About the Conference

As an interdisciplinary field law and literature has long established itself as a crucial nexus within academia, yet its potential for the critical analysis of intersectionality has been understudied so far. While both law and literature are inextricably linked to questions of gender and equality, the interdisciplinary convergence of the two fields has not received sufficient attention as of yet, both theoretically and practically. Within literary studies, feminist approaches have been dominant at least since the 1970s, but feminist studies of the law have not generated the same scholarly interest in the legal field. The Collaborative Research Centre 1385 “Law and Literature” at the University of Münster, Germany, is holding a conference on 14—16 September 2022 in order to address crucial points that help bring these disciplines together.
14 September
5.30 p.m.  Registration
6.00 p.m.  Welcome address
6.15 p.m.  Keynote I:
Elisabeth Holzleithner (Vienna): A Man from the Country: Law and Gender in Kafka's Parable Before the Law
7.30 p.m.  Reception

Panel 1: 9.00 - 10.30 a.m.
Rebecca Haubrich (Bremen): Lady Justice is Silent
Fabian Endemann (Münster): The Quest for Equality in Socialism
Roxanne Phillips (Munich): (Un)Tying the Knot: Legal and Comedic Movement in Lessing’s Minna von Barnhelm
Chair: Hanna Luise Kroll

10.30 p.m.  coffee break

Panel 2: 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
Chiara Bullen (Stirling): #MeToo, the Morality Clause and the Literary Field
Jayana Jain (Münster): The Elephant in the (Court)Room: Legal Ethos in Selected Works of Mahasweta Devi and Ismat Chughtai

12.30-2.30 p.m. lunch break

Panel 3: 2.30 – 4.00 pm
Niina De Bettin Padolín (Graz): Fairly Traceable: The Intersections between Law, Performance, and Environmental Violence
Dulce Biscia (Aveiro): Women’s Reproductive Rights in Unity Dow’s Novels: Questioning Legal Constraints CEDAW
Martin Herholz & Nicola Kramp-Seidel (Münster): Law and Gender in Jewish responsa of the 20th and 21st century

4.00 p.m. coffee break

5.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.  Keynote II:
Yvette Russell (Bristol): On the ‘Second Rape’ of Law and Towards Justice After Sexual Violence

7.30 p.m. Conference Dinner at Altes Gasthaus Leve

15 September
Panel 3: 2.30 – 4.00 pm

Reshmabee Hussain (Ballari): Silencing the Marginalized: A Study of Silence in Silence! The Court is in Session
Chair: Laura Zander

16 September
Panel 4: 9.00 – 10.30 a.m.
Anastasia Hammerschmied (Vienna): Wartime Sexual Violence in 19th Century International Law
Amelie Herzog (Vienna): Literature as a Source for the History of International Law
Esra Akkaya (Berlin): Writing against Mercy – Reading Sarah Kofman’s Literary Work as Legal Discourse
Chair: Laura Wittmann

10.30-11.00 coffee break

Panel 5: 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
Panos Gerakis (Athens): American Psycho: Yuppie Masculinities Between Beauty Masks and Homicidal Machismo
Justine Gonneaud (Avignon): Gender and the Law in The Trial of Elizabeth Cree
Luana Adriano (Rio de Janeiro): Escravidões Jurídicas: Dismantling the Master’s House through Life Writing
Chair: Fenja Heisig

Concluding Remarks