

‘Regions’ and Spatial Relations to International Thought

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This panel brings together scholarship interrogating regional spaces and their historical and structural impacts to generating shared women’s political consciousness and practices. While important scholarly contributions have been made in mapping how global or transnational settings shape women’s international thought, we are yet to fully interrogate the role of ‘regions’ as ideational constructs, liminal and in-between spaces, and institutional structures that mediate and bridge the ‘local’ with the ‘global’. However, political ideas of Asian women bear the imprint of regional and trans-regional exchanges which distinctly show variations in the influence of North-South and South-South collaborations across different historical junctures. The contributions from this panel will explore how Asian women’s ideas potentially disrupt and complicate Whiteness and Eurocentric accounts of what constitutes as regional order-building projects. In so doing, it seeks to interrogate the myriad gendered spatial underpinnings to women’s international thought and the role of ‘regions’ for feminist politics in the past, present and future.

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