Deutsches Haus at NYU and the Campus OWL New York Office cordially invite you to a roundtable conversation among Hadas Aron (NYU), Erasma Beras-Monticiollo (Tambora Dialogues), Julia Roth (Bielefeld University) and Ulrich Baer (NYU) on the recent “obsession” with topics around gender and sexuality (“gender ideology”) in right-wing populist debates. Tracing different patterns of gender mobilization in right-wing populist discourse that Julia Roth has elaborated on in her co-edited book Right-Wing Populism and Gender (2020, Columbia University Press), the roundtable asks how “gender” serves as a platform or metalanguage? Why and how can gender issues be used to mobilize affects? Which counter strategies can we observe?

The event is free of charge.

Please register here: Right-Wing Populism and Gender (google.com)

About Right Wing Populism and Gender:

While research in right-wing populism has recently been blossoming, a systematic study of the intersection of right-wing populism and gender is still missing, even though gender issues are ubiquitous in discourses of the radical right ranging from “ethnosexism” against immigrants, to “anti-genderism.” This volume shows that the intersectionality of gender, race, and class is constitutional for radical right discourse. From different European perspectives, the contributions investigate the ways in which gender is used as a meta-language, strategic tool and “affective bridge” for ordering and hierarchizing political objectives in the discourse of the diverse actors of the “right-wing complex.”

About the participants:

Hadas Aron is a faculty fellow at the Center for European and Mediterranean Studies at NYU. Aron completed her PhD at Columbia University and was a Postdoctoral fellow at the School of Political Science in Tel Aviv University. Her research and teaching focus on populism, nationalism, international security, and social and ethnic cleavages. Her regional concentration is on Eastern Europe, the United States, and Israel. Dr. Aron's book project, An
Ethno-Nation Deeply Divided-The Center Periphery Cleavage and the Rise of Right Wing Populism in East Central Europe, explains variations in populism and its transformative effect on political systems. Based on interviews and extensive archival work her research shows how failure to integrate deep center-periphery cleavages created two separate national groups within the same ethno-nation. In such cases, radical nationalist leaders could mobilize support against mainstream politicians by presenting the mainstream elite as betraying the “true” nation.

Julia Roth is a cultural studies and gender studies scholar and currently professor for American Studies with a focus on Gender Studies at Bielefeld University where she also directs the Center for Interamerican Studies (CIAS). Her recent work focuses on Life Writing; Hip Hop and intersectional knowledge; Intersectionality theorizing; citizenship; gender and coloniality; and Right-Wing Populism and Gender. Alongside her academic work, Julia Roth organises cultural-political events.

Ulrich Baer is a University Professor at New York University where he teaches literature and photography. His books include Remnants of Song: The Experience of Modernity in Charles Baudelaire and Paul Celan; Spectral Evidence: The Photography of Trauma; The Rilke Alphabet; What Snowflakes Get Right: Free Speech, Equality and Truth in the University, and, as editor and translator, The Dark Interval: Rilke’s Letters on Loss, Grief and Transformation; the German edition of Rainer Maria Rilke’s Prose, and, with Amir Eshel, Hannah Arendt zwischen den Disziplinen. He hosts the ideas podcast, Think About It, and has published editions of numerous classic books with Warbler Press.

Erasma Beras Monticciolo is an Afro-Latina thought leader and recognized public advocate raised in Brownsville, Brooklyn by way of Barahona in the Dominican Republic. As the Co-founder and past Executive Director of Power of Two, Erasma was named to the “Inaugural Care 100,” honoring the 100 most influential people working to re-imagine and re-humanize the care system. With 15 years of experience in transformational leadership and advocacy specializing in liberation in the early childhood space, Erasma serves on the board for the Citizens’ Committee for Children of New York (CCC). She is a Promising Ventures Fellow, an Aspen Institute Healthy Communities Fellow, and an NYU Senior Leaders Fellow. Through her “Tambora Dialogues” channel, published think pieces, as well as her public speaking engagements, Erasma is bringing her wisdom and fierce commitment to social change to a broader audience nationally and globally. Erasma presently partners with fellow leaders of color to transform and re-envision what is possible for their organizations and communities. Erasma holds a dual Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology from St. John's University, a Certificate in Gender Studies from Teachers College at Columbia University, and a Master of Public Administration with an emphasis in International Development and Public Policy from NYU Robert F. Wagner School of Public Policy.

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