



# FEM POWER

## Hochschule Merseburg

### Nice that YOU read these lines!

Welcome to the APRIL newsletter of the FEM POWER project - now with a new look. Have fun browsing through it! FEM POWER stands for professionalised equal opportunities work, measures developed specifically for Merseburg University of Applied Sciences and state-wide cooperation. With all participating scientific institutions in one network, FEM POWER strengthens the innovation and talent potential of Saxony-Anhalt as a science location.

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### NEWS FROM FEM POWER

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### Dear readers,

We are starting the coming summer semester with a new look for our information from the FEM POWER project and are looking forward to your feedback! So, how do you like it? In the current newsletter there is a look back at our action on the feminist fight day (link to article) and at the end also a look ahead, namely at our new event programme. In between you

will find exciting information about empowerment, equality and equal opportunities as well as our tip of the month. Enjoy reading!

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## #No war! - Statement by the Equal Opportunities Commission of Merseburg University of Applied Sciences



Solidarity with Ukraine and all victims of war, violence and flight - all refugees are welcome! The Equal Opportunities Commission of Merseburg University of Applied Sciences publishes a statement with tips for support services for students and places where people can also offer help. You can find the news article on the newly designed website.

→ [To the website Webseite](#)

## #Invitation: „Lunch break @HoMe-Picknick in Lesegarten

[Cooperation of the projects International HoMe & FEM POWER ]

After two years of pandemic and many lonely lunches in front of the laptop, we finally want to spend the lunch break together again at our monthly picnic, exchange ideas, get to know each other and meet new students and fellow students in real life. Are you with us? Then pack your lunchboxes or get your dream menu from the cafeteria and drop by the Lesegarten!

**When?** 13.04.22 from 12:30 to 13:30

**Where?** In the Lesegarten (Campus HoMe)

Please register (for planning purposes)!

→ [To the registration](#)

**#8. march is everyday**



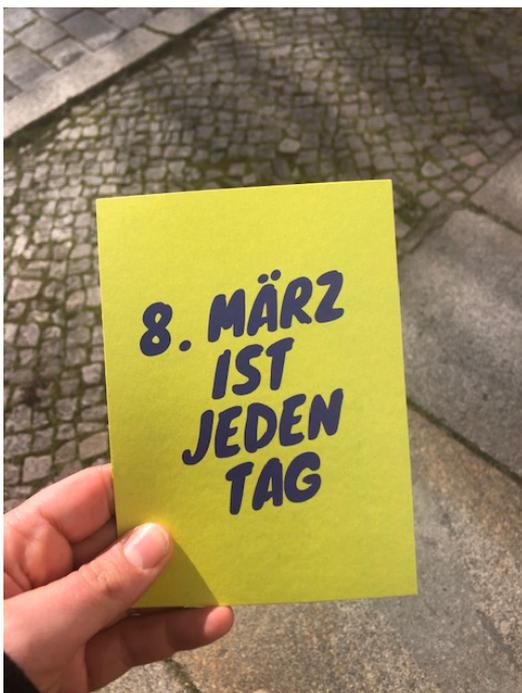
this year, 8 March took place in the chaos of world events. What 8 March actually stands for and why exactly this date became historically significant, you can read [here](#). Many feminists denied the relevance of the [feminist fighting day](#) because there were apparently "more important issues". Sibel Schick explained in [her column](#) how harmful it is to hierarchise political struggles. Especially in these times, it is important to stand together and connect the struggles!

On our FEM POWER Instagram account, we asked you and you to make a statement with [the colour purple](#): Numerous posts were sent to us with statements about what is important to you for a gender-equal world. Thank you for this at this point too! ... Whether from flags hanging from windows, clear messages and protest. You can still send us photos of it! On Instagram we show the pictures as a reminder that 8. March is every day.



## CURRENT INFORMATION ON GENDER EQUALITY IN SAXONY-ANHALT

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On the FEM POWER Sachsen Anhalt Instagram account, you will find three posts in preparation for 8 March, in which we have introduced a [feminist artist collective](#). And there are [numerous tips for solidarity](#) that are not only applicable on 8 March, but every day.



## #At HoMe

### Photo competition

International HoMe - At home at Merseburg University of Applied Sciences: Under this motto, all students at Merseburg University of Applied Sciences are invited to take part in a photo competition. Capture what you and yours associate with Merseburg University of Applied Sciences as an international home. You can send in your photos until 1 June. The winning photos will be exhibited during Merseburg University's anniversary week. More information about the conditions of participation and the prizes can be found [here](#).



