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Statement of motivation

"Education is the point at which we decide whether we love the world enough to assume responsibility for it", wrote Arendt in "The Crisis in Education". Assuming this responsibility, it is my pleasure and honour to submit my candidacy for the AtGender Board in order to serve its educational, research, and activist mission. I am presently a doctoral candidate, conducting my research on teachers who self-identify as lesbians and work for the Greek educational system.

As can be assumed from the above, my primary research, teaching, and political interests fall into feminist education and pedagogies. Having participated in projects centring on sexual, ethnic, and religious minorities (LGBT, Muslim, Roma, Pomaks etc.), I have a strong ideological and political commitment to issues of inclusion and diversity which is one of the main foci of the AtGender Association. At a time during which nationalist and neoconservative ideologies in Europe have reached their peak, I deeply believe in feminist, democratic, cooperative projects which, while respecting the majority, they leave open spaces for the minorities' voices to be heard.

As a Board Member of the AtGender, I would be very much interested in expanding our networks, embracing cooperations with regions where feminist researchers and students have limited resources available to promote their work and ideas. For this, an effective strategy, which will strengthen our collaborative links with funding agencies, must be mapped out in which I am more than willing to participate and implement. Simultaneously, as a young researcher, fully acknowledging how much I have been academically supported and empowered by AtGender, I would be more than happy to engage in the wide range of activities that the Association undertakes, the next Feminist Research Conference, the "Teaching with Gender" book series, and policy recommendations included. For these reasons, I would feel deeply honoured to have the opportunity to work as a member of the next AtGender Board.



Demet Gulcicek

Department of Sociology

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PhD Student

Statement of motivation

In the last one year and a half, I experience a shift in my 'identity' which is being a non-EU citizen immigrant woman in the U.K. after I move to the country for my PhD in Sociology department in the University of Warwick. I believe this identity shift is partly hard because it is being shaped in the times of Brexit, right-wing uprisings throughout Europe and intense neoliberalisation of the academic world. Moreover, my previous academic background was in Middle East Technical University, Turkey and this force me to question about the political oppressions and resistances which both gradually increase in Turkish academia. However, I also think my academic and political horizons are expanding due to my both experiences which led me to think further about the existed ways of being an academician and doing politics. ATGENDER, in that sense, is a fascinating ground for me with its emphasis on strengthening knowledge of the academicians and activists of the Women's and Gender institutions in Europe and creating an international cooperation. I hope to learn from and contribute to the association; thus, I am very enthusiastic to apply to the board of ATGENDER.

I think ATGENDER's publishing regular newspapers and book series 'Teaching with Gender', organizing international conferences and providing a platform for academicians and activists is very important for challenging the academic common sense. ATGENDER creates a field which prevents the feeling of academic and political loneliness, opens new dialogues and discussions in different contexts in Europe, and encourages young researches to 'survive' in the women's and gender institutions. These main purposes of ATGENDER have been always very significant in my understanding of being an academician and activist. Thus; firstly, I was engaged with the *Amargi* feminist magazine in editorial works which allow me meet and act together with some feminist women who come from different backgrounds. Secondly, during my B.S. and M.S. studies in Turkey, I was a part of different academic organizations which aim to create bridges between academics and activities. Thirdly, my academic interests are on women's and feminist history which led me engage with different generations of activist women and discover the importance of archival work and documentation.

I think my political engagement, editorial experience, organization background and research interests are very related to ATGENDER's missions which aim to strengthen the feminist knowledge and politics through a set of events with a focus of women's rights, gender equality and diversity. I believe the possibility of transnational feminist politics is very much grounded in the level of creating multiple spaces which allow for feminist interactions as ATGENDER offers very productively. Thus, I am very willing to be a part of the association as a Board member.

Demet Gulcicek:

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology, University of Warwick, Thesis Title: "The Constitutions of the Feminist Category of 'Women' in the Late Ottoman Empire Period". 2012 – 2015 Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey, M.S. with Distinction, Department of Sociology, Thesis Title: "Rethinking Second Wave Feminism: A Poststructuralist Approach to the Late 1980' Feminist Movement in Turkey in the cases of Feminist and Kaktus Magazines".



