

Research project title (NFI/R/2014/061):

GENDER, CULTURE AND POWER: Diversity and Interactions in Latvia and Norway

Dzimumsocialitāte kultūras un varas mijattiecībās: Latvijas un Norvēģijas diversitātes

Project promoter: The University of Latvia

Partner 1: Centre for Gender Research at the University of Oslo
Partner 2: Rezekne Academy of Technologies

Principal investigator: Ausma Cimdīna (Dr. philol., Professor at the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Latvia)

Overall objective of the project is to revive academic and public interest in feminist and gender theories in connection to the current social reality and European political culture, to add new interdisciplinary dimensions to the already existing research mainstream, and to shed light on women's political and public activity by shaping a dialogue between various disciplines and cultures.

Work groups:

• **History, Theory and Reception of Feminism and Gender Studies in Latvia**

Key expert: **Ausma Cimdīna**, Dr. philol., Professor at the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Latvia; the Head of the research centre "Feministica Lettica".

Other experts involved: Ella Buceniece (Dr. phil.), Natalja Šroma (Dr. philol.), Maija Kūle (Dr. habil. phil.), Ina Druviete (Dr. habil. philol.), Zita Kārkla (Dr. philol.), Iveta Narodovska (Dr. philol.), Anna Auziņa (PhD student), Sīgita Kušnere (PhD student).

• **Gender, Literature, Politics, and Women's Texts**

Key expert: **Jorunn Økland**, Dr. theol., Professor of Interdisciplinary Gender Studies in Humanities at the Centre for Gender Research, University of Oslo

Other experts involved: Emil Nicklas Johnsen (researcher), Eva Eglāja-Kristone (Dr. philol.), Ludmila Sprōge (Dr. philol.).

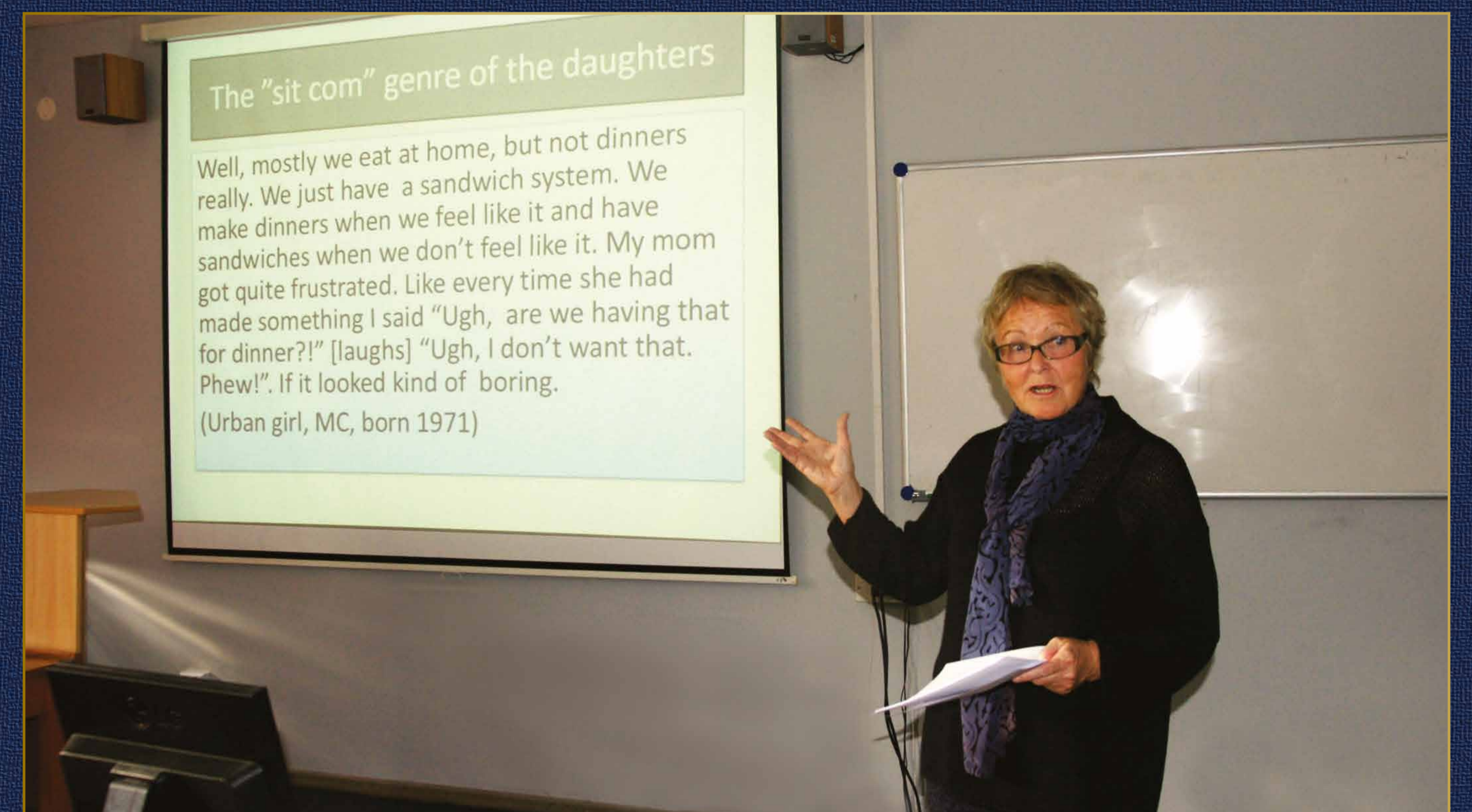
• **Gender, Nation-Building and Ethnic/National Minorities**

