



Gender Equality Conflicts in Europe

Joint conference of the Agendis project & DGS section 'Sociology of Europe'

16.-17. April 2026

Europa-Universität Flensburg (Germany)

Conference Venue Address:

Europa-Universität Flensburg

Auf dem Campus 1b

Building: Tallinn (Room: TAL007)

24943 Flensburg

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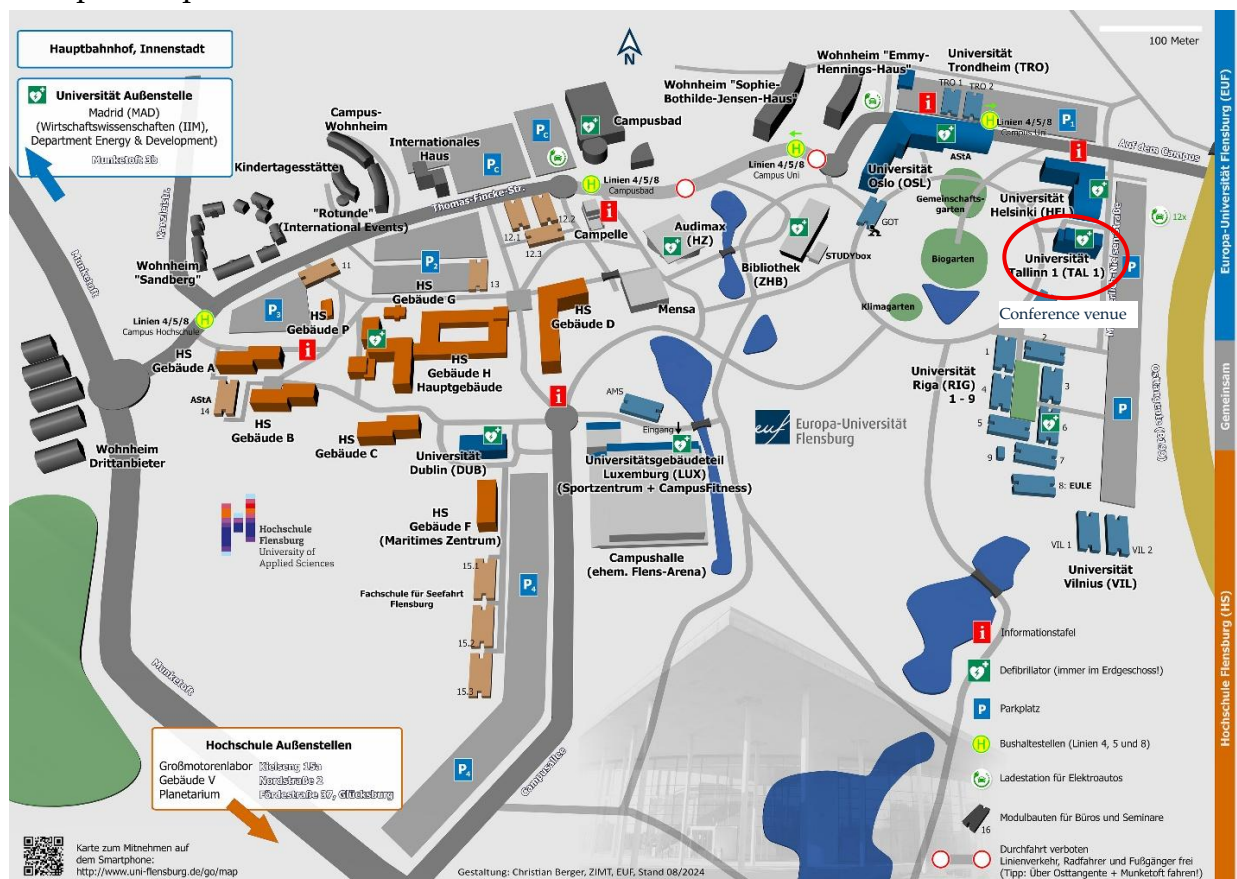
Flensburg's central train station, which connects to Hamburg, Kiel, and Denmark, is within walking distance of the university (2 kilometers uphill). You can take a taxi from the queue in front of the station or catch a bus.

