

## **Grabow, Jördis (2021): Critique - Intervention - Transformation. Feminist Resistance in the hegemonic gender dispositif.**

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#### Summary:

In recent years feminist movements and their diverse resistant practices have regained visibility. In addition to forms of protest and actions numerous practices that shape the everyday lives of feminist actors can be found. The heterogeneous forms of feminist resistance characteristically combine practices of criticism, intervention and transformation. They question, attack and change the hegemonic gender dispositif. This explorative study examines various practices of resistance from a dispositif perspective and analyzes their significance for

processes of social change. The empirical data basis is formed by problem-centered interviews with feminists as well as a discourse analysis of the special discourse of German speaking women's and gender studies. The study asks what strategies, goals, achievements and conditions of constitution can be identified in the practices of resistance. What effects do they imply, and how can these findings be used for a critical social-theoretical analysis. Does gender continue to be the central reference dimension within feminist movements? How do feminists define the category of gender and what is the relationship between theoretical gender knowledge, feminist practice and feminist subjects? The perspective on resistance practices allows for a differentiated examination of diverse forms of feminism, their feminist resistance practices and their intended as well as unintended outputs.

In the introduction a brief insight into the current resurgence of feminist movements is given. The following chapter contains a definitional approach to the terms *women's movement*, *feminism* and *feminisms* as well as an introduction to current forms of feminisms (chapter 1). This is followed by a clarification of the dispositive approach, which is based on the modern gender dispositive as an analytical frame. In this chapter I describe the possibility and conception of feminist resistances in the gender dispositive (chapter 2) as well as a subsequent methodological implementation based on a methodological-pluralistic approach. The empirical investigation includes text-based as well as interview-based analyses (Chapter 3). The results of the discourse analysis of the scientific special discourse of women's and gender studies (chapter 4) and those of the interview study with feminists (chapter 5) are presented separately. In the following chapters the results are summarized with regard to the presented research questions (chapter 6) theoretically classified and their significance for a socio-theoretical perspective is clarified (chapter 7). The concluding chapter offers an outlook on possible subsequent questions and theoretical possibilities (chapter 8).