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Master Class mit Prof. Catharine MacKinnon (Michigan)

Intersectional Inequalities:

Street Harassment, Prostitution et.al. – Race/Sex/Religion etc.

Monday, 20 June 2016, 9 – 13 h, Humboldt University of Berlin

I am delighted to host a Master Class with Professor MacKinnon in Berlin to discuss challenges in sex equality law arising from cases of sexualized and racialized inequalities and often affected by religious politics as well. Recent German debates around sexual harassment (“Aufschrei”) and street harassment (“Silvester in Köln”) or new regulatory schemes of prostitution (“Prostituiertenschutzgesetz”) are cases in point. The Masterclass will serve to discuss these and topics brought in by participants in a workshop format on the basis of a small selection of common reading.

C.A. MacKinnon is an internationally renowned legal scholar, lawyer and advisor on sex equality law and human rights. She was the first to conceptualize sexual harassment as discrimination, in 1979, discussing race and sex as well as class as specifically intersecting inequalities. She drafted civil rights legislation against pornography, litigated many cases of sexual harassment and sexual abuse, and represented Bosnian and Croatian women in *Kadic v. Karadzic* to win a jury verdict of \$745 million in the U.S. in 2000. She has served as an advisor to the Swedish government to ban prostitution, and to the International Criminal Court in 2008–2012 to implement her concept of “gender crimes.”

Her books: *Sex Equality* (2001/2007), *Are Women Human?* (2006), *Women's Lives, Men's Laws* (2005), *Only Words* (1993), *Toward a Feminist Theory of the State* (1989), *Feminism Unmodified* (1987), *Sexual Harassment of Working Women* (1979).

All those interested and willing to contribute actively and to discuss their own projects are invited to apply. To secure a workshop atmosphere, the number of participants is limited to 20. To apply, please send a letter of motivation including a short description of the project you are working on (max. 2 pages) and your CV to sekretariat.baer@rewi.hu-berlin.de. The application deadline is 15 April 2016.