

# **MEN AND MASCULINITIES IN TRANSITION**

**The Nordic Association for  
Research on Men and Masculinities Conference  
June 11-13 2025  
Stockholm University, Sweden**

## **PROGRAM OF PARALLEL SESSIONS**

Each parallel session is 90 minutes long. For paper sessions with 4 presenters, please keep your presentation to 15 minutes + 5 minutes for questions.

**DAY 1: June 11. 15.00-16.30**

<b>PANEL 1</b>	<b>Masculinities and militarization in times of insecurity and war-preparedness</b>	<b>Room 15</b>
Chair: Cecilia Åse		
1. Bendfeldt, Luise: Eating ourselves safe: Intersections of food, militarisms, and national security in Sweden		
2. Brodén, Astrid & Leena Vastapuu: Becoming NATO brothers: A feminist comparison of how Finland and Sweden legitimized NATO membership 2022-2024		
3. Krämer, Sina: Preparedness as resilience? Feminist reflections on Finnish resilience narratives in times of militarization in the Nordics		
4. Agius, Christine, Emil Edenborg & Sanna Strand: "Caught with our pants down": Gendered constructions of the Baltic Sea Islands in the context of NATO's Northern enlargement		

<b>PAPER SESSION 1</b>	<b>Climate-1</b>	<b>Room 25</b>
Chair: Emilie Moberg		
1. Rydström, Klara: (Men) managers in mining and the "green transition"		
2. Vivi, Matteo: When men "go solar": Doing masculinity off-grid with solar panels and batteries		
3. Zaplana, Esther: The metaphor of the Western frontier and the intersection of masculinity and green transitions		
4. Ourkiya, Asmae: Power, privilege, and masculinities: Towards decolonising the energy transition		

<b>PAPER SESSION 2</b>	<b>Violence</b>	<b>Room 26</b>
Chair: Hanna Bornäs		
1. Bodin, Maja: Strong and steady: How masculinity ideals shape men's responses to intimate partner violence		
2. Päivinen, Helena: [Masculinity and identity-work in the context of group treatment for IPV]		
3. Guðjónsdóttir, Rannveig Ágústa: Fathers who have been violent: Obstacles and opportunities for change		
4. Schleicher, Nora: "I didn't play that": Affective-discursive strategies in sexual abuse cases. Emotion, masculinity, and identity performance across contexts		

<b>PAPER SESSION 3</b>	<b>Young men &amp; education</b>	<b>Room 27</b>
Chair: Susanna Areschoug		
1. McShane, Brian & Michael Whelan: Safe masculinities		
2. Holohan, Lisa: Navigating masculinities and social change: Lessons from single-sex boys' schools in Queensland, Australia		
3. Jones, Andrew: Blurred lines: Negotiating masculinities in the art classroom, a critique of male artist/teacher identities in flux		
4. Zadkowska, Magdalena: What does it mean to be a young man?		

<b>PAPER SESSION 4</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Room 29</b>
Chair: Anders Ahlbäck		
1. Freegrove, Shannon: Historical masculinities in transition: The politics of masculinity in the Irish free state, 1922-1940		
2. Ekström, Sara: Let nature guide you! Swedish masculinity, nature, and emotions around 1809		
3. Balogh, Eszter Edit: Destabilizing gender binaries: Narratives of gender fluidity and shifting identities from First world war internment camps		
4. Requena-Pelegri, Teresa: Vulnerable masculinities in transition: Cultural texts and the production of legitimacy and consent in the long nineteenth century in the United States		

<b>PAPER SESSION 5</b>	<b>Digital media</b>	<b>Room 30</b>
Chair: Kadri Aavik		
1. Hyvönen, Henri: Hegemonic masculinities in affective digital foodscapes: Male creators navigating follower feedback in food-related video-based social media		
2. Cognacq, Amaël: Changing Japan, changing men? What internet slang terms for men reveals about the reconfiguration of masculinities in Japan		
3. Kristinsson, Thordur: Online boyhood		
4. Persson, Amanda: Algorithmic masculinity: Meetings with the manosphere		

