

Activity Report

2024



Vernissage "Revisioning Democracy and Women's Suffrage", Paranoia City, Zürich (Photos: Felix Tuchschild)

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1. A short message from the president

I would like to reflect on a topic that dominated our discussions within SAGS and many of our lives in 2024: violence and war. Violence has always been a central theme in gender and feminist studies, producing a wealth of important knowledge. Feminist approaches engage with and transcend disciplinary boundaries, seeking to understand the roles of gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, nationality, and religion in and for war and violent conflict. Hence, it does not come as a surprise that these issues have often been at the heart of the SAGS's activities. For example, at the bi-annual conference in 2019 at the University of Bern and the subsequent publication, 'Violent Times, Rising Resistance: An Interdisciplinary Gender Perspective,' which thematizes, theorizes, and analyzes violence and its gendered and intersectional aspects across a broad spectrum.

This year, with a cumulation of violence in so many parts of the world, particularly also in Gaza, the question of violence and war gained new importance, raising many difficult questions for an association such as SAGS, but also for universities and for us as individuals – questions for which we cannot find simplistic answers. At this time when the world is witnessing blatant manifestations of violence, we need to ask ourselves what tools our feminisms offer to strengthen alliance-building? How can we resist the populist movement against our solidarity networks, our organization, and our universities? And what role can the SAGS play in these issues?

Personally, I am convinced that we need ample space to discuss these issues, giving voice to different ideas, opinions, and visions. That is why I was very pleased when our research network 'Gender and Political Science' organized this year a round table that brought together researchers and activists who insist on using feminist methods and theories to understand political violence—whether state or non-state—and the structures that foster it. You will find more information about the round table in this annual report, further down. But in 2024 we also saw student mobilizations in Swiss universities in response to the situation in Gaza, including many Gender Studies students. The institutional responses varied across the Swiss university landscape and they were sometimes violent, on different dimensions. This situation raises many questions about key principles and values in terms of academic democracy, academic citizenship, and freedom of expression. Again, these are highly complex issues that require complex answers. I highly appreciate that we did, within SAGS, tackle these questions during our annual retreat in June and that as a result, we are currently in the process of finalizing a SAGS Charter on academic democracy.

What gave me hope this year, and what often raised my spirits, so to speak, were these honest discussions within the board and others, with partially diverging ideas and opinions, critical questions, and moments of discomfort. This is what I want for SAGS: Creating space to reflect on such crucial issues with care, recognizing limitations, but also hopefully creating space for action. A huge thanks to everyone who contributed to this.

30.1.2024, Neuchâtel, Janine Dahinden, President of SAGS

2. SAGS Board and Membership

Board and members, elections, and general assembly

By the end of 2024, 18 board members represented ten Swiss universities, two language regions, and a wide range of disciplines and positions. The board met three times in 2024. Additionally, as in previous years, the board members held a one-day retreat in June 2024.

We currently have 356 members, as compared to 369 at the end of 2023. Compared to 2023, we have a net loss of 13 members but simultaneously an increase in membership fees of about 1000 CHF. This development is probably due to a change the association made this year with regards to the payment reminders. We sent out individualized reminders via email (instead of the postal reminders). Many people reacted to these emails. This led to more people paying their fees but also to more people responding to the reminders with a cancellation of their membership.

In 2024 there was a change in the secretary position: we thank Helena Rust for her work at SAGS and welcome Marion Picard who took over the secretary in August 2024.

The General Assembly of the members of SAGS took place on October 25, 2024, from 4:30 pm to 6 pm, at the University of Neuchâtel and online, and it was attended by 27 members (online and onsite).

In the elections for the term 2025–2026, the 27 members present at the General Assembly elected and re-elected the board, the advisory board and the auditors of the Association:

We bid farewell to some members who withdrew from the board in 2024: Anna Sommer (who represented the Gender Campus), Virginia León Torrez (PhD representative and PR), Gina Wirz-Suárez (PhD representative and PR) and Bianca Prietl (University of Basel). We thank them for their work with SAGS.

A warm welcome to our new committee members: Christa Binswanger (University of St. Gallen), Stefanie Boulila (Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts), Damien Michélet (Gender Campus, University of Bern), Patricia Purtschert (University of Bern), Helena Rust (University of Zurich), and Mariel Alves Cabral de Miranda.

We look forward to working with our new board members!

Dina Bolokan (University of Bath) and Sabine Kradolfer (HES-SO) are re-elected as auditors.

