

Feminist and Intersectional Perspectives on Homelessness

Here we go again: While the latest heatwave has made it clear that homelessness is a year-round issue, the approaching winter season will once again bring a growing number of media reports and donation appeals for people who have to survive the cold without a home of their own. While such efforts may provide short-term support, the heterogeneity of experiences of living without a home, as well as their structural and political causes, often remain obscured. With this year's Christmas issue of the *Georundmail*, we are jumping on the bandwagon of this seasonal attention – while seeking to look beyond it. We therefore invite contributions that engage with homelessness from a feminist-geographical perspective.

We understand homelessness explicitly in broad and intersectional terms. We therefore welcome contributions that explore intersections of homelessness with gender, class, racism, displacement and migration, disability, chronic illness, age, queerness, family forms, and immigration status, as well as contributions addressing heterogeneous forms of homelessness and their political and spatial conditions of production. This includes not only visible homelessness and sleeping rough, but also hidden, precarious, institutionalised, and fluid forms of housing and non-housing – for example, in the context of institutional responses, multiple social and ecological crises, or self-organisation and resistance. We also welcome contributions that reflect on researchers' own positionalities and roles, research ethics, and participatory and resistant forms of knowledge production.

The topics listed above are intended as suggestions rather than limitations. We explicitly welcome other perspectives. Contributions may take different forms of knowledge production and writing, including:

- structural and theoretical contributions & empirical research papers,
- accounts of experience, autobiographical and essayistic texts,
- interviews, conversations, and dialogical contributions,
- artistic or visual engagements,
- reviews of academic, literary, or autobiographical publications.

Contributions should not exceed **10 pages**.

For planning the issue, we would appreciate an **informal expression of interest by 25 September** to Luise Klaus (klaus@em.uni-frankfurt.de), including:

- name and contact details,
- a provisional topic or working title,
- the intended format of the contribution.

An abstract is not required. The **deadline for submitting contributions is 22 October**, so that the issue can be published in December 2026.

With this issue, we hope to make space for diverse perspectives and different forms of knowledge, and to make homelessness visible and understandable as a political, social, and everyday reality.

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