The campus is readily accessible by bus (Line 5A or 8A). There are several bus stops right on the campus. The closest to the conference venue is "*Campus Uni*".

By car

The **Bundesstraße B199 ("Osttangente")** road provides the easiest route to the university campus. The campus is just off this road. Simply follow the signs for "Campus Uni" or "Universität" or enter the address "Flensburg, Auf dem Campus 1" into your navigation device.

Campus Map



Contact details and registration information

If you have any questions regarding the conference program or wish to register for the conference, please contact Stefan Wallaschek (stefan.wallaschek@uni-flensburg.de). There is no registration fee. However, we kindly ask you to register by **5 April** to ensure sufficient seating and catering during the conference.

Conference Program

DAY 1: 16 April 2026 | 14.30 – 19.00 (Room: TAL007)

14.30	Arrival with refreshments
14.45 – 14.55	Welcome/Opening remarks

15.00 – 16.00	Panel 1: Europeanisation and Transnational Gender Politics Chair: tbd
<i>Pauline Ahlhaus / Monika Eig Müller</i> Discursive Europeanisation in gender and abortion policy: The perception and attributed significance of transnational influences on national gender equality debates by national actors in Germany, Spain, and Poland	
<i>Kavyanjali Kaushik</i> Competing Europes: Anti-Gender Mobilisation and EU Identity Narratives in the Digital Public Sphere	

Break: 15 minutes

16.15 – 17.45	Panel 2: Polarisation and Contestation of Gender Issues in Europe Chair: tbd
<i>Heleen Matton</i> Gendering Democratic Backsliding. How Europe's rising illiberal forces frame gender equality conflicts as the decisive test of democratic legitimacy	
<i>Stefan Wallaschek / Melanie Dietz / Renée Krug / Pauline Ahlhaus</i> Positional Polarization of established and emerging gender equality issues among German political parties	
<i>Bogdan Voicu / Edurne Bartolomé Peral</i> Ideological polarization on gender roles in Europe	

Break: 15 minutes

18.00 – 19.00	Keynote lecture
<i>Mia Liinason</i> Anti-Gender Politics and the Erosion of Democracy: Continuities, Shifts and Feminist Critiques	

Conference dinner for all conference presenters: 20.00

Restaurant venue: Hotel Alte Post

DAY 2: 17 April 2026 | 09.00 – 12.30 (Room: TAL007)

09.00 – 10.30	Panel 3: Social and Ideational Change in European Societies Chair: tbd
<i>Ines Schäfer</i> Rising Educational Gap in Gender and Immigration Attitudes in the Netherlands between 2008 and 2024?	
<i>Melanie Dietz</i> Polarized by Gender Issues. Explaining the Youth Gender Gap in Ideological Self-Placement	
<i>Renée Krug / Monika Eigmüller</i> Gender Equality through Quotas? Discursive Constructions of Gender Justice in Germany and Spain in a European Comparison	

Break: 15 minutes

10.45 – 12.15	Panel 4: Everyday Practices and Experiences of Gender Relations Chair: tbd
<i>Andrea Salánki</i> Experiencing and negotiating symbolic boundaries among Hungarian SGM in Austria in the context of anti-gender politics	
<i>Olga Tyszkiewicz</i> Infrastructures of Care: Informal Abortion Networks and Reproductive Justice in Poland	
<i>María Herrera Cárdenas</i> Gendered Medical Violence in Contemporary Spanish Literature: Literary Counterpublics vs. Lived Trauma in Spain–Germany (2020–2025)	
12.15 – 12.25	Brown Bag Lunch & Final remarks