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What's next for gender and IR? New thinking, new directions

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Departing from this year's conference theme, this roundtable seeks to establish and discuss what's next in the field of gender(ing) and IR. This includes both persisting trends and themes, as well as discussions of what might await in the future. Potential examples include the increased pushback against and opposition towards 'gender' within global politics; milestones of 25 years of the Women, Peace and Security agenda; the (continuing) struggle for equal rights and rights of bodily autonomy; increased processes of militarisation and war-making; and the need for intersectional solidarity. Beyond topics of scholarship, we also encourage discussion of our work environments; how to navigate increasingly hostile, ever-precarious structures and the shrinking space afforded to feminist voices. We ask participants to both reflect on their past and existing work within this field, others' work as well as what they are turning their attention to in the years to come.

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