

Call for partners

Detox your Project

All Gender Lab to unlearn masculinities and
challenge patriarchy

Seminar | 9-15 February 2026 | Würzburg, Northern Bavaria (Germany)

Background of this Seminar

This seminar is a laboratory that aims to create a space for critical engagement with hegemonic masculinities and their impact on social dynamics and their power structures. We want to challenge patriarchy by looking at it from the perspective of (critical) masculinities. We will focus on masculinities within educational projects, activist groups or volunteering camps.

Questions we'll discuss

- How does masculinity and patriarchy influence our societal structures, individual behaviours and group dynamics?
- How can we address problematic patriarchal behaviours in our own projects?
- How can we challenge patriarchal systems of oppression in our own projects?
- How does patriarchy and images of masculinities influence men, women, INTA-Persons and queerness (differently)? | *INTA= Intersex, non-binary, trans- & agender persons*
- How can a collaborative effort look like to unlearn dominant images and behaviours of masculinity?

We will create spaces to reflect on, deconstruct and center different ways of being, relating and working together that move away from the patriarchal norm. Our approach is intersectional, considering the interconnections between gender and other social positions in society. While it is important to acknowledge that our positions are affected differently by patriarchal structures, we believe that deconstructing these structures together will contribute to better ways of working and ultimately to collective liberation.

We aim to create, test, and reflect on safer and more inclusive spaces for future projects. We want to disclaim that in the process of deconstructing masculinities, toxic/harmful masculinities will show up and we want to make space to address them. That means, we can't promise having all-time safer spaces.

By the end of this lab, a handbook or guideline could emerge, summarizing questions and approaches for addressing masculinities in group contexts. This project plans to connect with and follow up on the last "Detox your project seminar" in 2022 and it's produced guidelines.

Participants' Profile

- Participants must be 18+
- We welcome participants of all genders
- Participants who actively reflect on and engage with topics like sexism, patriarchy, and toxic masculinity (without requiring academic knowledge of these topics).
- Participants who have the willingness to learn, engage with critical feedback, step into discomfort and with genuine interest to fight patriarchy
- Participants who can commit to the whole duration of the project
- For participants from Europe: being motivated to travel ecofriendly without taking a plane.

Practical information

The seminar will take place in northern Bavaria, in Würzburg (Germany), between 09.02.2026 and 15.02.2026 (5 working days + 2 travel days).

During the project, accommodation and food are fully covered according to financing schemes of Erasmus+. Reimbursement of the travel tickets will be 100% up to the maximum amounts indicated in the rules of the Erasmus+ programme after the receipt of original documents. Check [ERASMUS+ Guidelines](#).

Every sending organisation is entitled to charge their own participation or placement fees from participants. We will inform applicants about this in the call for participation. SCI Germany does not ask for further participation fees, as all essential costs are covered by Erasmus+ funds.

Who is doing this?

SCI Germany is one branch of Service Civil International. Service Civil International (SCI) is a global movement dedicated to fostering peace, social justice, and sustainable development. With a rich history spanning more than 100 years, SCI organises impactful international volunteering projects and innovative educational activities that promote intercultural dialogue and inspire positive change. The seminar team consists of three experienced facilitators and one project manager, covering several gender-identities and perspectives on this topic (male, female & non-binary).

Details of Partnership

If you received this email, it is because you, your staff or your target group as an organisation might be interested in what we are offering. Here is what we expect from you if you are ready to partner with us (minimum requirements in bold):

- **Sending participants** from your organisation or network (see participants' profile above).
- **Supporting participants** in preparation and follow-up, especially by giving them space to implement their ideas and follow-up activities.
- Be willing to share materials developed during the project on social media etc.
- Be available to participate in some project meetings and discuss possible innovative ideas or topics.
- Be open to future projects and collaborations.

Reasons to partner with us: SCI is a global movement made of professionals and volunteers dedicated to foster peace, social justice and sustainable development worldwide. As SCI Germany, we are committed to creating innovative and impactful educational experiences that are in line with our mission and that are global in terms of participation and impact. We have a diverse team of trainers and professionals open to new ideas and are very eager to discuss those ideas.

Eligible countries for this project are all EU member states + Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Libya, Macedonia, Morocco, Moldavia, Montenegro, Norway, Palestine, Russia, Serbia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine.

Contact information: We understand that this is a lot of information but also that some important details might be missing. Please, do not hesitate to contact us at: britta.lang-azizi@sci-d.de.

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How to become a partner?

[Fill out this survey until 10.10.2025.](#) - We will then get back to you. Please be aware that filling out the survey doesn't necessarily mean that you can be part of the project. We need to see how many partners want to be part of the project and then balance the partner consortium in terms of regions, network-memberships, core topics, etc. ...

If automatic link to survey doesn't work: <https://cloud.sci-d.de/index.php/apps/forms/s/Bot8Fk5Pmm78Q3C3yrM6S8LY>