Gender and women studies and feminisms have produced important transformations in our daily life and in our understanding of reality. While the topic of equality of rights is increasingly on the public agenda, there have been advances and retreats and persisting gender inequalities continue to challenge us to look for more solid analyses.

The Interdisciplinary Centre on Gender Studies (CIEG) wishes to contribute to the analytical deepening of these issues and invites you to participate in the International Congress of Gender Studies, on 25, 26 and 27th may 2016 under the following theme “Gender Studies in Debate: Pathways, challenges and interdisciplinary perspectives”

We count on you to address questions such as: what impact have had different gender equality policies on the effective implementation of rights? How to ensure the implementation of laws and prevent perverse effects? Power, relations of power, masculine domination and gender: which connections? Are there frontiers between activism and research, and if yes, how/where to draw them? How to balance the collective subject ‘women’ with ethnic, class, generational, sexual orientation, and global diversity? How is gender performed in daily life and in different institutions: between reproduction and agency? Heteronormativity, bodies, and sexuality: central issue for gender studies? Men and masculinities: new configurations? What backlash effects have the crisis, the increased inequalities and the neoliberal thinking had on the current life of men and women?

We also wish to bring to the debate the contributions of researchers from different parts of the world to help us reflect upon the pathways followed by gender and women studies and feminisms in their geographic, political and sociocultural contexts.

Marking its 4th anniversary, CIEG is very pleased to join the celebrations of the 110 years of Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas (ISCSP) of University of Lisbon (ULisboa), by organizing its 1st International Congress.
The abstracts, no longer than **300 words**, should clearly indicate in which research line (I, II or III) the paper should be included. The research lines to consider are the following:

**I  
Gender, feminisms and women studies**  
History of ideas and theories;  
Contemporary theories and innovations;  
Extensive and intensive methodologies and international comparative perspective.

**II  
Policies, institutions and citizenship**  
Public policies;  
Equality, Law and rights;  
Democracy and political institutions.

**III  
Gender and the construction of contemporary societies**  
Family, sexuality and intimate relationships;  
Representations, identity and culture;  
Body, health and gender violence;  
Social class, inequality and values;  
Work, economy and environment;  
Migrations, globalization and development;  
Masculinities;  
Cultural and artistic gender studies;  
LGBT studies.

Abstracts should be sent until **30 November 2015** to the following email address:  
[congressocieg2016@iscsp.ulisboa.pt](mailto:congressocieg2016@iscsp.ulisboa.pt).

Deadline for notice of acceptance/rejection: **31 January 2016**.

The registration fees, in its different modalities, will be available soon.