Katarina Lončarević is an assistant professor at Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Belgrade. She is a feminist, activist and philosopher. Her areas of research include feminist philosophy, feminist epistemologies, history of feminist movements, feminist political theory. Katarina Lončarević is involved with various projects of feminist publishing, and since 2010, She has been deputy editor-in-chief of *Genero: Journal of Feminist Theory and Cultural Studies*. Also, she strongly believes in feminist solidarity and feminist philanthropy, and in alternative ways of education (not necessarily institutionalized). She's the author of over twenty journal articles and book chapters (published in *BSC*, English and Dutch) and co-editor of three volumes dealing with gender, culture and citizenship, gender and education, and history of LGBT activism in Serbia.

Katarina Lončarević

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Statement of motivation

I have been an ATGENDER member since 2011 because I strongly believe in the importance of having an international feminist network that connects feminist scholars, students and activists across Europe. During past six years I have met and worked with inspiring feminist scholars and activists within ATGENDER community, and that community needs to be larger and stronger in the future, especially because the neoliberal policies negatively effect feminist NGOs, women's and gender studies programs at universities, and women's rights in Europe. The strong network with dedicated scholars and activists who work together according to the principles of feminist solidarity is more than necessary and even vital at this precise political moment.

I believe that my knowledge and experience in both, university level institutionalized women's and gender studies program and feminist research, and uninstitutionalized, alternative programs in women's and gender studies at the Center for Women's Studies in Belgrade and various feminist organizations in Serbia I have been working with, could benefit the ATGENDER board and the network as a whole. In addition, a perspective of the feminist scholar and activist from the Western Balkans could benefit the whole ATGENDER network, especially because it is a perspective from the country that is not EU member. Feminism is facing somewhat different challenges and problems outside the EU, but also feminists from the Western Balkans provide valuable insights and experience that are necessary to be put together with feminist experiences and knowledges from the EU countries in all future initiatives and projects of ATGENDER network.

Finally, I am very passionate about importance of feminist publishing, and my experience as a deputy editor-in-chief of the only recognized scientific journal that publishes feminist theory in Serbia, could benefit various publishing initiatives of ATGENDER members, and production and dissemination of feminist knowledge.



Laura Viñuela Suárez is a Spanish entrepreneur and Gender Consultant. With a background in Music and Women's Studies, she has combined academic research with business, creating her own company, Espora, in 2005. Currently, she is focused on three areas: the tool Equality Journey, developed with colleagues from Sweden and Finland, to promote equality measures in organizations; the project "De/construction of romantic love", with researchers from Spanish universities, which includes a pilot training programme for secondary education; and her original research topic, popular music and feminism, writing articles and giving lectures and trainings in different settings. She is very interested in promoting feminist networks and is on the board of the Spanish University Association for Women's Studies (AUDEM) and president of the Spanish Association of Gender Consultants (APCGénero).

Laura Viñuela Suárez

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Owner of Espora Business Centre

Owner of Espora Gender Consulting

Owner & Director of Espora Events and Communication

Statement of motivation

Almost 20 years ago I got my first job as a junior researcher in an EU funded project about women's studies and equal opportunities. That experience marked my professional path from then on, as it gave me the clues to find out what I wanted to do in life: I wanted to work in/with feminism, keep connected with academia, be inspired by other women from different backgrounds and promote feminist networks.

I began with a "home-made" email list to share feminist information in 2001 (nosololistas), in 2005 I set up my own business as a Gender Consultant (Espora) and in 2010 I founded the National Association of Gender Consultants in Spain (APCGénero). I'm involved in the women's area of my neighborhood association and I'm also part of the board of the Spanish Association for Women's Studies (AUDEM).

Being part of the Board of ATGENDER means to me a new opportunity to learn and be inspired by a community of women and to work in the promotion and development of a very important international network, and I feel I can contribute to that with my experience. Furthermore, as a gender consultant, I'm strongly committed to reinforce the connections between feminist academics and professionals and I think ATGENDER is a perfect environment for this aim.



Lucia Bracco: PhD student in Women and Gender Studies from the Department of Sociology of the University of Warwick (2016-2020). Master in Gender Studies from the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP). Coordinator of the systematization of the governmental strategy "Juguemos sonrie". External consultant for the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations of Peru and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). February - March 2016. External consultant of the Social Development Program in the Social Responsibility Academic Office of the PUCP. September 2015 - December 2015.

Lucia Bracco

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Psychologist by the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP)

Statement of motivation

I am Lucia Bracco, Peruvian, psychologist with a M.A in Gender Studies by the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP). Currently, I am a first year PhD student at the University of Warwick in the Women and Gender Program. My research aims to explore the role of gendered subjectivities in understanding women's experiences who are imprisoned for drug-trafficking, through decolonial and feminist approaches. I am presenting my candidacy to ATGENDER as I consider it would be able to learn and contribute, particularly from my experience as a woman from the "South".

