

Feminist Foreign Policy in an Age of Anti-Feminist Mobilisations

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This roundtable explores how Feminist Foreign Policy (FFP) can meaningfully operate within international contexts, moving beyond symbolic commitments to enact transformative change in global politics. Drawing on recent thinking and scholarship - including the edited volume *Feminist Foreign Policy: Energy and Resistance* (2026) published by Bristol University Press and the special section in *Politics and Gender* (2025) the discussion interrogates the potential of FFP to challenge entrenched power structures and offer alternative visions of security and care. Bringing together scholars across career stages, the roundtable addresses pressing challenges such as the afterlives of empire in global politics, the manifestations of gendered violence within bordering and mobility regimes, and the friction of militarised solutions into violent conflicts. Through a facilitated dialogue with brief opening statements, contributors will reflect on how FFPs or gender-responsive foreign policies manifest across different domains and contexts. Central to the conversation are questions about what FFP praxis is; how it can be reimagined through the lenses of intersectionality, decoloniality, and abolitionism; what recurrent blind spots persist within FFP frameworks; and how these policies can effectively confront the rising tide of anti-gender backlash globally.

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