**DAY 1: June 11. 16.40-18.10**

<b>PANEL 2</b>	<b>Caring fathers in the global context</b>	<b>Room 15</b>
Chair: Petteri Eerola		
1. Eerola, Petteri (presenting), Katherine Twamley, Henna Pirskanen & Pedro Romero-Balsas: Caring fathers in the global context: Introduction to the book		
2. Gainsi, Firouz: "He is our handyman." Young people's narratives on caring fatherhood and family life in the Faroe Islands		
3. Tiilikainen, Marja: Changing fatherhood and gender roles in Somali families: Experiences of being fathered in Somalia and in the diaspora		
4. Żadkowska, Magdalena (presenting), Radosław Kossakowski & Bogna Dowgiałło: Hegemonic, caring or hybrid fathers? The case of Polish fathers of adult children in 'the empty nest'		
5. Bergnehr, Disa: Refugee fathers' parenting to protect, nurture and train under resettlement in Sweden		

<b>PAPER SESSION 6</b>	<b>Climate-2</b>	<b>Room 25</b>
Chair: Emilie Moberg		
1. Aavik, Kadri: Men, masculinities and non-human animals in the Capitalocene: Towards a new research agenda		
2. Johansson, Joakim: Men's online responses to Greta Thunberg - a discourse analysis		
3. Prattes, Riikka: Men, masculinities and ecological care		
4. Campbell, Ben: From domination to respect: Engaging men in ecological practices for change		

<b>PAPER SESSION 7</b>	<b>Sexuality &amp; consent</b>	<b>Room 26</b>
Chair: Hanna Bornäs		
1. Grönvall, Ylva: Young men's experiences of sexual consent		
2. Rollero, Chiara & Elisa Berlin: Sexual violence versus consent: Are men less assertive than women? The role of traditional and contemporary scripts on sexual assertiveness and its correlates		
3. Bjarnegård, Elin & Åsa Eldén: Agency and responsibility in sexual corruption		

<b>PAPER SESSION 8</b>	<b>Care</b>	<b>Room 27</b>
Chair: Helena Hill		
1. Rendl, Daniela: Masculinities, care and ageing: Experiences of men in nursing		
2. Monkcom, Ella: Masculinity, migration and care: Men working in the adult social care sector in England		
3. Pietilä, Ilkka: Migration and negotiation of ageing masculinities		

<b>PAPER SESSION 9</b>	<b>Religion</b>	<b>Room 29</b>
Chair: Helena Tolvhed		
1. Khan, Saad: Youth Club, Muslim young boys and embodying Islamic masculinities: Beyond the crisis of masculinity and reimagining religious patriarchy in contemporary times		
2. Tricou, Josselin: The clerical closet as a "glass closet"? A social mechanism revealed by its crisis		
3. Guerrero, Oscar: Between kings and shepherds: Vulnerable transitions of biblical masculinities		

<b>PAPER SESSION 10</b>	<b>Work</b>	<b>Room 30</b>
Chair: Henri Hyvönen		
1. Johansson, Kristina & Samuel Heimann: Mining for more caring and inclusive masculinities? A review of the research field of gender industrial mine work and organizations		
2. Sjögren, Fredrik: Jargon and masculinity in Swedish metal industry		
3. Lie, Juni Katrine: An industrial way of life in jeopardy? Negotiating working-class-masculinities in the aftermath of plant closure		

**DAY 2: June 12. 9.00-10.30**

<b>PANEL 3</b>	<b>Migration, emotion and masculinity: Examining contradictions of emotional borderwork on masculinities</b>	<b>Room 15</b>
Chair: Francesco Cerchiaro		
1. Naik, Yeshwant: Navigating vulnerability and exploitation: The experiences of gay refugee and migrant men in Germany		
2. Cerchiaro, Francesco: Emotional borderwork and masculinity in migration: Navigating fatherhood and intimacy		
3. Scheibelhofer, Paul: Feeling like a good victim: Unaccompanied male refugees navigate vulnerability and deservingness		
4. Kukreja, Reena: HATE! Exultant white masculinity and racialized masculine trauma of everyday hate by migrant men		
5. Benzouine, Youssef: The emotional labor of Muslim men: What is un/speakable?		