Firstly, I perceive ATGENDER as a place of encounter between people with the same objective. In that sense, allows the possibility to meet with international feminists, share experiences, as well as to construct common strategies and joint knowledge to promote its aims. For that purpose, ATGENDER fosters dialogue between multiple voices, discourses and experiences, enhancing the possibility to create interdisciplinary, intergenerational and international knowledge that will allow us to understand such a complex reality as gender systems. Even though institutionalization of gender equity is ATGENDER main objective, I believe that this is only possible if emotional support networks are created. Living and working as a feminist can be liberating, but also it is a daily struggle that causes frustrations, contradictions or ambivalences. For me, the only way to resist is to engage with communities that share objectives, and to get involved in spaces where individual resistances are part of social and political discourses. In that sense, not only rational knowledge is shared but also affects and sensibilities, which are the main forces which enable us to keep in the struggling to transform patriarchal societies.

Secondly, I also believe that ATGENDER is a platform where I will be able to contribute. During the last 10 years, I have been involved in action-research projects in Peru, most of the time working in the Public Engagement Office at PUCP. Based on these collaborative experiences with different communities, I have understood how institutional and political changes are intermingled with personal experiences, and in order to promote social transformations, we have to understand subjectivities and everyday social relationships. With that in mind, binaries such as Academia-Activism or Theory-Practice must be questioned in order to promote other possible ways to comprehend our societies. I believe ATGENDER is a platform that seeks to deconstruct these dialectic relationships, and I would be really glad to be a part of it and contribute as a woman from South America.



Dr. Stefanie C. Boulila is a postdoctoral researcher in the gender studies programme at the University of Goettingen, Germany. Prior to joining Goettingen she was a visiting lecturer at the Center for Transdisciplinary Gender Studies at Humboldt University Berlin. Stefanie obtained her PhD from the University of Leeds in 2016. She holds an MA in Global Genders (Leeds) and a BA in mass media and communication research from the University of Fribourg (Switzerland). Her research interests include feminist and queer theory, intersectionality, race critical theory and postcolonial Europe.

Stefanie Boulila

Postdoctoral researcher at the Gender Studies Programme

University of Goettingen, Germany

Statement of motivation

With a background in European gender studies I have known ATGENDER through the European Feminist Research Conference, the ATGENDER Spring Conference, The book series *Teaching with Gender* as well as its mailing list. I am currently one of the co-organisers of the 2018 European Feminist Research Conference and I have had the chance to learn more about the history of the conference as well as the networks and organizations it produced. ATGENDER and its predecessor organizations have played a key role in securing an environment for the institutionalization of gender studies programmes at BA, MA and PhD level across Europe.

Having graduated with an MA and PhD in gender studies, my main political interest lies in the further institutionalization and professionalization of Women's and Gender Studies as well as feminist research. This is especially important in times when public funding for higher education is cut or when universities decide to bury gender studies in other disciplines despite increasing student numbers. Having studied and taught gender studies in three different European countries, I have become aware of the complex politics that surround the field.

As an early career scholar I am particularly invested in questions of sustainability. With academic careers becoming more precarious, the question of how we can keep feminist scholars in the academy seems critical for the future of the discipline. As a board member of ATGENDER I would therefore like to engage in conversations, particularly with early career scholars, across the ATGENDER network in order to scope out ideas for action in the areas of lobbying, campaigning and professional development.



Thais França is Brazilian and currently works as a researcher at the CIES-IUL in Portugal. She received her PhD in Sociology at the University of Coimbra, and MA in Work Psychology at the University of Bologna. Her active research project is about gender and academic mobility in Europa, analyzing issues related to sexism and racism. The roots of this research interest stems from her personal experience as a Latin American migrant woman in the European academia. França assumes that in her work her position as researcher and as a migrant woman is constantly confronted. To recognize herself as a "Brazilian migrant woman"; demarcate her writings situated position; and assume a political and ideological commitment with the social transformation are some of the characteristics she includes on all of her work.

Thais França

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Statement of motivation

My name is Thais França, I am from Brazil but in the last 10 years I have been living and working in Europe. Currently, I am a fellow researcher at CIES-IUL, Portugal and my research project is about gender and academic/scientific mobility in Europa, analyzing, specially, issues related to sexism and racism in the academia. From a post-colonial and feminist perspective the main objective of my investigation is to inquire how gender asymmetries and geopolitical hierarchies shape migrant researchers women experiences. As a feminist, I chose to merge my biography to my work and academic life, thus I recognize myself as a "Brazilian migrant woman" and not as an "international researcher".

