



FEMINIST VISIONS FOR A JUST EUROPE

WIDE Annual Conference 2008

09 – 11 October 2008

The Peace Place

The Hague, The Netherlands

DAY ONE (09 OCTOBER, THURSDAY): RETHINKING FEMINISMS IN EUROPE TODAY IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBAL CHANGE

Goal: The first day will explore the ideology of feminisms historically situating the different definitions of feminism, West, South and East. The day will engage participants in a reflective process that will help shed light on the important questions that touch the roots of our different understandings of feminisms in Europe today from a broader international perspective. It will provide the basis from which the Conference can look at feminisms in Europe in relation to contemporary trends in Europe and feminists' struggles for gender justice and social change around the world.

Side Event: The first day concludes with WIDE's traditional Herstory Walk. During this activity, delegates will visit historical sites in the Hague tracing some of the key moments of women's activism in the Netherlands.

0830 – 0930	Participant Registration (Peace Palace Foyer)	
0930 – 1100	Interactive Introductions (Academy Hall)	CO-FACILITATORS: Benedicte Allaert , Capacity Building Programme Manager (WIDE Secretariat, Belgium) Wendy Harcourt , WIDE Chair and Editor-In-Chief (Society for International Development, Italy/Australia)
1100 – 1130	Tea Break (Foyer)	
1130 – 1300	Opening Panel: Situating Feminisms in Europe Today (Academy Hall)	FACILITATOR & INTRODUCTION: Zairah Khan , Coordinator (WO=MEN, Netherlands) SPEAKERS: Wendy Harcourt , WIDE Chair and Editor-In-Chief (Society for International Development, Italy/Australia) Thanh-Dam Truong , Associate Professor (Institute of Social Studies, Netherlands/Vietnam) Joanna Semeniuk , Member (European Feminist Forum, Netherlands)
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break (Foyer)	
1415 – 1600	Parallel Session 1: Europe, Europeans & European global players of today in the context of globalisation (Academy Hall)	Amandine Bach , Policy Officer and Project Coordinator (European Womens' Lobby, Belgium)
	Parallel Session 2: Intersectionalities, Intersecting lives and realities (Seminar Room)	Benedicte Allaert , Capacity Building Programme Manager (WIDE Secretariat, Belgium)
	Parallel Session 3: Opening up concepts of citizenship in Europe and the world (Arbitration Room)	Godelieve van Heteren , Executive Director (CORAIID, Netherlands)

	Parallel Session 4: Scoping global feminisms in the West, South and East (Old Library Room)	Jivka Marinova , Member of the WIDE Board and Executive Director (Gender, Education, Research and Technologies, Bulgaria)
1600 – 1630	Tea Break (<i>Foyer</i>)	
1630 – 1730	Facilitators' Reflections on the Day: Where to go from here? (Academy Hall)	FACILITATOR: Zohra Khan , Chair (UK Gender and Development Network, UK/South Africa) SPEAKERS: All facilitators in Parallel Sessions
1800	Herstory III: A Feminist Walk through the Hague (Optional)	

DAY TWO (10 October; Friday): EUROPEAN GLOBAL PLAYERS AND THEIR ROLE IN THE WORLD EXAMINED THROUGH THE LENS OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND GENDER JUSTICE

Goal: The second day will contextualize our current challenges with a focus on gender, trade and economics and women's political and economic struggles for gender equality. The day will highlight the role and responsibilities of various European actors in advocacy strategies for resistance and change. The discussions will look at the areas of global trade and governance, work, food security, peacekeeping, and migration.

Side-event: WO=MEN, Dutch Gender Platform will host a conference party and networking event for day two of the WIDE AC. This networking event will provide a space for participants to learn more about each other and enjoy the a capella music of LÉLÉ Mam – an all women's Dutch choir that renders various types of world music from different cultures around the world.

