

**Conference, September 11-13, 2019**  
**Democracy and Gender: The Legitimation of Power in Modern Societies**

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Confirmed speakers:

Anna Becker (Universität Zürich)  
Frank Bösch (Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Potsdam),  
Birte Förster (Universität Bremen)  
Gundula Ludwig (Universität Bremen)  
Birgit Sauer (Universität Wien)  
Rudolf Stichweh (Universität Luzern)  
Barbara Stollberg-Rilinger (Wissenschaftskolleg Berlin)  
Georgina Waylen (University of Manchester)  
Dawn Teele (University of Pennsylvania)

**Call for Papers**

The emergence of democracy in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries was bound up, in myriad and complex ways, with radical changes in gender relations. Yet the study of the concrete connections between these two phenomena remains marginalised in the historiography on democracy. There is a wide-ranging theoretical debate on gender, the role of concepts of masculinity for the definition and legitimation of politics, as well as a large literature on the exclusion of women from politics. This literature exists in isolation from a mostly social and cultural history of female political participation. The conference aims to combine these political-theoretical and historical perspectives in a new way, and to expand scope of research on gender and democracy in the fields of the history of political thought and political history. It seeks to explore and problematise the gendered orders which connect themselves to the legitimation of modern democracies from a historically informed point of view. Stretching from the Early Modern period to the crisis of democratic legitimacy in our own times, the conference will explore the concrete practice of gender in democratic societies, the significance of such practices for the legitimacy of democratic politics, and the interactions of democratic equality and gender inequality.

The conference *Democracy and Gender* at the Hamburg Institute for Social Research invites papers which address the relationship between gender order and democratic legitimacy within a wide range of questions and topics.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Marriage and family as symbolic orders and their connection to democracy

- Concepts and practices of the body and their interaction with democratic practices and conceptions
- Conceptions of (hegemonic) masculinity in the history of democracy
- The interactions between different orders of inequality (class, race, sexuality, gender identity) and conceptions of democracy

Interested participants are invited to submit an abstract of no more than 350 words along with a short biographical note to [clara.maier@his.online.de](mailto:clara.maier@his.online.de) by February 6th, 2018. Accepted participants will be notified in March.