

Call for Papers

WOMEN'S AND FEMINIST TRANSNATIONAL NETWORKS IN LATIN AMERICA: EMBODYING RESISTANCES AND CHANGES

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During the last two decades various spatial convergences have been produced in Latin America that show how resistances in concrete places and territories are connected to wider networks and initiatives. In these “multi-scale” dynamics transnational actions by women and feminists stand out. There is an increasing body of transnational feminist and feminist geopolitical literature that has analyzed such oppositional networks, articulations of regional campaigns and transnational configurations (Jelin 2003; Marchand 2005; Sassen 2005; Staeheli, 2005; Cabezas 2008; Domínguez y Quintero 2007), focusing in particular on the agency and forms of solidarity and resistance that women in various parts of the Hemisphere have been articulating in the context of deteriorating labor conditions, political participation, gender violence and migrations, among other issues. Moreover, transnational networks have also been important in the adoption of gender policies at all levels of government and by multilateral institutions, thus producing gender-based global governance regime(s).

With this call for papers we are looking for submissions from the social sciences that deal with Latin American realities as they relate to transnational networks and coalitions of women and feminists. Of particular interest are submissions that combine theoretically based interventions with empirical findings related to one or more of the following aspects:

1. The ways in which transnational sectorial networks of Latin American women have been constructed and consolidated—e.g. of maquila workers, rural women, professional or academic women, afro-descendants, and migrant women;
2. The impact of these networks on gender policies in different Latin American countries, in particular on a concrete aspect of local, national or regional (supranational) policies (considering ongoing regionalization processes);
3. The way in which transnational networks and coalitions affect Latin American women's and feminist movements, considering feminisms' plurality and the diversity of solidarities among women, as well as their relations with other social movements of a mixed nature (environmentalists, indigenous people, labor unions, etc.)
4. The achievements of women's (and feminists') networking against the negative effects of globalization, including human trafficking and other gender-based violence or climate change;
5. The construction of alternative visions by Latin American women and feminist movements, their agency and empowerment;
6. Spatial analyses of women or feminist transnational networks that question the a-problematic assumption of a “politics of scale”, focusing in particular on local, domestic, territorial or symbolic referents of transnational activism

All the articles **should be sent in English**. Neither the editors nor the Journal have any possibility to provide translation or major corrections regarding language style other than small revisions.

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