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THE DISTINCTION between women and men, or femininity and masculinity, has long been considered as foundational to human societies and the organization of their institutions. In the last decades, the massive literature on gender has challenged many

pillars of this discursive construction, as indeed a construction that feeds off deep-rooted but prejudiced understandings of human nature and human sociality. Gender has been disassembled and reassembled, variously considered as social practice, performance, ideology. Yet, the binary distinction femininity/masculinity continues to be regarded as a characterizing trait of Western societies (even in those sexual equality agendas that, whether inadvertently or not, reinstate a lexicon of difference). Whether it is a reification that is insensitive to historicization or a genuinely natural trait of the human, gender is one of the pivots of social organization. As a consequence, the hierarchies, power differentials and sexist biases overtly and covertly attached to it continue to permeate the social world and to affect social actors' principle of vision and division.



This international workshop intends to tackle the tricky questions of whether dismantling the binary is desirable, possible or beneficial, and, more fundamentally, whether institutions could or should contribute to this undertaking. In doing so, the workshop will analyze the relationship between politico-judicial institutions (their language, products and organizational patterns) and the functioning of gender as a conceptual and pragmatic device at both a social and an institutional level.



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