Marylène Lieber (University of Geneva), Andrea Maihofer (University of Basel) and Regina Wecker (University of Basel) are re-elected as members of the advisory board.

Table 1: Board members, 2024

Name	Function / Affiliation
Janine Dahinden	President, University of Neuchâtel
Dominique Grisard	Vice-President, University of Basel & CSR
Michèle Amacker	University of Berne
Nathalie Amstutz	FHNW, Olten
Laurence Bachmann	HETS Geneva
Sébastien Chauvin	University of Lausanne
Bettina Dennerlein	University of Zurich
Ilana Eloit	University of Geneva
Virginia León Torrez	Public Relations, University of Zurich
Matthias Luterbach	Treasurer, University of Basel
Katrin Meyer	University of Zurich
Liliane Meyer Pitton	FemWiss
Bianca Prietl	University of Basel
Marion Schulze	University of Basel
Anna Sommer	Gender Campus
Fleur Weibel	Think Tank Gender & Diversity
Gina Wirz-Suárez	Public Relations, IHEID, Geneva

Table 2: Board members, 2025

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Nathalie Amstutz	FHNW, Olten
Laurence Bachmann	HETS, Geneva
Christa Binswanger	University of St. Gallen
Stefanie Boulila	Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts
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Fleur Weibel	Think Tank Gender & Diversity

3. Scientific Activities

3.1. SAGS Publication Series "Gender Issues"

We are delighted that the SAGS book series ["Gender Issues"](#) – we took over the series' editorial direction in January 2020 – has again been very productive in 2024. Books are peer reviewed and open access.

In our October meeting, Francesca Falk, historian at the University of Bern, informed that she will be stepping down as member of the editorial board of directors. We thank Francesca for sharing so generously her expertise and experience, and in particular for the way she supported as a mentor Philomina Bloch-Chakkalakkal's book project – from MA-thesis to publication.

For 2025, the board of directors plans to invite two new members to join the editorial board of directors.

The board currently comprises eight members from five disciplines and seven universities.

Newly published in the "Gender Issues" series in 2024 were:

Philomina Bloch-Chakkalakkal

Unsichtbar unverzichtbar. Familien- und Berufsleben von Nurses aus Kerala in der Schweiz aus einer postmigrantischen Perspektive



From the 1960s onwards, young Christian women from Kerala (India) migrated to Europe, including Switzerland. They were urgently needed as qualified nurses. This book contributes to the reappraisal of this women-led migration story. Based on interviews with Malayali nurses, it outlines the historical context in Kerala and Switzerland and focuses on the nurses' professional and family lives. What challenges and opportunities did these women face when they arrived in Switzerland? What wishes and worries accompanied them in raising children? How did they find satisfaction in their jobs? And finally: What did home mean to them?

Without the work of migrants, there would be no guaranteed healthcare in Switzerland. Nevertheless, the work of migrant women, particularly in the care sector, is often invisibilized. The life stories of the care professionals interviewed show that the women in question developed various strategies over the decades to defy discrimination and to navigate through the complexities of care migration.

Thierry Delessert, Chiara Boraschi, Nelly Valsangiacomo (ed.)

Pauvres, immorales et contraintes. Les adversités des mères célibataires en Suisse



In Switzerland, women who have given birth out of wedlock fall into a number of legal, medical and social categories and representations that have varied over time. Indeed, single mothers are most often denigrated, while fathers can more easily shirk their responsibilities.

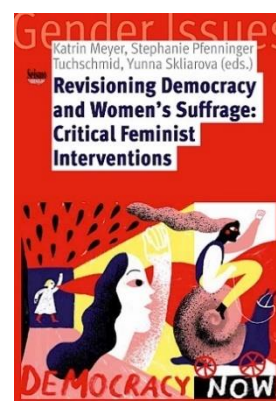
This anthology examines the various constraints on women raising children alone. The chapters deal with a fundamentally masculine state, and a civil law that considered them illegitimate until 1978. Public authorities were inclined to place children in foster care and institutionalize mothers. In the wake of sexual liberation, the category of single mothers gradually came to include unmarried mothers, divorcees and widows, who banded together to promote a more positive public image of single-parent families. However, the authors point to the persistence of gender norms, child-related costs and the precarious situation single mothers find themselves in due to the lack of active family policies.

With contributions by Chiara Boraschi, Lisia Bürgi, Thierry Delessert, Joëlle Droux, Cristina Ferreira, Fiona Friedli, Ornella Larenza, Jasmine Lovey, Mikhaël Moreau, Jean-Pierre Tabin, Nelly Valsangiacomo.