<b>PAPER SESSION 11</b>	<b>Climate-3</b>	<b>Room 25</b>
Chair: Emilie Moberg		
1. Zhukova, Ekatherina: Crafting solar masculinities and femininities during renewable energy transitions in Yemen's conflict		
2. Blomstrand, Erica & Emily Christley: Revisiting aeromasculinities: The gendered discourse of sustainability in Swedish aviation		
3. Remme, Devyn: The regressive futurism of electric automobility		

<b>PAPER SESSION 12</b>	<b>Trans-1</b>	<b>Room 26</b>
Chair: Matty Kennedy		
1. Rivoire, Iris: How does medical transition impact access to primary care for transmasculine people?		
2. Tainio, Luca: Invisibilities and emergences of transmasculinities within academic and public discourses		
3. Kade, Tristen: 'My sex[uality] is transsexual': The gendering of sexual practices		
4. Amm, Jules Han: Discontinuities of transition on YouTube: Trans masculinities after quitting testosterone		

<b>PAPER SESSION 13</b>	<b>Sports</b>	<b>Room 27</b>
Chair: Emil Edenborg		
1. Söll, Anne & Christian Wandhoff: Vulnerabilities of transitions: Male adolescence, sports and contemporary photography		
2. Balkmar, Dag: Tracing the 'grey spaces' of skateboarding: Masculinity, aging, and transitions in youth cultures		
3. Backman, Stina: Sliding masculinities: Contradictory ideals within contemporary ice hockey?		
4. Kehler Werklund, Michael, Andre Silva & Gilberto Miranda da Silva Junior: Humiliation through performance: Conflicting dynamics and gender relations among boys in after-school soccer		

<b>PAPER SESSION 14</b>	<b>Military</b>	<b>Room 29</b>
Chair: Tua Sandman		
1. Ericson, Mathias: Public education, militarisation and masculinist protectionism		
2. Yusupova, Marina: Managing spoiled Russian identity: Stigma, empire and masculine subject positioning during the Russia-Ukraine war		
3. Moon, Myungjin: Challenging hegemonic masculinity: Conscientious objection and gendered militarism in Finland		
4. Noack, Vanessa: To enhance or not to enhance: Gender, hybrid identities, and exoskeletons in the armed forces		

<b>PAPER SESSION 15</b>	<b>Fatherhood</b>	<b>Room 30</b>
Chair: Andria Christofidou		
1. van de Beek, Justine: Young men's transition into fatherhood		
2. Büchner, Jelena Leoni Olga: Caring masculinities as a costume? Putting the relationship between hegemonic masculinity and caring masculinities to the test		

**DAY 2: June 12. 11.00-12.30**

<b>PANEL 4</b>	<b>The Burmese man in transition: Forced displacement, modernization and evolving masculinities</b>	<b>Room 14</b>
Chair: Joseph Black		
1. Thein, Aung Min: Legacy past: Historical and cultural legacies of Burmese masculinity		
2. Reynolds, Marni Suu: Legacy present: Addressing intergenerational gender-based trauma and psychological wellbeing in protracted displacement - Limitations of international aid		
3. Black, Joseph: Legacy future: Modernity and the inclusion of LGBTQA+ in Burmese masculinities		

<b>PANEL 5</b>	<b>Contemporary publishing practices and policies in critical studies on men and masculinities</b>	<b>Room 15</b>
Chair: Ulf Mellström (Senior Editor, <i>NORMA</i> )		
1. de Boise, Sam, Klara Goedecke, and Katarzyna Wojnicka (Editors-in-chief), <i>NORMA</i>		
2. Bridges, Bridges (Editor) and Tristen Kade (Managing Editor), <i>Men and Masculinities</i>		

<b>PAPER SESSION 16</b>	<b>Bodies</b>	<b>Room 25</b>
Chair: Dag Balkmar		
1. Hodkinson, Paul: Biographical disruption and identity reconstruction in men's journeys of hair loss		
2. Ojala, Hanna & Ilkka Pietilä: Living with an injured gendered body after prostate cancer treatment: Testing a concept of 'hybrid post-surgical masculinities'		
3. Vaakanainen, Sasu: Beyond schizophrenic gender: A Butlerian-Deleuzian analysis of gender in interviews with prostate cancer patients		
4. Leyder, Marie & Nina S. Studer: De-pathologizing nocturnal emissions: Medicine and masculinities (19th-20th Century in France and Switzerland)		