0900 – 0930	Participant registration (for latecomers only)	
0930 – 1100	Plenary debate and discussion: The impacts of EU expansion and foreign policy on women in Europe and the world (Academy Hall)	FACILITATOR: Anja Franck (Department of Human & Economic Geography, Sweden) SPEAKERS: Chantal Gillárd , Head of the AWEPA Section in the Dutch Parliament (European Parliamentarians for Africa – Netherlands) Kinga Lohmann , Executive Director (KARAT, Poland) Lina Abou-Habib , Executive Director (CRTD.A, Lebanon) Sonja Lokar , Chair (CEE Network for Gender Issues, Slovenia)
1100 – 1130	Tea Break (<i>Foyer</i>)	
1130 – 1300	Panel debate and discussion: The Global Tug of War for Market and Means	FACILITATOR: Elisabeth Moder , Member of the WIDE Board & Project Manager (HORIZONT3000, Austria)
	'Feminization of labour'	SPEAKER 1: Ruth Pearson , Professor (University of Leeds, UK)
	'European players in the global system, aid effectiveness and FFDs'	SPEAKER 2: Dot Keet , Member of the Board (AIDC, South Africa)
	'Compounded insecurities and vulnerabilities of migrants in Europe	SPEAKER 3: Brid Brennan , Alternative Regionalisms Coordinator (Transnational Institute, Netherlands/Ireland)

1300 – 1400	Lunch Break (<i>Foyer</i>)	
1400 – 1530	Parallel Session 1: New trends in migration in the context of Eastern Europe (Academy Hall)	FACILITATOR: Ewa Charkiewicz, Feminist Think Tank and Member of KARAT (Poland) SPEAKER: Elena Tyuryukanova, Director (Center for Migration Studies, Russia)
	Parallel Session 2: 'Illegal migration and trafficking': Strengthening women's sexual and reproductive health and rights (Seminar Room)	FACILITATOR: Saskia Bakker, Programme Officer – Women's Human Rights (Aim for Human Rights, Netherlands) SPEAKERS: Grace Osakue , Coordinator (Girls Power Initiative, Nigeria) Aniek Wubben , Researcher (Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights, Netherlands)
	Parallel Session 3: Militarism, Peace and Security: 1325 – Challenges and Opportunities in National Action Plans (Arbitration Room)	FACILITATOR: Ted L.E. Strop-von Meijjenfeldt, Member (EPLO, Netherlands) SPEAKERS: Isabelle Geuskens , WO=MEN Board Member & Program Manager (IFOR/WPP, Netherlands) Seconde Nyanzobe , Senior Trainer (Search for Common Ground, Burundi)
	Parallel Session 4: EU trade agreements on agriculture and the food crisis (Old Library Room)	FACILITATOR: Franziska Mueller, Representative (Swiss Working Group on Gender and Development, Switzerland) Speaker: Naty Bernardino, Co- Coordinator (Asia and Gender Trade Network, Philippines)
1530 – 1600	Tea Break (<i>Foyer</i>)	
1600 – 1730	Facilitators' Reflections on the Day & Report Back Session (Academy Hall)	FACILITATOR: Gigi Francisco, Regional Coordinator for Southeast Asia (Development Alternatives with Women for the New Era, Philippines) SPEAKERS: All facilitators in Plenary & Parallel Sessions
1900 – 2230	Conference party and networking event at the Institute of Social Studies (ISS)	

DAY THREE (11 OCTOBER, SATURDAY): BUILDING A FEMINIST FUTURE: ALLIANCES FOR A JUST EUROPE – STRATEGY SESSIONS

Goal: Day Three will reflect on how to move forward towards a just Europe in alliances across social and political actors. The day will focus on ways WIDE is engaging with potential allies as we move towards a just Europe. It will open with a key note from a social movement activist who will challenge feminists to reflect on ways of engaging with other movements. The debate to follow will call on participants to respond to the challenge looking at how to ensure that gender issues are understood and shared in all political and social struggles. The workshops that follow will look at how participants can strategically engage in different movement building processes in Europe and Globally with different partners from the West, East and South.

