



Call for Papers

QUEER CONVIVALITIES: GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND ANTHROPOLOGICAL PRACTICE

October 7–9, 2026 | University of Zurich

We are happy to announce the upcoming conference of the Working Group “*Gender and Sexualities | Queer Anthropology*” of the German Anthropological Association. This three-day event seeks to bring together social and cultural anthropologists working on gender and sexuality, while reflecting on what queer, trans*, and intersectional approaches mean for our scholarly practices. We are delighted that **Elif Sari (University of British Columbia)** and **Elisabeth Engebretsen (University of Stavanger)** will join us as keynote speakers.

We particularly invite contributions speaking to one or more of the following themes:

The Urban

Encounters, contacts, and lifeworlds in the city

Friendship, Kinship, Sociality

The making and cutting of ties; relationalities; connections as care of conflict, as method or object

Publics

(In)visibilities, exposure, and their politics; media practices; space and power; infrastructures of belonging; mobility; (public) intimacies

Positionality and Ethnographic Writing

Reflections on textual practice (its limits and alternatives); fieldwork entanglements; writing and vulnerability

Beyond scholarly exchange, this gathering is also a meeting of the Working Group “*Gender and Sexualities | Queer Anthropology*” and strives to be a forum for connecting in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. As such, we propose *queer conviviality* as both a conceptual lens and a shared practice of the conference.

We will apply for external funding to fully cover travel, accommodation, and meals for participants. Please submit an abstract (max. 300 words) of your contribution and a short biographical note (max. 150 words) by 31 March 2026 to: henrike.kraul@fu-berlin.de, anne.kukuczka@uzh.ch, and stefan.binder@isek.uzh.ch. We will notify applicants of the outcome by 15 April 2026.

We are looking forward to your submissions and to a stimulating and *convivial* exchange in Zurich.

Warmly,
Henrike, Anne, and Stefan