

# „The Gendered Power System in the Catholic Church and its Impact on Women in Religious Communities“

## A trans-disciplinary and international workshop

Chair of Pastoral Theology and Homiletics, University of Regensburg  
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Faculty of Catholic Theology

8 - 10 June 2023, University of Regensburg

## Program

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### Thursday, 8 June 2023

14.00 Introduction: Prof.in Dr. Hildegund Keul und Prof.in Dr. Ute Leimgruber

#### 14.30-18.30: Systems of Vulnerability, Vulnerance and Agency/Resilience

*Dr. Kathleen McPhillips* (Newcastle/Australia): The Sexual Economies of Clericalism: Understanding religious women's agency in systems of gendered violence

*Prof.in Dr. Katharina Karl* (Eichstätt/Germany): Despite everything. Empowerment and Agency in Biographical Narratives of Young Women from Buenos Aires

*Prof.in Dr. Hildegund Keul* (Würzburg/Germany): Vulnerability, vulnerance and resilience – a three-dimensional research approach

#### 20.00-22.00: International Networking

### Friday, 9 June 2023

#### 9.00-13.00: Studies on Women in Religious Communities – Women as Victims, Perpetrators and Agents of Change

*Dr. Tracy McEwan* (Newcastle/Australia): „From the beginning they have been a trouble to us“: Religious women struggling for agency in 19th century Australia

*Dr. Rocio Figueroa* (Auckland/New Zealand): A Pilot Program with Nuns in Africa: Addressing sexual and spiritual abuse

*Dr. Barbara Haslbeck* (Regensburg/Germany): Women religious as perpetrators of sexual abuse against women religious. Experiences of victims – patterns – interpretation

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## 14.30-18.30: Practices of Gender-based Violence against Women in the Church

*Dr. Judith König* (Regensburg/Germany): Power and gender materialized. Some practical observations from a women's convent

*Magdalena Hürten* (Regensburg/Germany): Sense of injustice. How gender frames what we perceive as abuse

*Prof.in Dr. Ute Leimgruber* (Regensburg/Germany): Hidden Patterns and Female 'Consent'. How German diocesan reports (re)produce stereotypes about women and sex

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## Saturday, 10 June 2023

### 9.00-13.00: Misogyny in Religious Communities and Constitutions

#### – Deconstruction and Resistance

*Dr. Regina Heyder* (Mainz/Germany): Measured and presumptuous bodies. Virginity and abuse

*Johanna Beck* (Stuttgart/Germany): „The Girl Scout is chaste in thought, word and deed“.

Abyssees of a misogynistic and abusive Catholic sect and the lifelong impact on the survivors

*Dr. Doris Reisinger* (Frankfurt/Germany): The strange simultaneity of topicality and invisibility of the abuse of nuns. How third party interests have been re-victimizing and silencing abused nuns over centuries and how we can do better

### Conclusion: Joint Evaluation of New Research Questions

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