Key expert: **Ilga Šuplinska**, Dr. philol., Professor, a senior researcher at Rezekne Academy of Technologies

Other experts involved: Angelika Juško-Štekele (Dr. philol.), Vladislavs Volkovs (Dr. sc. soc.), Ojārs Lāms (Dr. philol.), Anastasija Vedela (Dr. philol.).

• **Postcolonial Discourse in Gender, Culture and Society Studies**

Key expert: **Deniss Hanovs**, Dr. art, Professor at Rīga Stradiņš University
Other experts involved: Pauls Daija (Dr. philol.); Valdis Tēraudkalns (Dr. phil.).



Professor Harriet Bjerrum Nielsen presenting a lecture "Doing and undoing gender over three generations of women and men in Norway" to students of the University of Latvia Faculty of Humanities.



Address by the University of Latvia Vice-Rector for Research Indriķis Muižnieks at the conference "Gender, Culture and Power Interactions" on the April 15, 2015.



The honorary patroness of the conference, President of the Republic of Latvia (1999–2007) Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to the Republic of Latvia H. E. Mr. Steinar Egil Hagen, Professor of the University of Latvia Ausma Cimdīna, Vice-President of the Latvian Academy of Sciences Talavs Jundzis.



Representatives of all partner institutions at the seminar "Gender and Feminist Research Methodology" in Rezekne Academy of Technologies on February 11, 2016.



Key researchers at the seminar "Gender and Feminist Research Methodology" in Rezekne Academy of Technologies, February 11, 2016.

Synergy with the Scholarship Activity

Scholarship project title (EEZ/NFI/S/2015/022):

Mobility in Language, Culture and Gender Studies Mobilitāte valodu, kultūras un dzimumsocialitātes studijās

Project promoter: The University of Latvia

Partners:

- The Arni Magnusson Institute for Icelandic Studies of the University of Iceland
- Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education of the Arctic University of Norway
- Centre for Gender Research at the University of Oslo
- Institute of Health and Society of the University of Oslo
- School of Humanities, Faculty of Foreign Languages, Literature and Linguistics of the University of Iceland

Results:

10 staff mobilities:

- 1 staff mobility to the Arni Magnusson Institute for Icelandic Studies of the University of Iceland
- 1 staff mobility to the Centre for Gender Research at the University of Oslo
- 2 staff mobilities to Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education of the Arctic University of Norway
- 2 staff mobilities to Institute of Health and Society of the University of Oslo
- 2 staff mobilities to School of Humanities, Faculty of Foreign Languages, Literature and Linguistics of the University of Iceland
- 2 staff mobilities to the Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia from School of Humanities, Faculty of Foreign Languages, Literature and Linguistics of the University of Iceland
- 1 staff mobility to the Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia from the Centre for Gender Research at the University of Oslo

3 student mobilities:

- 2 student mobilities to the Centre for Gender Research at the University of Oslo.
- 1 student mobility to Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education of the Arctic University of Norway

The research cooperation among project partner institutions has been intensified by the co-organization and participation in the **publicity and dissemination activities:**

- The international conference, devoted to the 150th anniversary of Aspazija "Gender, Culture and Power Interactions" on the April 15 – 17, 2015 in Riga and Jūrmala.
- The theoretical and methodological seminar "Gender and Feminist Research Methodology" in Rezekne on the February 11 – 12, 2016.
- The seminar "Gender, Diversity and Interactions in Latvia and Norway" at the Centre for Gender Research at the University of Oslo on March 9, 2016.

At the moment, two sociological polls, qualitative and quantitative, are being conducted. The results of the polls will be published in peer-reviewed and popular articles.