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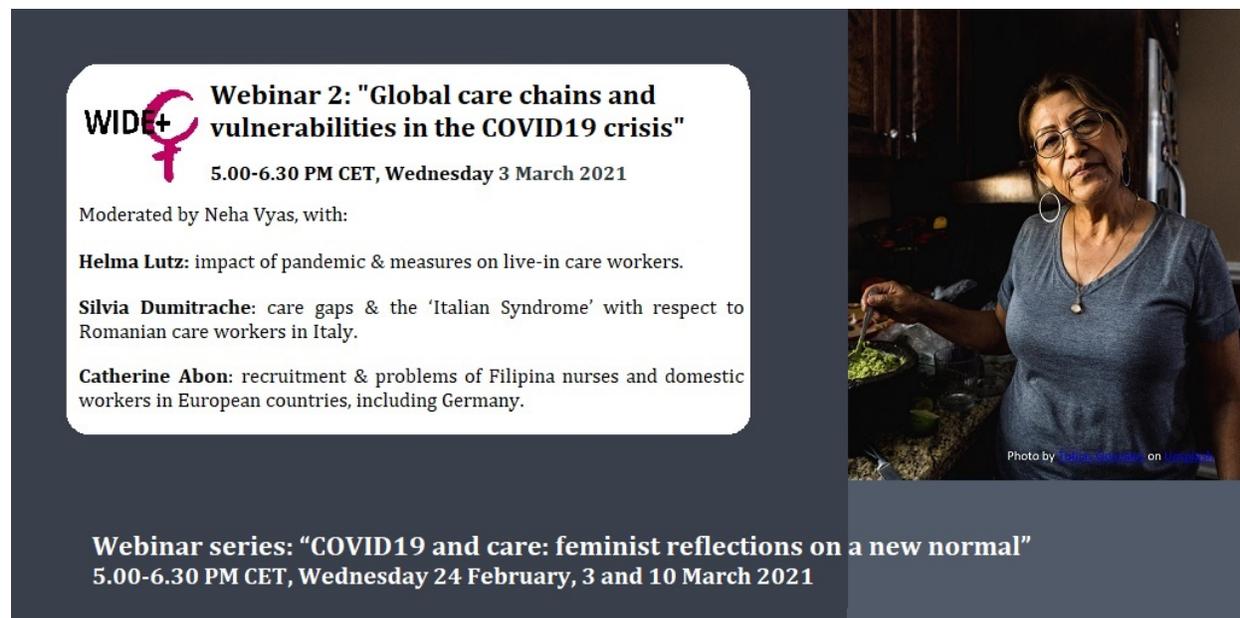
## Webinar: "Global care chains and vulnerabilities in the COVID19 crisis" (ENG - ESP)

3 March, 5.00-6.30 PM CET, 2021, available in English and Spanish  
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In the context of the WIDE+ series: "COVID19 and care: Feminist reflections on a New normal", this online webinar reflects on the underlying structural crisis of social reproduction and the structural problems of global care chains and migrant care work.

Global care chains are based on gender, class/caste, ethnic/racial and North/South inequalities and provide a kind of spatial fix of the crisis. Transnational care chains withdraw care capacities and emotional work from the Global South and shift care energy from poorer to more affluent households, from poor to richer countries. Migrant care workers are in a precarious position with regard to labour relations and rights, and in a dilemma of providing care and emotions to their employer or patient and their own transnational family at the same time. The Corona pandemic has deepened this dilemma, has depleted care energies and torn apart the care workers.

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**WIDE+** **Webinar 2: "Global care chains and vulnerabilities in the COVID19 crisis"**  
 5.00-6.30 PM CET, Wednesday 3 March 2021

Moderated by Neha Vyas, with:

**Helma Lutz:** impact of pandemic & measures on live-in care workers.

**Silvia Dumitrache:** care gaps & the 'Italian Syndrome' with respect to Romanian care workers in Italy.

**Catherine Abon:** recruitment & problems of Filipina nurses and domestic workers in European countries, including Germany.

**Webinar series: "COVID19 and care: feminist reflections on a new normal"**  
 5.00-6.30 PM CET, Wednesday 24 February, 3 and 10 March 2021

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### Speakers:

- **Helma Lutz** will shed light on the impact of pandemic on the live-in care workers and the COVID related transnational policies employed for such workers.

She is a professor of women's and gender studies at the Department of Social Sciences at the Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany, and has been acting director of this university's Cornelia Goethe Centre for Women's and Gender Studies since 2015. Her long record of research is concerned with the intersection of gender, migration, ethnicity and nationality in European societies. Her work is available in Dutch, German, English, Spanish, Greek, Polish and French. Her publications include 7 monographs, 14 (co-) edited books: <http://www.fb03.uni-frankfurt.de/44675902>

- **Silvia Dumitrache** will discuss the 'Italian Syndrome' with respect to Romanian care workers in Italy, along with the care gap created in Romania.

She works in the social, cross-cultural and communication fields. A Romanian native, living in Italy since 2003, she is the founder and president of the Romanian Women's Association in Italy – [A.D.R.I.](#) . She voluntarily coordinates a transnational project in support of migrant families, is constantly involved in social solidarity, networking, facilitation, and advocacy activities for assuming responsibility to safeguard the rights of children, women and the migratory family. She is also member of the Romanian Women's Lobby, of the Romanian Independent Working Group against Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling and a founder member of the Association Città Mondo in Milan.

- **Catherine Abon** will speak about the problems Filipina nurses and domestic workers face in different European countries and about the recruitment strategies by the German state on the Philippines.

Being a scientist, teacher, and activist, she is based in Germany since 2011 and continues her political work focusing on women's and migrants' rights. She is a member of the progressive Filipino women's organization Gabriela Germany, and of the Interim Council of the Europe-wide April 28 Coalition [for Migrants' and Refugees' Rights and Welfare].

**This second webinar is moderated by Neha Vyas**, scholar in law, completing a PHD research around labour laws and unpaid care work.

*A full biography of the speakers can be found on [our website](#).*

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**About the Webinar Series: “COVID19 and care: Feminist reflections on a New normal”, 5.00-6.30 PM CET, Wednesday 24 February, 3 and 10 March 2021**

The COVID19 pandemic has highlighted one of the main tenets of feminist economics, namely the central place of care for societal and economic wellbeing. This webinar series addresses the gendered impact of COVID and recovery measures on the unpaid & paid care, global care chains and women’s rights including sexual and reproductive rights.

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