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CCRN Abbaye de Neumünster, 28, rue Münster - L-2160 Luxembourg

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## Conference Fee

50 EUR (20 EUR for PhD students, teachers, teacher students, students)

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**We are looking forward to seeing you at the conference.**



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The Research Unit Language, Culture, Media and Identities of the University of Luxembourg is holding an international conference on

# Gender Variations in Educational Success: Searching for Causes

3 – 5 October 2011  
Luxembourg, CCRN Abbaye de Neumünster



The gender gap in school performance and educational attainment is highly considered in the public discourse. Before the educational expansion with its core phase beginning in the 1960s, girls achieved lower educational levels than boys. Girls benefited much from the educational expansion in Europe. In many countries, girls are now more likely than boys to transit to upper secondary schools and show better performances than boys in some subjects and overall results.

Issues being raised in keynote speeches, papers and posters include accounts of gender inequalities, country comparisons, social mechanisms behind gender inequalities from historical, sociological and psychological perspective, gender and migration, gender differences in the access to vocational training and higher education institutions.



# Conference Programme

## Monday, 3 October 2011

- 10.00-10.30 *Registration*
- 10.30-10.45 *Opening*  
Mady Delvaux-Stehres, Ministry of Education, Luxembourg  
Michel Margue, Faculty Dean, FLSHASE, University of Luxembourg
- 10.45-11.30 *Keynote Speech: Martin Brunner (University of Luxembourg)*  
**Cross-national patterns of gender differences in student achievement: A multivariate perspective**
- 11.30-12.00 *Heinz Leitgöb, Johann Bacher, Herbert Altrichter (University of Linz, Austria) & Angelika Paseka (University of Hamburg, Germany)*  
**Identifying causes of gender-related differences in Austria**
- 12.00-13.30 *Lunch Break*
- 13.30-14.15 *Keynote Speech: Katharina Kellerhals (School of Teacher Education Berne, Switzerland)*  
**A historical perspective on gender inequalities: In the old days good pupils were also girls**
- 14.15-14.45 *Patrícia Rodrigues (Higher School of Education of Santarem, Portugal)*  
**The quest for knowledge: Eighteenth-century's women's plight for contemporary accomplishment**
- 14.45-15.30 *Keynote Speech: Rolf Becker (University of Berne, Switzerland)*  
**Social change of gender-specific educational attainment**
- 15.30-15.45 *Coffee Break*
- 15.45-16.30 *Keynote Speech: Ursula Kessels (University of Cologne, Germany)*  
**How gender differences in academic engagement are related to students' gender identity**
- 16.30-17.00 *Robin Samuel (University of Basel, Switzerland)*  
**The interplay between educational success, well-being, and gender**
- 17.00-17.30 *Stefanie Gysin (FHNW, Solothurn, Switzerland) & Judith Lupatsch (University of Bern, Switzerland)*  
**Which factors drive the lower school success of boys in secondary school level?**

## Tuesday, 4 October 2011

- 9.00-9.30 *Aigul Alieva (CEPS/INSTEAD Esch-Belval, Luxembourg)*  
**Does the institutional environment have an effect on gender achievement gap of students with migratory background?**
- 9.30-10.00 *Anja Gottburgsen & Christiane Gross (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany)*  
**An intersectionality approach to explain educational inequality**
- 10.00-10.30 *Michael Beck, Franziska Jäpel & Rolf Becker (University of Berne, Switzerland)*  
**Educational success of migrant children – Gender variations in school achievement and wellbeing in school**
- 10.30-10.45 *Coffee Break*
- 11.15-11.45 *Oktay Aktan & Cornelia Hippmann (TU Dortmund, Germany)*  
**Gender-gap and educational inequalities. An empirical study on migrant peer-groups in the Ruhr area**

- 11.45-12.15 *Manuel Siegert & Tobias Roth (University of Mannheim, Germany)*  
**Sons preferred? Gender specific differences with regard to pupils with Turkish background attending a Gymnasium**

12.15-13.45 *Lunch Break*

- 13.45-14.30 *Keynote Speech: Helmut Willems (University of Luxembourg),*  
**Gender, educational status and leisure time activities**

14.30-15.30 **Poster Session** (posters will be displayed until Wednesday morning)

15.30-15.45 *Coffee Break*

- 15.45-16.30 *Keynote Speech: Birgit Spinath (University of Heidelberg, Germany)*  
**Gender differences in school success: What are the roles of students' intelligence, personality and motivation?**

- 16.30-17.00 *Julia E. Herfordt-Stöpel (University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg)*  
**Differences in assessing students' ability and motivation as a function of students' gender**

- 17.00-17.30 *Matthias Böhmer, Sabine Glock, Florian Klapproth & Sabine Krolak-Schwerdt (University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg)*  
**When does students' gender affect teachers' school placement decisions? An experimental study with Luxembourgish primary school teachers**

## Wednesday, 5 October 2011

- 9.15-10.00 *Keynote Speech: Christel Baltès-Löhr (University of Luxembourg)*  
**Gender in motion at school and societal level. The case of Luxembourg**
- 10.00-10.45 *Keynote Speech: Elina Lahelma (University of Helsinki, Finland),*  
**Troubling discourses on gender and equality in Finland**
- 10.45-11.00 *Coffee Break*
- 11.00-11.45 *Keynote Speech: Gabrielle Ivinson (University of Cardiff, United Kingdom)*  
**Gender differences in the educational system: The British case**
- 11.45-12.15 *Mona Granato (Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training, Bonn, Germany)*  
**Gender variations in educational success: Vocational education and training**
- 12.15-13.45 *Lunch Break*
- 13.45-14.15 *Mirte Scholten (MZES, University of Mannheim, Germany)*  
**Social inequality with regard to access to higher education**
- 14.15-14.45 *Jessica Gabriele Walter (GESIS, Mannheim, Germany)*  
**Extent, development and mechanisms of gender differences in transition to higher education and choice of field of study**
- 14.45-15.15 *Sonja Engelage (FHNW, Basel, Switzerland) & Frank Schubert (Swiss Statistical Office, Neuchatel, Switzerland)*  
**Is the Leaky Pipeline in academic careers really still true? Evidences on PhDs in Switzerland**
- 15.15-15.30 *Closing*