

Translocal households in the context of Covid19

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This roundtable is concerned with how Covid19 has impacted translocal households - households in which members live in different locations, but are connected via resource flows (including remittances), social reproduction, consumption, or less tangible, affective, practices. Large scale migratory flows, often into highly precarious forms of work, serve to distribute householding practices spatially – be it across national borders or urban-rural divides (Brickell and Dutta 2011). However enforced mobilities and immobilities that were the direct result of the Covid19 pandemic have thrown translocal householding practices into flux: migrant workers unable to return home or send remittances; returned migrants placing additional pressures on unpaid household labour; government policy responses that served to both support and undermine households struggling with these pressures. The roundtable will draw together a range of feminist political economy scholars working on different parts of the world (both the Global North and the Global South) to provide initial reflections on the transformation of the translocal household in the context of the Covid19 pandemic. Participants are asked to reflect on how translocal households were impacted by the pandemic (both in the short and the longer term) and, more broadly, to consider how best to centre discussions of social reproduction within an understanding of the translocal household

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