

Gender in Transnational Politics: Transitions and Transformations in a Time of Crises

Section 20

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Transnationalization has been a driving force of world politics and has shaped social lives world wide. Against this background gender is central to transnationalization. As such gender orders and gender politics are simultaneously transformed by and impact on transnationalization. To discuss how these mutual processes interact with current crises is the main aim of this section. From the perspective of transnationalization, ongoing transitions and transformations of gender orders, gender regimes, gender norms, gender relations or gender politics will be analyzed in the fields of Feminist Theory in IR, Globalization/Transnationalization, Democracy/Democratization, Feminist Perspectives on Postcolonial Relations, and War or Peace-Building respectively.

The following key questions will be central across all panels:

- How are concepts of transnationalization and perceptions of crisis related?
- What is new about current crises and their gender aspects?
- Which new forms of „gendered transnationality“ emerge in the contexts of crises?
- In how far do crises promote transitions and transformations?
- In how far do policy responses to current crises address and affect gender?
- How do gender policies respond to crisis phenomena?

Papers will be forwarded to chairs.

1. Round Table: Gender Politics in Transnationalization

Description

What is transnational about gender politics today? After years of talking and thinking about gender politics and gender activists as important drivers of social and political transnationalization, it is time to reconsider the main theoretical and empirical assumptions about the spaces, arenas, actors, strategies and impact of transnational gender politics. As a point of departure for all panels in the section, this Round Table will discuss Gender Politics in Transnationalization in light of current processes like changes in international norms, international law and international institution-building vis-à-vis the range of changes in social practice worldwide.

Chair: Uta Ruppert (Frankfurt/Main)

2. Panel: Theorizing gender, sex and sexuality in 'times of crises'

Description

Crises are not objective phenomena. Like 9/11, transnationalization will be of greater or lesser significance depending on where you are placed in the world. We invite papers which problematize the character and idea of the current 'crises' and associated concepts of transnationalization, transition and transformation. We also invite papers which speak to the gendered effects and implications of the 'global financial crises' (theoretical and empirical). The range of topics might include the following (all submissions will be considered):

- New economies of violence in the current 'crisis'
- Crisis? What crisis and for whom is this a crisis?
- Theorising the global financial crisis: gender, race and sex in media representations
- Do women still not count? Contemporary feminist analyses of the global financial crisis
- Transforming sexualities in transformatory times

Chair: Marysia Zalewski (Aberdeen)

Co-Chair: Maria Stern (Göteborg)

Discussant:

3. Panel: Gendering Globalization, Transnationalization and Transnationalisms

Description

This panel addresses recent and not so recent global transformations from a gender perspective. Over the last decade or so feminists IR scholars have made significant contributions to the analysis and understanding of these phenomena, in particular emphasizing globalization's multidimensionality and challenging dominant notions that (neoliberal) globalization is an unavoidable force which cannot be altered. With the emergence of the critical globalization or global justice movement challenging neoliberal globalization in the streets and using the internet as a site of resistance, feminist analysis has again made some important contributions, in particular through making women and gender issues visible within the movement. The global justice movement is just one example of the transnationalization of civil society, a process which is often seen as part and parcel of ongoing global transformations. However, for this panel we intend to go beyond feminist debates about and gender analyses of (neoliberal) globalization and transnational civil society, and include migrant transnational communities and transnationalisms as different, yet interconnected, spaces of "in-betweenness" and hybridity. Finally, the effects of the current economic crisis and the new security concerns since the events of 9/11, 2001 on global transformations also need to be analyzed from a gender perspective.

The questions we would like to address in this panel include:

- How have recent global transformations fostered the emergence of new subjectivities (neoliberal, securitized etc) and how are these gendered?
- What alternative readings of neoliberal globalization, transnationalization and transnationalisms can insights from postcolonial feminism, queer theory etc, provide?
- What new forms of "transnationality" are emerging and how are these gendered?

Chair: Marianne H. Marchand (Puebla)

Co-Chair:

Discussant:

4. Panel: Participation of women and men in politics in comparative perspective

Description

Gender balanced participation is one of the key questions of Gender Politics in Transnationalization. For many international, regional and national arenas, forums and agencies it is crucial to achieve this goal. While international as well as national politics

are far from realizing that aim, a time of global crisis is also a time of fear to lose what has already been achieved. On the other hand it may inspire a hope for more radical and daring solutions. This panel seeks to compare obstacles and opportunities to equal participation at different levels (global, European, regional, national) and in different settings (institutions/state, economy, political culture, everyday life, etc.). Papers to address following issues: - new/extra obstacles and new ways to balanced participation of women and men in the time of crisis - the role of pressure of international actors in achieving balanced participation - the role of national machineries (women's ministries, offices, etc.) - importance of gender mainstreaming - the role of political parties - the role of women's NGOs - the role of special measures (like quotas, reserved seats, etc.) - the role of political culture - balancing private life obligations and professional (political activities) as possible way in achieving - de-mystification the politics etc. Papers to address the following issues in a comparative perspective are most welcome but case studies are also valuable discussing in this panel. Papers can approach the issue from an analytical or theoretical perspective.

Chair: Milica Antic-Gaber (Ljubljana)

Co-Chair:

Discussant:

5. Panel: Feminist and postcolonial interrogations of multiple crises: gender, race, class in IR

Description

The international community is increasingly confronted with global transformations and severe crises, which affect livelihoods and human security in all regions of the globe. Crises in general and financial crises in particular are not new phenomena. However, the current crises have reached a new dimension, as they quickly spilt over to other sectors of the economy and permeated different spaces of social life. The panel discusses theoretical insights provided by feminist and postcolonial IR to analyse the interconnectedness of different crises, such as the financial, economic, climate and food crises. The aim is to trace the complex colonial and gendered genealogy of contemporary discourses and practices in the governance of multiple crises. The questions that will be addressed in this panel are:

- What consequences do the different crises have on the global south particularly vulnerable sections of the population like women, the working poor, undocumented migrants etc.?
- What tools and insights are offered by feminist and postcolonial IR to analyze the

interconnectedness of current crises like the financial, ecological and food crisis?

- Do policy responses on the crises take gender into account?
- What (possible) impacts do policy responses have on women and gender relations?

Chair: Gülay Caglar (Berlin)

Co-Chair: Nikita Dhawan (Frankfurt/M)

Discussant:

6. Panel: Women & War: Transnational Perspectives

Description

This panel will examine the relationship between gender and transnationalism in the context of war, peace-building and (post-) conflict reconstruction. It will explore critically the ways in which a variety of actors, including women's movements, diaspora communities, national governments, non-governmental actors and multilateral bodies act transnationally to shape - either intentionally or unintentionally - the experiences of women in conflict situations, the possibilities for women's participation in peace-building and (post-)conflict reconstruction, as well as long-term prospects for peace and security. The panel will be based on cross-country & regional comparisons of war & conflict situation and include both more empirical and theoretical papers

Chair: Nadjé Al-Ali (London)

Co-Chair:

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