<b>PAPER SESSION 17</b>	<b>Trans-2</b>	<b>Room 26</b>
Chair: Tal Peretz		
1. Kennedy, Matty: Mediated masculinities: Trans young men in Ireland and transnormativity		
2. Tramošljanin, Luka: Trans masculinities in the Western Balkans: Conformity and resistance in navigating hegemonic masculinity on the semiperiphery		
3. Wagstaff, CJ: Soft water: Exploring trans/masculine identity and environmental stewardship through nature writing and memoir		
4. Rakhilkina, Adamska Elizaveta: Face/off: Facial surgeries, monstrosity & Alain Delon of it all		

<b>PAPER SESSION 18</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Room 27</b>
Chair: Rannveig Ágústa Guðjónsdóttir		
1. Suter, Brigitte & Katarina Mozetic: Beyond dependency: Elderly refugee men as caregivers in transnational families		
2. Smidova, Iva: Trade-offs and "unbearability" in narratives of men's aging		
3. Huhtala, Ilmari: "Masculinities in the margins": Children conceptualising othered masculinities in Finnish primary school		

<b>PAPER SESSION 19</b>	<b>Politics</b>	<b>Room 29</b>
Chair: Arnar Gíslason		
1. Minić, Milica: Men in political scandal: Accountability and public interest		
2. Waugh, Chris: Transitioning to where? Inarticulate masculinities among left-wing men in Britain		
3. Ujlaki, Anna: Masculinity and prime ministerial traits in illiberal regimes: The case of Hungary		
4. Berggren, Kalle: Masculinity in Nordic gender equality policy, 2019-24		

<b>PAPER SESSION 20</b>	<b>Representations-1</b>	<b>Room 30</b>
Chair: Anette Wickström		
1. Flärd, Emma: Between tyrant and companion: Men, family and intimacy in Swedish popular culture circa 1930-1960		
2. Grimefall, Rickard: Relational Tomboyism: Tomboys in relation to masculinity, queer boys and spaces in Swedish children's cinema		
3. Wall Scherer, Josefine: Digital housewives and invisible men: Entrepreneurial femininity and the absence of masculinity		
4. Schau, Lovisa: Transnational screens: Masculinity and Arabic-speaking audiences of Egyptian ramadan-TV-serials in Sweden		

**DAY 2: June 12. 13.30-15.00**

<b>PANEL 6</b>	<b>Young men and rejection in intimate relationships: Perspectives from Quebec (Canada), Iceland, Faroe Islands and Norway</b>	<b>Room 15</b>
Chair: Philippe Roy		
1. Roy, Philippe, David Guilmette & Audrey Brassard: Quebec's perspective on masculinities and break-up		
2. Gaini, Firouz: Young men and rejection in the Faroe Islands		
3. Kristinsson, Thordur: Iceland's masculinity literacy for boys on social media		
4. Nordfjell, Ole & Mali Storbækken: Coping with rejection: Masculinities, intimacy and mental health in Norway		

<b>PAPER SESSION 21</b>	<b>Theory-1</b>	<b>Room 25</b>
Chair: Craig Owen		
1. Goedecke, Klara & Jeff Hearn: The implicit and explicit challenges of ethics in Critical Studies on Men and Masculinities		
2. Joya, Lucia Martinez: The evolution of the men's studies in the international and Spanish sphere		
3. Christofidou, Andria: Caring masculinities in focus: Rethinking the concept		
4. Gottzén, Lucas: Hybrid masculinity: Rethinking the concept		

<b>PAPER SESSION 22</b>	<b>Queer</b>	<b>Room 26</b>
Chair: Árdís K. Ingvars		
1. Peretz, Tal: Queering scholarship on men and masculinities		
2. Miesiac, Mateusz: Curating digital transitional spaces for self-explorations of bi+sexualities and masculinities		
3. Self, Philippa Rae, Michelle Ho & En Ng: Side of the times: How new dating app categories influence gay, bisexual, and queer men's identities in Singapore		

