disabling the link), as per the example below:

#### **Intersectionality and Gender**

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## **NOTES ON ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

Papers must:

- be original and not presented at previous conferences
- not exceed twenty minutes
- be in Italian or English.

Those who require a declaration of acceptance of their contribution for the purpose of obtaining a visa may ask for it when submitting the abstract.

## **SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

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