## #Sexualised discrimination and violence - (not) an issue at Merseburg University of Applied Sciences?

Sexualised discrimination and violence is still a topical and often taboo subject at universities. If you have experienced discrimination or violence, the Confidence Office of the HoMe has been a contact point for support since 2021. If you see yourself or others being treated unfairly, disrespectfully or discriminated against (or are unsure whether this could possibly be the case), please contact the Confidentiality Office. The basis for the work of the Office of Confidentiality is the "[Code of Conduct for Respectful and Fair Treatment and for Protection against Discrimination and Disadvantages at Merseburg University of Applied Sciences](#)". You can contact the Office of Confidentiality via [vertrauensstelle@hs-merseburg.de](mailto:vertrauensstelle@hs-merseburg.de) or anonymously via the website.

→ [To the website of the confidentiality office](#)

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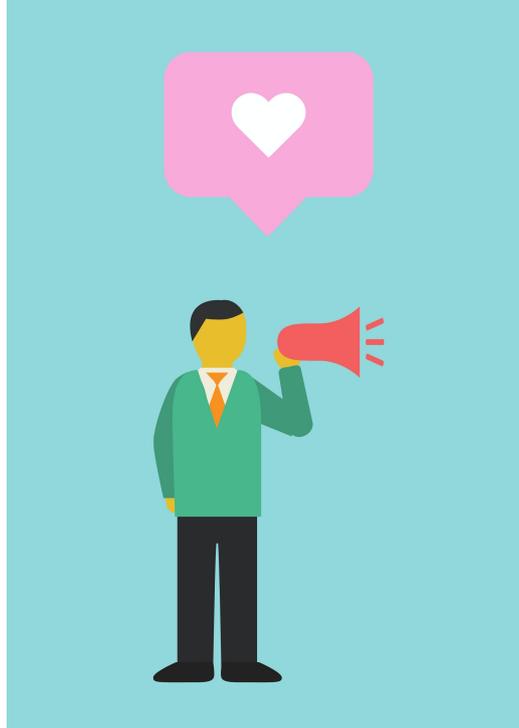
### TIP OF THE MONTH

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## #Tipofthemoth from Bea

I'm Bea and I'm studying cultural and media education. I am a student assistant at FEM POWER. Today I'm giving an Instagram account recommendation: [Minzgespinst](#) is a group of people who do educational

work on (trans) feminism, autism, critical masculinity and awareness. They write blog articles and make [Instagram posts](#) that dive deep into feminist issues, and re-question and break down much-used established terms and behaviours in feminism. One example is the term FLINTA, used in many contexts, and what it means in detail. Minzgespinst encourages people to think more deeply, to include more perspectives and to address and include people even more precisely.



## OTHER NEWS

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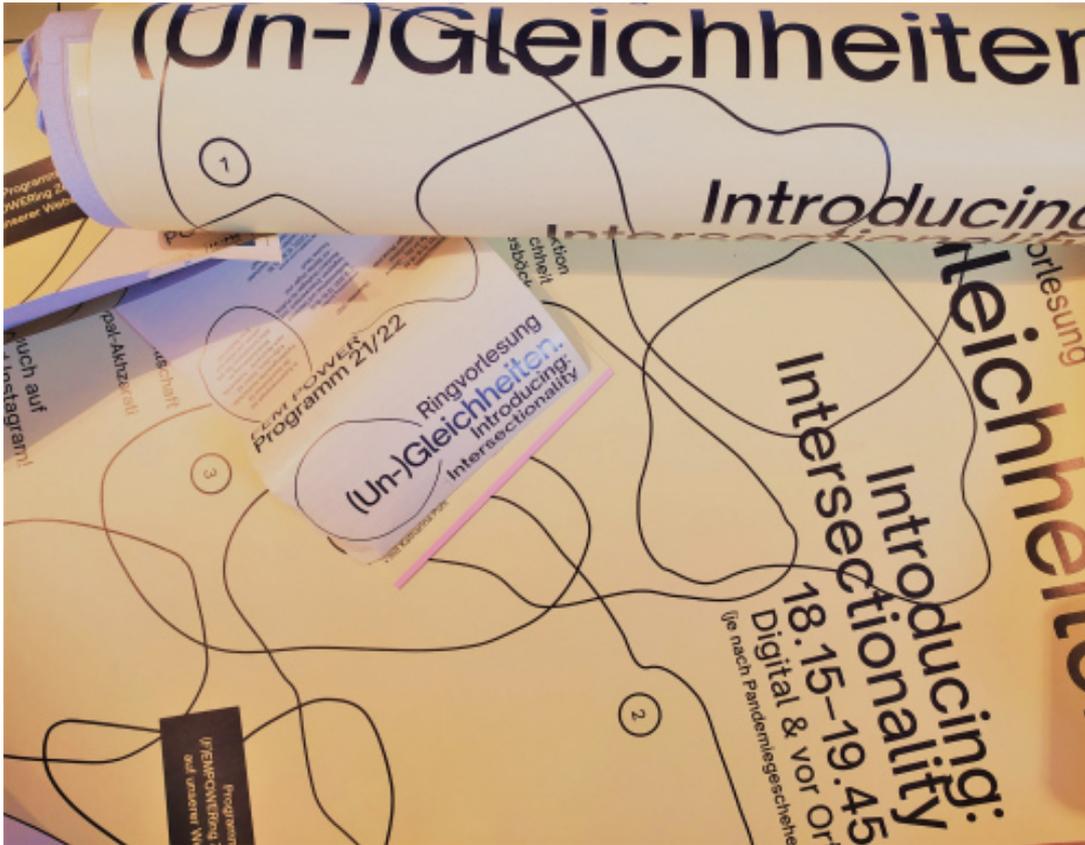
### #Now official - abolition of paragraph 219a