<b>PAPER SESSION 23</b>	<b>Military-2 &amp; Prison</b>	<b>Room 27</b>
Chair: Mathias Ericson		
1. Sánchez Hernández, Mónica: Holding toxicity: Is prison a space for transiting the "toxic masculinity"?		
2. Sandman, Tua: Military boredom and soldierly becomings		
3. Koziienko, Ruslana: Transformations of civilian masculinities: Ukrainian men and (im)mobility during Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine		

<b>PAPER SESSION 24</b>	<b>Rural issues</b>	<b>Room 29</b>
Chair: Sam de Boise		
1. Ahlbäck, Anders & Matias Kaihovirta: Rural masculinities in the era of depopulation		
2. Brettin, Suse: Farming masculinities in transition		
3. Fernández, Salvador C.: Agricultural labor and Mexican-American masculinities in Y no se lo tragó la tierra/And the earth did not devour him by Tomás Rivera and Under the feet of Jesus by Helena María Viramontes		
4. Ilieva, Kristina: The border masculinity of refugee hunters in Europe		

<b>PAPER SESSION 25</b>	<b>Movements</b>	<b>Room 30</b>
Chair: Elin Bjarnegård		
1. Hill, Helena: Masculinity crisis in gender equal Sweden? Men's movements and activism 1980-2020		
2. Gíslason, Arnar & Ingólfur Ásgeir Jóhannesson: Examining attempts at engaging men - analysing the Barbershop Toolbox		
3. Barutcu, Atilla & Nurseli Yeşim Sünbülöğlü: Engaging men in gender equality in Turkey: Efforts of NGOs - resistances of men		
4. Farahani, Fataneh: From privilege to participation: Examining men's involvement in Iran's 'Woman, life, freedom' feminist protests		

**DAY 3: June 13. 11.00-12.30:**

<b>PANEL 7</b>	<b>(Un)bordering queer masculinities in migration</b>	<b>Room 15</b>
Chair: Árdís K. Ingvars		
1. Wimark, Thomas & Rebecca Thorburn Stern: The ideal claimant for protection for grounds of sexual orientation		
2. Spanger, Marlene (presenting) & Riecke Schröder: Racialised sexual and familial intimacies: Masculinities in the economy of LGBTIQ+ refugee support in Berlin and Copenhagen		
3. Ingvars, Árdís K.: Intersecting digital platforms in ableist workspaces of Dublin regulated queer refugees		

<b>PAPER SESSION 26</b>	<b>Theory-2</b>	<b>Room 25</b>
Chair: Klara Goedecke		
1. Rudolph, Jonas: More caring than you: On the incorporation of progressive masculinities into hegemonic masculinity structures		
2. Ljunggren, Jørn & Patrick Lie Andersen: Masculinity and social divisions: Who practices which types of gender roles?		
3. Owen, Craig: Theorising inclusive masculinities through a poststructuralist lens		

<b>PAPER SESSION 27</b>	<b>Sexuality &amp; relationships</b>	<b>Room 26</b>
Chair: Hanna Bornäs		
1. Oftedal Schwencke, Ellen: Negotiating masculine sexuality: The role of homosociality, sexual double standards and emotional connections in young men's sexual projects		
2. Fery, Leila: Being in a relationship with a feminist: How does masculinity change?		
3. Skoglund Nyberg, Torbjörn: Reviewing research on men's engagement with AI companions		

<b>PAPER SESSION 28</b>	<b>Navigations</b>	<b>Room 27</b>
Chair: Kalle Berggren		
1. McCook, Sarah: "I felt like I was trying to bend myself": Affective tensions in men's negotiations of normative masculinity and social change in Australia		
2. McQueen, Fiona: Navigating polarised discourses: Young men's feelings towards violence against women prevention messages in Scotland		
3. Starck, Kathleen: "Does the average bloke even exist anymore?": Traditional versus caring masculinities in the BBC podcast "How to be a man"		
4. Buxton, Ellie: Exploring men's perspectives on making misogyny a hate crime		

