

Recurring Global Crises and the Necessity of Feminist Political Economy

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Foregrounding Feminist International Political Economy perspectives - in particular work that uses the framework of social reproduction - this panel examines how contemporary crises (ecological, energy, housing, financial, cost of living etc.) are experienced and negotiated in everyday gendered practices, how they challenge us to rethink how and what we study as feminist political economists, and what they mean for feminist praxis. In engaging with work on 'crisis' we recognise that crises may stem from specific 'catastrophic events' (war, pandemics, economic collapse, disasters), as well as the impact of slow structural inequalities including environmental degradation, depletion through social reproduction, and lasting racialized discrimination and disadvantage that are the continuing legacies of colonialism. Gendered experiences of crises are shaped by these historical/overlapping structural inequalities, as are the struggles and negotiations for survival and transformation. The panel seeks to (a) understand crises in relation to everyday gendered political economies, including everyday practices of care, caring, and carelessness; (b) document and reflect on how periods of crisis and conflict shape what kind of feminist research can and should be conducted; and (c) explore what this means for feminist praxis.

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