

Gender and resistance in environmental politics I

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This panel comes at a time of (at least) two forms of gendered resistance:

1. Growing resistance to measures that combat climate change and environmental destruction, a form of resistance that is often masculinised
2. Ongoing resistance against environmental destruction, a form of resistance that is both discursively constructed as feminine and that manifests as a form of burden that is often borne by women and other marginalised peoples

Against a backdrop of the target of 1.5 degrees warming looking increasingly unlikely, and a 'green' transition currently reliant on new geographies of environmental and human harm and exploitation, any meaningful progress towards global environmental targets is stalling. Resistance to these forms of harm and efforts to transition away from fossil fuels are at a critical juncture. At the same time, there is a surging right-wing politics globally, part of which acts as a defence of industry and environmental harm. This form of resistance is directed at transition itself.

These papers explore the intersections of gender and resistance in relation to environment or climate politics. Approaches include ecofeminism, political ecology, and feminist political economy.

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