Male domination of social and professional networks is one aspect that hinders the visibility of important topics for Women's, Gender, Feminists and Queer studies. In this sense, ATGENDER fulfills a fundamental role as a European transnational acting network which its primarily agenda is to promote spaces for discussions on feminisms, diversity and gender equality, as well as to foster knowledge circulation on these topics. It would therefore be a pleasure to join its board and contribute to its continued development.

As I am working with international mobility, networks are a relevant aspect, thus, as part of the board I would gain extensive field experience for use in my reflections and writings. Furthermore, I would contribute to the development of the network, applying my knowledge on the topic and my expertise from earlier similar experiences.

I have a background working with women's civil society organizations both in the field as well as through virtual and a large international network as a result of my experience as a member of the Portuguese Committee of the World March of Women. Additionally, in 2012, I took part in the coordination of an important movement in Portugal opposing prejudice and discrimination against Brazilian women immigrants. This specific event relied on different virtual tools to call to attention the experience of hypersexualization and stigmatization experienced by Brazilian women in the Portugal.

As a Board member, I will be interested in several work groups, but I nurture a special interest on the communications and external relations areas. I believe my knowledge and experiences on academic and field networks and working groups combined with my administrative skills would serve me well as an ATGENDER.



Maria Tsouroufli is a Reader at the University of Wolverhampton. She's the Athena Swan Champion for Education and the founder and convener of the Athena Swan Intersectionality working group. Maria Tsouroufli lead the EdD Professional Doctorate in Education and the Educational Policy Research cluster and her research has been concerned with the relationship between policy, practice and inequalities, exploring how gender inequalities are connected to subjectivities, every day practices, pedagogy, culture, institutional processes, higher and professional education. This research has spanned issues of gender, ethnicity, migration, and social class and has been underpinned by engagements with post-structural thinking about power, the subject, and the political. Strands of her most recent work included research on the careers of women in the STEM disciplines and gender based violence in higher education.

Maria Tsouroufli

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Postgraduate Certificate in Medical Statistics, Cardiff University, UK

Postgraduate Certificate in Post-Compulsory Education, University of Warwick, UK

PhD in Gender and Education, University of Southampton, UK

Statement of motivation

I am writing to express my interest in joining the executive board of AtGender. I am a distinguished academic in the field of Gender, Women and Education and I have published extensively on gender and interesting inequalities of gender, ethnicity, migration, class and sexuality in higher and professional education. I would like to join AtGender and contribute to advancing the field of Women and Gender's Studies and promoting international collaboration.

I can facilitate international collaboration and strengthen the visibility of AtGender through my international links and international research (Horizon 2020 European projects) as well as my current role on the executive board of Feminist and Women's Studies Association, and editorial work (editorial board of Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Education, Athens Journal of Health, member of Gender and Education). I am experienced in organizing international conferences and I would like to make a substantial contribution in organizing future AtGender conferences.

I would be grateful if you could consider my application to join the board of AtGender.



Sabrina Marchetti is Associate Professor in Sociology at University Ca' Foscari in Venice. She is mainly specialised on issues of gender, racism, labour and migration, with a specific focus on the question of migrant domestic work. She is currently the PI of the ERC Project "DomeQUAL" on the rights of paid domestic workers in 9 countries. During the past 5 years, Sabrina Marchetti has worked at the European University Institute as a Marie Curie Fellow and Jean Monnet Fellow. She has been post-doc fellow at the Gender Excellence Programme of Linköping University. She holds a PHD from the Graduate Gender Programme of Utrecht University. Her books are "Black Girls. Migrant Domestic Workers and Colonial Legacies" (Brill, 2014) and "Employers, Agencies and Immigration: Paying for Care" (Ashgate 2015, with Anna Triandafyllidou).

Sabrina Marchetti

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Statement of motivation

I am very pleased to hear that the association is looking for new members of the Board. I have been following the birth and development of AtGender from the very beginning and I have always supported it as an instrument to build a more feminist, equalitarian and socially-aware academic environment in Europe. I fully share the mission of the association, its governance and working practices. I have incredibly appreciated the conferences, publications and all activities that ATGender has carried out so far, and I would be honoured to contribute to its future development.

