



# WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

30.04.2025, 17:00 Uhr, Übungsraum (and online)  
IKSA, NIG, Universitätsstraße 7, 1010 Wien, 4. Stock

## Naomi, Lena and Clemens (AG Intersectional Discrimination & Racism) Doing collaborative research: a reflection on power, positioning and challenges



**Naomi** is a Master's student in KSA with a background in counseling, which deeply informs her research interests. She is passionate about decolonial approaches and values research that is collaborative, reflective, and rooted in real-world impact.

**Lena** is a Master's student in KSA and Gender Studies, with a focus on queer feminist perspectives. She values collaborative, creative, and experimental ethnographic methods, which allow her to tailor the research process to her collaborators' needs and strengths, fostering a truly shared research experience.



**Clemens** is a Master's student in KSA with a focus on gender studies. His work experience in Urban Anthropology has deepened his interest in participatory methods, which he continues to explore in both academic and practical contexts. He is currently working on his Master's thesis, *Deconstructing Masculinities\**, in which he applies collaborative methodologies to critically engage with constructions of gender.



This student lecture reflects on our experiences with collaborative research methods during a seminar held last semester. Throughout the course, we explored how to conduct research with participants rather than on them, critically engaging with questions of power, participation and positioning. The seminar culminated in a small vernissage where students presented their findings through posters and creative formats.

Three groups pursued different themes using varied collaborative methodologies: one group facilitated a workshop on critical masculinities, encouraging reflection on gender norms; another used the photovoice method to highlight underrepresented perspectives of BIPOC students at the institute; and a third explored narratives of reproductive self-determination, adapting their approach to the needs of their research partners.

In this lecture, each group will share insights from their projects and reflect on the challenges, as well as the transformative potential of collaborative approaches. We aim to contribute to ongoing discussions around how knowledge is produced and whose voices are amplified in academic research.

### kommende Termine

28.05.2025 **Anna-Marie Walter**  
*Living with Ice: Between Engineering and Vitality. Perspectives from the Alps and the Himalayas.*

11.06.2025 **Andreas Streinzer**  
*Uncanny Recursions: Re-Becoming Other in Crisis Capitalism*