Katrin Meyer, Stephanie Pfenninger Tuchschnid, Yunna Skliarova (ed.)

Revisioning Democracy and Women's Suffrage: Critical Feminist Interventions

This anthology addresses the current understanding of democracy from a feminist, intersectional and transnational perspective with a particular focus on the relevance of women's suffrage in Switzerland since 1971, and analyses challenges for women's political participation worldwide. It points to the significance of memory politics, political struggles and discourses on citizenship and human rights that shape democracies today. Furthermore, it examines how digitalization affects women's democratic participation, exploring both the opportunities it opens up and the barriers it may create, while also expanding the concept of democracy beyond traditional state institutions.



With contributions by Gabriela Paula Silva Alves, Anna Antonakis, Ana Beatriz Aquino, Hoda Elsadda, Zoé Kergomard, Güneş Koç, Lea Küng, Andrea Maihofer, Katrin Meyer, Pauline Milani, Nanjala Nyabola, Beat Ospelt, Stephanie Pfenninger Tuchschnid, Patricia Purtschert, Yunna Skliarova, Carolina Gabas Stuchi, Laura Cazarini Trotta, Clara Araújo Vinholi.

We always encourage authors to celebrate their new publications with **book launches**. In 2024, the editors of the aforementioned "Revisioning Democracy" organized a public book party for their anthology at Paranoia City bookstore during the festival "Zürich liest". Many authors were present and read from their contributions. The evening was moderated by Helena Rust. The event was completely sold out and a huge success.



Last but not least, there are exciting books in the pipeline, among them the anthology "Doing Gender Studies. Producing Knowledge Otherwise" by the Graduate School for Gender Studies. We are more than pleased that we again received excellent new submissions this year. Importantly, our collaboration with publishing house Seismo, SAGW and SNSF has been very positive.

3.2. SAGS roundtable on Feminist Approaches to Political Violence

In October, the research network "Gender and Political Science" organized a roundtable as part of the SAGS General Assembly. The roundtable brought together scholars from across disciplines who share a common core belief in the relevance of feminist analytics to the study of political violence, the structures that enable such violence, and the peacemaking which must follow. The four speakers Paniz Musawi Natanzi (UPenn), Umut Yildirim (IHEID), Maria-Adriana Deiana (Queen's University Belfast) and Julia Palmiano Federer (ETH), work on Afghanistan, Turkey, Kurdish geographies, Myanmar, Ireland, and the Balkans, and theoretically they all grapple with questions of imperialism, nationalism, occupations, wars, disasters, and peace. In conversation with the organizers Elizabeth Mesok (University of Basel) and Isabel Käser (University of Bern), they reflected on questions such as how can our feminist thinking, theorizing and organizing help us make sense of the present-day conflict landscapes?

This roundtable took place at a time when we were witnessing the proliferation of armed conflict, mass atrocities and genocide – from Ukraine to Sudan and Gaza – but also at a time when many of us felt that our university and activist spaces (at least in the German speaking part of Switzerland) had become increasingly curtailed by a consortium of right-wing parties and mainstream media. For many of us this has led to an ongoing chilling effect, not least in our classrooms. This roundtable was a small attempt at not only bringing us together and create a space for collective thinking, but also to ask: at a moment where

the world is witnessing some of the most unfathomable displays of state-led violence in modern history, what tools do our feminisms hold for stronger alliance building?



SAGS Roundtable "Feminist Approaches to Political Violence," University of Neuchâtel (Photo: Leandra Bias)

3.3. Retreat of the board members and work in progress of a SAGS-Charta on Academic Democracy

As every year, the SAGS Board met for a one-day retreat on 28 June. This year's retreat was used to discuss the recent mobilization of students in response to the situation in Gaza and the significant differences in the way different Swiss universities responded to this mobilization. Concerns were expressed about certain incidents that challenged academic democracy and academic freedom. The Board agreed that these events underline the need for collective reflection on the values and practices upheld in academic institutions. The ensuing discussion addressed important issues and key principles such as academic citizenship and freedom of expression. A core part of the discussion revolved around the role of SAGS in addressing these issues. As a result of this discussion, it was decided to set up a small working group to draft a charta on academic democracy. This charter is currently being drafted and will, in essence, reaffirm a strong commitment to the principles of academic democracy and academic freedom, and express support and solidarity in upholding these principles in Swiss universities and beyond. As soon as the Board has approved this charter, we will publish it on our website and in our bulletin.