About myself, I can briefly say that I am an alumna of the Graduate Gender Program of Utrecht University, where I undertook my Research Master's and where, under the supervision of Prof. Gloria Wekker and Prof. Sandra Ponzanesi, I defended my PhD in 2010. I have also been fellow at the GEXcel Program of the Gender Studies Dept. in Linköping in 2010, before moving to the European University Institute from 2011 till 2016. Since July 2016, I am based in Venice at Ca' Foscari University, where I am Professor in Sociology of Culture and Communication.

My research interests are mainly on issues of gender and race-based discriminations, labour rights and women's movements. I am working in particular on the case of migrant domestic workers, which I have been looking at from postcolonial, antiracist and intersectional perspectives. I am currently coordinating a large project funded by a ERC Starting grant which will give to me the possibility to explore these issues at the comparative global level, involving countries such as Colombia, Ecuador, Brazil, India, Philippines, Taiwan, Spain, Germany and Italy.

In line with my scholarly profile, as member of the AtGender Board I would be definitely interested in developing global interconnections with feminist academic organizations outside of Europe, and engaging in the development of non-Eurocentric and postcolonial perspective in our future activities.

At the same time, it is also important to mention that the beginning of my professorship in Venice also coincide with my coming-back to Italy, in academic terms. Thus, I feel thus very enthusiastic about building new connections (and consolidating old ones) between all the colleagues and friends that I came to know through the years in different places of Europe, and Italian feminist circles, inside and outside academia. For all above reasons, I would be delighted to join the Board and thus serve the development of such important network of gender studies in Europe, in the coming years.



Sibel Yardimci

Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Department of Sociology
professor in Sociology

Istanbul, Turkey Associate

Sibel Yardimci works as an associate professor in Sociology at Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, where I have been teaching since 2005. I completed my PhD in Lancaster University, with a dissertation titled "Meeting in Istanbul: Cultural Globalisation and Art Festivals". My publications include a book in Turkish drawing upon my PhD thesis, and articles/book chapters/books reflecting various aspects of my research interests, including urbanism, nationalism, biopolitics, queer studies and disability. I co-edited two readers, respectively on Queer and Disability Studies in Turkish. I am also a member of the editorial boards of *Toplum ve Bilim* [Society and Science], *Teorik Bakış* [Theoretical Gaze] and *KaosQ+* [Kaos Journal of Queer Studies], and currently translating Foucault's *Subjectivité et vérité* (lectures in Collège de France, 1980- 1981) to Turkish.

Statement of motivation

I work as an associate professor in Sociology at Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, where I have been teaching since 2005. I completed my PhD in Lancaster University, in Sociology, with a dissertation titled "Meeting in Istanbul: Cultural Globalisation and Art Festivals". My publications include a book in Turkish drawing upon my PhD thesis, and articles and book chapters reflecting various aspects of my recent research interests, including the city, urban citizenship, nationality/nationalism, biopolitics, queer studies and disability. I co-edited two readers, respectively on Queer and Disability Studies in Turkish. I also took part in research projects, which resulted in different publications, including an edited volume on neoliberalism in Turkey, and a book on the politics of the population during the early Republican era (1923-1946). I am a member of the editorial boards of the following journals: *Toplum ve Bilim* [Society and Science], *Teorik Bakış* [Theoretical Gaze] and *KaosQ+* [Kaos Journal of Queer Studies].

Amidst this work, I always find it difficult to answer the question: "What is your area of specialisation?" But when I think through, I realise that I am drawn to question the thousand ways by which borders and boundaries are drawn within, between, across and through bodies, continuously and simultaneously classifying, dividing and creating the social, and the individual. Gender has an essential role in this sense, as it is a powerful technology of embodiment and subjectivity: It triggers both the gendering of the bodies, and the simultaneous constitution of the gendered subjects, always already subjected to the (normalising) *dispositifs* that had constituted them in the first place (Foucault, Butler). By extension, subjectivity is always intersectional, since gendering technologies can properly be understood only in conjunction with other technologies (class, race, disability etc). In sum, in the study of the politics of the body lies the possibility to question how all these technologies are put into effect, to draw borders not only between femininity and masculinity, but also a range of other performative dualities that seem to be immutable -e.g. human/non-human (Haraway).

In this questioning lies also the possibility to develop a new (affective) politics that cuts through traditional distinctions and aims to breed new alliances, rearticulate the world in new terms. It is this aspiration that animates my application to ATGender, where I hope to be part of an interdisciplinary community with similar aspirations. I also hope to explore opportunities of cooperation between ATGender and the newly established Women's Studies Research Centre in my University, where my colleagues and I try to make headway against the adverse effects of the increasing conservatism, and the increasingly repressive academic-political climate of the present-day Turkey.