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Panel:

Changing Institutions – Changing Opportunities for Gender
Policies and Politics?

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For many decades, regional as well as international organizations like the European Union (EU) and the United Nations (UN) were important institutional reference points for feminist mobilization. Feminists were able to carve out institutional spaces and to promote gender equality policies at international, regional and national levels. However, in the course of multiple crises (i.e. economic, financial and humanitarian crises), conservative and nationalist forces have gained momentum and have put the political legitimacy of regional and international institutions under question. Moreover, internationally accepted norms of gender equality are massively under attack or sidelined e.g. equal employment in the EU. Due to this conservative backlash many feminists have questioned the gains of a 5th UN World Women's Conference – ultimately the conference did not take place. Simultaneously, the EU undergoes an institutional crisis which weakens its ability to promote gender equality policies. What do these developments entail for feminist mobilizing and gender equality policies at regional and international levels? How do feminist actors – both so-called femocrats as well as feminists from women's movements and transnational women's organizations – react to and cope with these institutional crises? Are there any new forms of feminist mobilization, like for instance transregional co-operation?

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