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Pluralising Social Reproduction Approaches

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Social reproduction offers an important theoretical framework for understanding the gendered division of labour that underpins the reproduction of life itself and raises questions such as who does paid/unpaid social reproductive work, how it is valued and the resources allocated to supporting it, without which those doing this work can experience depletion. However, most of these debates are theorized from experiences and localities in the Global North. This Roundtable aims to pluralize the theoretical premises of social reproduction through interdisciplinary conversations, taking into account global south focused empirical cases, and exploring new methodologies to build a global progressive agenda able to speak to the challenges that processes of life-making are facing worldwide.

Based on their current work, the participants will address the following questions:

- 1. To what extent does social reproduction account for complex experiences of life-making under global capitalism in different parts of the world and in what ways does it need pluralizing in our approaches?

 2. How does location matter when it comes to social reproduction?
- 3. What methods and methodologies do we work with to build alternative practices of knowledge building/creation about social reproduction?

The Roundtable builds on the work of the Pluralising Social Reproduction Approaches Network and hopes to extend and deepen its analyses through theoretical, empirical and methodological insights.

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