

Invitation to the workshop

Climate Justice in Focus of Feminist Foreign Policy

Workshop in the series on feminist foreign policy

Time: **Monday, 21 October 2024**, 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: **Otto Mauer Zentrum**, Währinger Straße 2-4, 1090 Vienna

Language: **English**

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The climate crisis is a deeply feminist issue because its impacts exacerbate inequalities both between the Global North and South and between the genders. Therefore, an intersectional feminist perspective on the effects of the climate crisis is just as necessary as measures and policies to combat it. Feminist foreign policy puts the human rights of women* and marginalised groups at the centre of its actions. Climate justice must therefore be given greater consideration in foreign policy in order to achieve a just transition in all climate-relevant areas – transport, energy, resource use, etc.

How should a feminist climate foreign policy be designed to work as effectively as possible towards global climate justice? How could a gender-equitable transition in the energy sector be achieved? What positive examples already exist?

About the speakers

Sheena Anderson

is a black feminist, climate justice activist and political scientist. She worked at the Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy (CFFP), where she headed the anti-racism and climate justice programme areas. She is active in 'Netzwerk F', an intersectional feminist political network for young women and non-binary people. Sheena is also an anti-bias trainer.

Shonali Pachauri

is a research group leader of the 'Transformative Institutional and Social Solutions Research Group' within the Energy, Climate and Environment Programme at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Austria. Pachauri's research focuses on the role of social, institutional and technological innovations for inclusive human development, especially for people without access to basic infrastructure and services. She was a lead author of the sixth assessment report (AR6) of Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and coordinating lead author of the Global Energy Assessment (GEA). She is a member of the scientific advisory board of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) and the advisory group of the International Network on Gender and Energy (ENERGIA).

Background

Workshop series Feminist Foreign Policy – Potentials & Reality

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Since Sweden announced in 2014 that it wanted to make its foreign policy feminist in the future, several states have followed suit: Canada, Luxembourg, France, Spain, Mexico, Libya and most recently Germany, with quite different concepts. Just as there is no single definition of feminism, there seems to be no single definition of feminist foreign policy either. In principle, it can be said that feminist foreign policy is a human rights-based peace policy that aims to achieve gender justice and overcome international relations of domination and violence. Its focus is on the most marginalised people. At least that's the theory. But what about in practice?

The workshop series aims to shed light on the main features of feminist foreign policy and show how a foreign policy would have to be designed to meet the claim of being feminist.

The goal is to develop demands that can serve as a basis for civil society interventions with regard to the design of a feminist foreign and development policy in Austria.

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on 29 November 2023, with Toni Haastrup

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