4. Research Networks

We are pleased to report that our 6 research networks were very active again last year.

In order to strengthen the involvement of these networks in our overall activities, we conceived, for the first time in 2024, our Round Table together with a research network, the "Gender and Political Science" network.

Of course, our networks are open to new members and members can [initiate new research networks](#) at any time – just contact us!

4.1. Affects, Feelings and Emotions

In 2024, the research network welcomed eight new members. During the spring period, 16 scholars from the humanities, social sciences and the arts participated in the research network's one-day workshop on *Current Debates in Affect Theory and Gender* at the University of Bern. The primary objective of the workshop was to foster interdisciplinary exchange and to disseminate insights into current research by scholars who perceive affects, feelings and/or emotions to be pivotal for the analysis of contemporary social and societal processes. The participants discussed research, data and written work by scholars from film science, theatre science, social sciences and the arts. Furthermore, the participants gained new insights into methodological and epistemological questions in relation to affect theory.

Isabelle Albisser for the [research network](#)

4.2. Transformation of Masculinities (TransforMen)

The research network "Transformations of Masculinities (TransforMen)" is an interdisciplinary, cross-institutional and location-independent research group. It aims to connect ongoing research, strengthen the field and make critical studies on men and masculinities more visible in Switzerland. More information is available online on the SAGS website.

The research network met twice in 2024. On 17 May, the group met online and discussed a paper by Cara Daggett entitled '[Petro-masculinity: Fossil Fuels and Authoritativo Desire](#)'. On November 15, the group met in Zurich to discuss current research by group members. In the first half, participants discussed a paper draft by Julia Nentwich on "[Ambivalent alternatives: Male managers struggling with their support for gender equality](#)" from the leaders of equality project. In the second half, we discussed interview material by Dina Bolokan from her project on the circumstances under which men refuse military service or desert in the context of the Russian war against Ukraine. Here you find Information on her project in [English](#) and [German](#).

Matthias Luterbach and Anika Thym for the [research network](#)

4.3. Feminisms, Marxism and Decoloniality – FMD

From December 2023 to December 2024, our group engaged in a variety of collaborative and academic activities. We began with an internal workshop meeting at the University of Bern on December 15, 2023, where we read and commented on each other's recent writings. After the internal workshop, we also hosted an international workshop titled "Gender Violence and the University Space: Situated Reflections." This workshop featured guest lecturer Rocío Moltoni (Center for Feminist and Gender Studies, National University of Rosario, Argentina) and fostered productive discussions among participants. In June 2024, we organized and participated in a panel at the Latin American Studies Association (LASA

2024) Conference under the Gender and Feminist Studies session, entitled “Entre la resistencia y el chasquido colectivo: Ficciones y prácticas como trabajos de acción política,” which brought together interdisciplinary views on gender and political action. Finally, on September 4, 2024, we held an online internal meeting to reflect upon what we have done so far and plan future initiatives. These activities reflect our commitment to fostering critical dialogue and advancing scholarship in feminist and gender studies.

Larissa Da Silva Araujo for the [research network](#)

4.4. Gender and Political Science

The highlight of our third year was the organization of the biannual SAGS roundtable on “Feminist Approaches to Political Violence” (see above). Conceptualizing this event, we built on the diverse expertise and international connections that the network brings together.

We still accept new members on a rolling basis and would love to hear from you!

Leandra Bias and Elizabeth Mesok for the research network [Gender & Political Science](#)

4.5. Globalization, Race, and Alterity within and beyond the University

GRAU is a group aimed at contributing to the development of work on the social and material effects of globalization processes, with a heightened sensitivity to issues related to otherness. Between 2023 and 2024, GRAU structured its foundations in terms of objectives, values, and potential contributions to society at various levels: theoretical and practical, both within and outside the university. Based on the elements above, we wish to contribute to developing research on the social and material effects of globalization processes.

During 2024, we also structured administrative elements by creating a platform specific to GRAU to have a collective GRAU archive. The objective is to keep track of the development of the group so that current and future members can access GRAU's institutional memory in the three-time frames: past, present, and future. That said, its guiding thread remains the same, particularly its contribution to important discussions on how racism, mobility, and other intersecting realities of otherness such as sexuality, (in)abilities, and gender shape the lives of early-career researchers in and beyond both Switzerland and the University. in Switzerland, outside of Switzerland and within and beyond the University.

