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## Members Update, issue 7

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### **Announcement Webinar - “The digital economy in Asia: Feminist perspectives”, Wednesday 22 April 2020**

You are invited to join this Wednesday the Webinar – “The digital economy in Asia: Feminist perspectives”. It is hosted by a working group of the regional project “Women and the Future of Work in Asia”, with the support of WIDE+.

This webinar seeks to provide a much-needed feminist perspective on how the Fourth Industrial Revolution is impacting the present and future of women’s work in Asian economies.

In specific, the webinar will focus on the gender digital divide and implications of platformisation and automation of value chains on women’s work and livelihoods in Asia as well as future priorities for feminist recommendations in the region.

#### **WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2020**

**5pm** in Beijing /Manila/Singapore/Ulaanbaatar

**4pm** in Bangkok/Jakarta **3.30pm** in Yangon

**3pm** in Dhaka **2.30pm** in New Delhi

**2pm** in Islamabad

**11am** in Berlin/ Amsterdam

**To register, write a message to [gea.meijers23@gmail.com](mailto:gea.meijers23@gmail.com) before Tuesday morning noon.**

## [More about the Speakers](#)



## WIDE+ joins international solidarity to fight for pushback on abortion and sex education in Poland

In the past week, on 15 and 16 April 2020, Poland's Parliament decided to debate two draft bills that would severely limit access to safe abortion care and would criminalize the provision of sexuality education. If enacted into law these bills would place women's and adolescents' health and well-being at risk and violate Poland's international human rights obligations.

The bills were introduced only a week prior for discussion in the Polish Parliament. It seemed to have been suggested in the context of COVID-19, in which it is not possible for women to take to the streets in large numbers because of the lockdown measures. Previous versions of this bill were put forward in 2016 and led to huge "Black" protests. Women's rights defenders in Poland and elsewhere gathered now massively online through national petitions, social media actions and an international statement with more than 100 organizations backing it, including WIDE+ and some member associations.

The bills together with two other proposals have been directed to further work in commissions. **The website "Our Common Cause"** coordinated by WIDE+ member and feminist researcher, teacher and activist Jennifer Ramme has published [an in-depth article on what is at stake in Poland](#), in English, German and Polish.

**Click here for the [Joint NGO statement Poland regressive bills April 2020](#).**

**[Download here the indepth article 'When global pandemic isnt enough', on the draft bills discussed in the Polish Parliament past week.](#)**



## COVID-19 and Feminism

WIDE+ is regularly updating its page on COVID-19, while seeking out other initiatives with whom we can integrate our resources in the future. [Kindly find our current collection of resources here.](#) We will include more calls and information from members in the coming updates.

## Support and share: the Women Collectives' initiatives in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Women collectives from the West Zone of Rio de Janeiro self organized together a

solidaritycampaign – [Teia de Solidariedade Zona Oeste](#) - to attend invisibilized communities in the poorest area of Rio city, which already face serious consequences from the Coronavirus crisis.

[The campaign has been internationalized](#) to potentialize the capacity of the women collectives to attend those families, many of them single mothers (allerting that violence against women rose 9% in Brazil after the crisis installed in the country). They are collectives mostly composed by black women living in the West Zone of Rio and who historically act on several popular anti-racist, anti-sexist and anti-capitalist fronts.

The campaign has already reached more than 30 families, but they need more support to continue delivering emergency food and hygiene items to much more people who have lost their little income amidst the neglect of the Brazilian State.

[Donate to support](#)

[View here a video for further information](#)

Tweet for awareness and support: #hurryagainsthungry, #lifeaboveprofit, #teiaodesolidariedadeZO, #ZOsolidária

This initiative is supported by WIDE+ member Ana Alvarenga de Castro. If you would like to get in touch with her for more information, kindly write to Gea Meijers ([gea.meijers23@gmail.com](mailto:gea.meijers23@gmail.com)).



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