<b>PAPER SESSION 29</b>	<b>Mental health</b>	<b>Room 29</b>
Chair: Ulf Mellström		
1. Cosgrove, Louise K.: Improving school based mental health education for adolescent males as they transition into adulthood		
2. Guglielmelli, Nicoletta: Performing care: Masculinities and mental health on TikTok		
3. Wickström, Anette: Man up! Open up? Teenage boys' negotiations of social media influencers' representations of mental health		
4. Tähkä, Inka: Navigating ideals of masculinity in therapeutic culture: Tensions and continuities for young Finnish men		

<b>PAPER SESSION 30</b>	<b>Digital issues</b>	<b>Room 30</b>
Chair: Henri Hyvönen		
1. Legierse, Tom: Changing the game: Understanding masculinities and rethinking inclusivity in gaming		
2. Farrell-Molloy, Joshua: "The cultured thug": Unpacking far-right meaning-making around physical culture and masculinity		
3. Di Dia, Giacomo Francesco: Masculinity, body image, and fear of comparison: Instagram's influence on young Italian men's self-esteem		
4. Biedermann, Ann: The problem with the problem of toxic incel masculinity: Misconceptions in research on incels, their masculinity and violence		

**DAY 3: June 13. 13.30-15.00:**

<b>PANEL 8</b>	<b>Masculinity, masculinist politics, and political extremism</b>	<b>Room 15</b>
Chair: Lucas Gottzén		
1. de Boise, Sam: Musical masculinism and the contemporary far-right		
2. Forth, Christopher: From the far north to the far right: White masculinity and the myth of Hyperborea		
3. Darwish, Maria & Lucas Gottzén: The contemplative man: 'Positive' affect and masculinity in ecofascist visual communication		
4. Johansson Wilén, Evelina (presenting), Maria Wemrell & Lena Gunnarsson: Gender knowledge production and epistemology in the incelosphere		

<b>PAPER SESSION 31</b>	<b>Theory-3</b>	<b>Room 25</b>
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<b>PAPER SESSION 32</b>	<b>Representations-2</b>	<b>Room 26</b>
Chair: Susan Lindholm		
1. Tolvhed, Helena: Lad's magazines: The 1990s backlash against feminism		
2. Navarro Pérez, Margarita: Masculinities and intersectionality in Fresh Meat		
3. Negrão, Wilson Renato: The new masculine in South American Photography		
4. Kolehmainen, Tuula: Healing men: The narrative of recovery in African American stand-up comedy		

<b>PAPER SESSION 33</b>	<b>Politics-2 &amp; Men's rights</b>	<b>Room 27</b>
Chair: Riikka Prattes		
1. Bjarnegård, Elin: MEN4DEM: Masculinities for the future of European democracy		
2. Garlick, Steve: Neoliberal men in times of nationalist populisms: From Becker to Trump		
3. Ojala, Martta: Men's rights activists' responses to transitions in gender relations		
4. Rivas, Miguel: A sui generis transition: Masculine myths and cultural reverberation		

<b>PAPER SESSION 34</b>	<b>Vulnerability</b>	<b>Room 29</b>
Chair: Paul Scheibelhofer		
1. Mellström, Ulf & Andreas Henriksson: Masculinity, suicide, and ecologies of despair		
2. Sharma, Alankaar: Effeminophobia as/is violence: Lived experiences of men victim-survivors of child sexual abuse		
3. Black, Joseph: Rohingya men and sustainability transitions in Cox's Bazar		

<b>PAPER SESSION 35</b>	<b>Organization &amp; leadership</b>	<b>Room 30</b>
Chair: Kalle Berggren		
1. Nentwich, Julia: Gender-inclusive leadership practices in the gendered organisation: What men (can) do and what women just don't see		
2. Wahl, Anna & Lotta Snickare: Male academic leaders involved in GE work		
3. Packendorff, Johann, Charlotte Holgersson, Monica Lindgren & Anna Wahl: Heterosociality and the reproduction of homosocial cultures in academic organisations		
4. Tossier Franklin, Wilhelm: Gender, work, and technology in male dominated organizations		

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