

IFA Gender and Language Group

invites everyone to a **guest lecture** by

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on

**Men, depression
and postcommunism**

Abstract:

In this paper I am interested in exploring the relationship between masculinity, depression, postcommunism. The data come from 27 interviews with men diagnosed with depressive disorder (ICD F33) undergoing voluntary treatment in two psychiatric hospitals in the south of Poland. Having assumed that depression is gendered and related to the dominant model of masculinity, I shall show that stories of postcommunism and work underpin and reinforce the relationship between masculinity and depression. This reinforcement consists in marginalising and stigmatising a man who cannot make it, a man who is not, to use Faludi's term, 'the master of the universe'.

Wednesday, 28 October, 5 p.m. Room 601A.