One day after 8 March, the cabinet of the federal government initiated the [deletion of paragraph 219a](#). The paragraph prohibits open information about abortions and restricts doctors in particular from informing their patients.

### #Close the gap with us

The queerfeminist festival [lücken\\_los](#) will take place for the second time this year from 24-27 May! We are very happy about this and are looking forward to supporting the festival. The organising team of [lücken\\_los](#) is still searching for support, and helping hands at the events. If you want to be part of this unique festival in Merseburg, please contact us at [fem@sowasmitkultur.de](mailto:fem@sowasmitkultur.de) or via [Instagram](#). You can find [more info about lücken\\_los](#) here. The programme will be completed soon, with diverse offers for everyone as well as specific offers for FLINTA or inter-, trans- and non-binary people.





### #Event Outlook SoSe 22 for the (F)EMPOWERing Certificate in SoSe 2022

As always, if you take part in two of the events in the cross-semester series, you will receive the (F)EMPOWERing certificate along with all your new knowledge and skills!

(All events will be held in German)

Registration required for all events.

→ [To the registration](#)

27.4.22 16-18 hrs - digital

Workshop: Sexism and Misogyny in Science and Teaching

Target group: Students

Speaker: Pauline Seuß

05.05.2022 13-15h - digital

Workshop: Impostor Phenomenon or what to do about the feeling of being an impostor?

Target group: WLINTA-students & -academics in the qualifying phase (denotes "women, lesbians, inter-, non-binary, trans- and agender"-persons)

Speaker: Marianne Seidler

**24.05.2022 14-17 – Präsenz [tba]**

**Workshop: Empowerment and resilience for FLINTA**

Target group: WLINTA-students & -academics in the qualifying phase (denotes "women, lesbians, inter-, non-binary, trans- and agender"-persons)

Speaker: Pauline Seuß

### **25.05.2022 14-18 - Präsenz**

@Offener Kanal Merseburg

#### **Workshop: "WLINTA on air: Getting to know TV-Studio work"**

Target group: WLINTA-students & -academics in the qualifying phase (denotes "women, lesbians, inter-, non-binary, trans- and agender"-persons)

Speaker: Hannah Folhoffer

### **09.06.2022, 13.30 Uhr bis 15.30 Uhr – on site**

@Gartenhaus, Seminarraum im DG

#### **Workshop: Strengthening strengths (cooperation with Career Service of Merseburg University of Applied Sciences)**

Target group: WLINTA-students & -academics in the qualifying phase (denotes "women, lesbians, inter-, non-binary, trans- and agender"-persons)

Speaker: Alexandra Wäldin

### **23.06.2022 15-18 – digital**

#### **Empowerment-Workshops: Choosing Wellness is an Act of Political Resistance (bell hooks)**

Target group: Students & academics in the qualification phase with racism experience (BiPoC) of the HoMe

Speaker: Karima Popal-Akhzarati

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## **What is FEM POWER actually?**



**Do you have any questions, comments or criticism? Please feel free to write to us at: [fempower@hs-merseburg.de](mailto:fempower@hs-merseburg.de)**

The FEM POWER Network is the association of project coordinators and staff of the state programme FEM POWER. Within the framework of the ESF-funded programme, measures to promote and create equal opportunities between women and men in science and research are implemented at eleven institutions in Saxony-Anhalt.

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