Following established WIDE tradition, the last plenary will feature four 'wise women' representing different ages, experiences in the West, East and South. The WISE women will share their thoughts on the Conference proceedings presenting their own feminist visions for a 'just Europe, and a just World ' while reflecting on the Conference intentions, as well as, articulating points of convergence and divergence in feminist organizing and alliance building.

0930 – 1100	<p>Plenary Talk & Discussion: Alternatives & Consolidating Feminist Visions with other Movements (Academy Hall)</p>	<p>FACILITATOR: Sonja Lokar, Chair (CEE Network for Gender Issues, Slovenia)</p> <p>SPEAKER: Nicola Bullard, Senior Associate (Focus on the Global South, Thailand/Australia)</p> <p>DISCUSSANTS: Rasa Erentaite, Program Director (New Generation of Women's Initiatives, Lithuania)</p> <p>Ewa Charkiewicz, Feminist Think Tank and Member of KARAT (Poland)</p> <p>Chalbi Drissi-Hassania, Vice President (FEMNET, Morocco)</p>
1100 – 1130	<p align="center">Tea Break (<i>Foyer</i>)</p>	
1130 – 1300	<p>Strategy Session 1: Women organizing for changes in working conditions: A case study by KARAT Poland (Academy Hall)</p>	<p>FACILITATOR: Gisela Dutting, Independent Researcher and Member of the EFF (Netherlands)</p> <p>SPEAKER: Aleksandra Solik (KARAT, Poland)</p>
	<p>Strategy Session 2: Organizing migrant domestic workers in Europe (Seminar Room)</p>	<p>FACILITATOR: Filomenita Hogsholm, Member (Danish Gender Platform, Denmark)</p> <p>SPEAKERS: Fe Jusay, Coordinator (R.E.S.P.E.C.T. Network in Europe, Netherlands/Philippines)</p> <p>Anna Zobnina, Research Associate (MIGS, Cyprus/Russia)</p>
	<p>Strategy Session 3: Trade union and NGO responses to rights violations in European supply chains (Arbitration Room)</p>	<p>FACILITATOR: Pauline Overeem, Coordinator (GoodElectronics, Netherlands)</p> <p>SPEAKER: Marieke Koning, Equality Officer (ITUC, Belgium)</p>
	<p>Strategy Session 4: Why should we care about care?</p>	<p>Organized by Swiss Gender Platform, Switzerland</p>
1300 – 1400	<p align="center">Lunch Break (<i>Foyer</i>)</p>	

1400 – 1530	Strategy Session 5: Economic Justice Fund (Academy Hall)	Organized by Mama Cash , Netherlands
	Strategy Session 6: Feminist Responses to Climate Change (Seminar Room)	Co-organized by KULU , Denmark and Focus on the Global South , Thailand
	Strategy Session 7: The African Women’s Leadership Institute (Arbitration Room)	Organized by Akina Mama wa Afrika (Kampala and London offices)
	Strategy Session 8: Feminist Forum for Europe (Old Library Room)	Organized by the Editorial Team of the European Feminist Forum Publication
1530 – 1600	Tea Break (Foyer)	
1600 – 1700	Facilitators’ Reflection of the Day (Academy Hall)	FACILITATOR: Wendy Harcourt , WIDE Chair and Editor-In-Chief (Society for International Development, Italy/Australia) SPEAKERS: All Facilitators
1700 – 1800	WISE WOMEN Panel and Presentation on Reflections on the Conference (Academy Hall)	FACILITATOR: Wendy Harcourt SPEAKERS: Zohra Khan , Chair (UK Gender and Development Network, UK/South Africa) Gigi Francisco , Regional Coordinator for Southeast Asia (Development Alternatives with Women for the New Era, Philippines) Evgenia Ivanova , Coordinator (Center for Gender Studies, EHU, Belarus) Myria Vassiliadou , Secretary General (European Women’s Lobby, Belgium)
1800	Vote of Thanks (Academy Hall)	WIDE Secretariat (Belgium)

*** simultaneous translations from English to Spanish & English to French will be available in all plenary sessions and panel debates ONLY ***