GRAU held its inaugural workshop in the form of a two-day hybrid retreat over two days, from July 13 to 15, 2024, at the Château des Capucines of the University of Lausanne, in Diablerets. A copy of the program is available [here](#). This event was open to researchers and practitioners at all career stages, particularly those at the edges of academia, to offer a unique platform to network, share insights and gain inspiration while inspiring others. During the event, GRAU invited contributors to discuss their chapters in the book project “The Future of the University: Critical Perspectives on Academic Freedom, Precarity, and University Autonomy,” edited by Annelise Erismann, a founding member. The contributors Livia Ferreira (Getulio Vargas Foundation) and Thaissa Bispo (Rio de Janeiro State University) participated online. They are early-career academics based in Brazil and are the authors of a chapter on the current challenges of affirmative action in Brazilian higher education.



Annelise Erismann and Mariel Cabral presented their chapters, sharing their thoughts on the relationship between academic precarity, freedom, and university autonomy. Furthermore, GRAU had the unique opportunity to have the workshop moderated by Swiss parliamentarian Yvonne Apiyo Brändle-Amolo, who helped facilitate discussions on equity and justice in higher education throughout the first night. Among the other participants were Julianne Freire de Souza (University of St. Gallen), Kwaku Adomako

(University of Lausanne), Sojung Kim (Johns Hopkins University), Thor Erismann (independent), and Rafaela Renata de Oliveira (University of Bern). The participants shared a meal and exchanged comments on chapters, grant proposals, and creative reflections. Kwaku Adomako also organized a research initiative called “permit night,” where participants were invited to BYOP (bring [all] your own permits) to compare documents and share life stories about migration journeys as well as experiences with state regulations. The workshop was made possible thanks to the generous support of the Interfaculty Platform for Gender Studies (PlaGe) at the University of Lausanne, and the Swiss Society of Americanists (SSA). Building on this experience, GRAU is pleased to broaden its horizons during what will hopefully become a fruitful academic calendar of 2024–2025.

Group Photo, GRAU inaugural meeting: From left to right, Annelise Erismann, Sojung Kim, Yvonne Apiyo Brändle-Amolo Julianne Freire de Souza, Rafaela Renata de Oliveira, Mariel Cabral, Kwaku Adomako, Thor Erismann

Kwaku Adomako for the [research network](#)

4.6. RAG

The trinational (Austria, Germany, Switzerland) network “research art gender *rag*” is a platform for exchange for scholars at universities and universities of applied arts. *rag* connects the humanities, the social sciences and the arts in transdisciplinary ways and aims to contribute to the further development of gender perspectives in cultural studies, notably in design and the arts.

In 07/23 we formalized our affiliation with SAGS. We are also informally affiliated with the Austrian and German Associations for Gender Studies.

Our Steering Committee members are Anne-Berénike Rothstein (Konstanz, G); Doris Ingrisch (MDW, Vienna, AU), Andrea Zimmermann (IZFG, Bern), Christa Binswanger (HSG, St.Gallen), Dominique Grisard (ZGS, Basel); Claudia Walkensteiner-Preschl (MDW, Vienna, AU).

In the past year we welcomed two new members: Aylin Tschoepe, FHNW, Basel; Sophie Voegelé, ZHdK, Zürich.

Past activities have been regular online meetings, joint participation in a lecture series at HSG, and an inaugural meeting at CSR in Basel.



Rag conducted a conference at mdw Vienna May 31, 2024:

«Möglichkeitsräume behaupten: Transdisziplinäre Dialoge zu Kunst und Leben»
/ «Creating/Asserting Spaces of Possibility»,
Organized by Doris Ingrisch and Claudia Walkensteiner-Preschl at the Institut für Kulturmanagement und Gender Studies sowie für Film und Fernsehen, Filmakademie Wien.

For more details see:

<https://theartofinterven-tion.blog/2024/11/06/moglichkeitsraume-behaupten-transdisziplinare-dialoge-zu-kunst-und-leben/>

December 4, 2024, we met at the CSR in Basel for our annual meeting and for the planning our participation at the SAGS conference in autumn 2025 and activities in 2026.

We welcome new members.

Christa Binswanger for the [research network](#)

5. Outward Communication

In 2024 we continued our outward communication with the aim of making visible our activities. On the one hand we maintained our efforts to promote SAGS events and effectively managed the communication for the Round Table on "Feminist Approaches to Political Violence". We also continued to focus on publicizing books of the SAGS book series "Gender Issues" published with Seismo, events organized by SAGS Research Networks, and contributions by members of the Association.

