

Abstract (Englisch)

Contested Gender Regimes. Struggles of Feminist and LGBTQ* Movements in Poland and Europe

This research presents a study of feminist movements in Poland and an analysis of disputes over Polish or/and European gender regimes that occurred in the wake of socio-political changes in the late 1980s and 1990s. A culmination of this dispute could be observed in 2016, and also 2021/2022 – when huge women's right protests started to take place and a popular feminist movement came into being. In the book readers can find a collection of important historical data and events regarding the ongoing mobilization of *feminist & LGBTQ* movement* in Poland and in Europe. On the one hand the study discusses conflicts and dissensus, that appear within regimes related to gender and sexuality (for example disputes over the design of identity-based regimes of belonging); on the other hand, it examines the transformation of such regimes. The case studies exemplify, how struggles over gender and sexual regimes in Poland are linked for example to ways of constructing belonging and representation in public spaces of the city, nationally or regionally regarding to constructions of Europe. Main areas of focus are hereby the distribution of the sensible and spatial dimensions of the respective gender regimes and struggles. By combining a space-theoretical and political-aesthetic research perspective it is an attempt to avoid pre-assuming identities and related regimes of socio-political order, as those are at the heart of the disputes under research. Instead of applying identity as a research category, the way of dealing with identity categories, the productive resistance against identitarian, mostly naturalized gender and sexuality regimes and their transformation is at the center of the analysis. The book offers a perspective that goes beyond the dichotomy of recognition versus redistribution, arguing that the feminist and LGBTQ* movements studied work towards redistributing the sensible.