Under the helm of Helena Rust, we prepared the migration from our website on the Gender Campus to the new SAGS website, which will be housed by SAGW. This website will allow for more versatile and effective communication. We would like to express all our gratitude to Gender Campus who hosted the SAGS for these last years.

On the other hand, we changed our strategy when it comes to digital networking. For ethical reasons we decided to not use anymore the platform X, but instead, we started communicating on LinkedIn. At the moment we have roughly 199 followers and we will in 2025 aim to reinforce our presence on this social network.

Finally, we would also like to mention that we still publish our Bulletin, three times a year, where we give a detailed overview of the SAGS activities.

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6. Cooperations, Networking & Anchoring of Gender Studies

6.1. *Think Tank Gender & Diversity: FORUM Activities*

The [Think Tank Gender & Diversity](#) pursues the goal of networking, developing, and promoting the vast knowledge and competencies created among higher education in the fields of gender, diversity and inclusion in cooperation with SAGS and Gender Campus. Since 2021, the Think Tank conducts the "Forum of Swiss Higher Education Institutions," which serves to network the 28 projects currently being carried out at Swiss universities from 2021–2024 as part of the swissuniversities P-7 programme "Diversity, Inclusion and Equity in Higher Education Development." Through topic-specific activities and collaborations, the forum supports Switzerland-wide knowledge building and transfer on diversity, understood as an intersectional interaction of inequality relations that can include gender, racialisation, sexuality, dis/ability, age, migration and class.

In 2024, the following public events took place:

In March 2024, the Think Tank accompanied the action week against racism with a series of newsletters in which materials and findings on racism, focusing on Swiss higher education, were presented:

<https://www.gendercampus.ch/de/document/action-week-against-racism-2024>

Over the course of 2024, five online Forum Exchange Meetings were held, in which the P-7 projects presented their results and discussed them with the participants. For example, the cooperation project "LGBTIAQ+@Campus" of the BFH, the PHBern and the FHNW presented an information brochure on how the inclusion of LGBTIAQ+ students at Swiss universities can be promoted:

<https://www.gendercampus.ch/de/project/lgbtiq-campus>

Finally, in November 2024, the closing conference of the P-7 program took place, which the Think Tank organized together with swissuniversities in Bern. The two-day conference

was attended by around 150 people and the [broad program of lectures, panels, performances and open exchange formats](https://www.gendercampus.ch/de/ttgd/abschlusstagung-des-p-7-programm-diversitaet-inklusion-und-chancengerechtigkeit) was met with great interest and active participation:

<https://www.gendercampus.ch/de/ttgd/abschlusstagung-des-p-7-programm-diversitaet-inklusion-und-chancengerechtigkeit>

This closing conference of the P-7 program marks the end of the second and final term of the Think Tank. Information about further networks and ongoing activities in the area of equity, diversity and inclusion in higher education can be found on the [Gender Campus](#).

Fleur Weibel for the Think Tank Gender & Diversity

[We thank Fleur Weibel for her all her work for the Think Tank and in her role as liaison between the Think Tank and SAGS](#)

6.2. RINGS

The 11th RINGS (International Research Association of Institutions of Advanced Gender Studies) conference and general assembly on the topic "Mapping Technologies, Making Worlds: Facing and Interfacing Challenges" took place from October 24–26, 2024, online and in Delhi, India, hosted by the Centre for Gender, Culture and Social Processes (CGCSP), St Stephen's College, Delhi University. As RINGS contact person for the SAGS, Anika Thym participated in the conference and had the opportunity to present our association. She also visited the general assembly, where country reports were presented from the Netherlands, Switzerland, India, South Africa, the Netherlands, Iceland, the Czech Republic, Finland, Estonia and Romania on what is currently going on concerning gender research and gender equality and diversity in each context. Beside the intellectual exchange of the conference, RINGS offers support to gender studies institutions which are under threat.

RINGS welcomes internship applications (sent to the Co-Chairpersons). Unfortunately, there is no remuneration for this position.

Individuals and/or institutes based in Switzerland who would like to join the SAGS-RINGS group can email Anika Thym. Institutional membership directly with RINGS can be addressed to the Co-Membership Secretaries. RINGS contact information can be found here: <http://ringsgender.org/contact>. RINGS particularly welcomes new member institutions from regions which are so far underrepresented and encourages everyone to invite their contacts to join.

Anika Thym ([anika.thym\(at\)unibas.ch](mailto:anika.thym(at)unibas.ch)), liaison person to RINGS

7. Impressum

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