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Webinar: "authoritarian regimes using COVID19 to curb civic rights, labour standards and women's rights", 10 March, 5.00-6.45 PM CET, 2021

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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 how authoritarian regimes and elites are using the insecure and uncertain situation during the pandemic to advance the state's monopoly on the use of force, militarization and de-democratization to further marginalise and exclude part of the population, downgrading women, indigenous people, LGBTIQ people and poor classes to secondary citizens with high risks to their livelihoods and lives.

Poland is an outstanding example how the state instrumentalised the COVID19 crisis to adopt a strict abortion law against the declared will of the majority of its female citizens. In El Salvador there was a further militarisation and instrumentalisation of women. In Indonesia and India new labour laws were introduced to accelerate the economic recovery at the cost of labourers. At the same time, women report that these drastic measures of securitisation and surveillance do not provide them with protection in the frequent cases of sexualized violence. In Ghana, the pandemic has also impacted the undermining of LGBT+ rights.



WIDE+ Webinar: "authoritarian regimes using COVID19 to curb civic rights, labour standards and women's rights"

5.00-6.45 PM CET, Wednesday, 10 March, 2021

Moderated by Christa Wichterich, with:

- **Jennifer Ramme:** Polish state, SRHR & re-traditionalisation of gender roles.
- **Kartika Manurung:** Indonesia, new laws, criminalizing protests, SRHR & the re-traditionalization of gender roles.
- **Roslyn Mould:** Ghana, the LGBT+ Community & activism and this pandemic.
- **Roxana Calderon:** El Salvador, militarisation & instrumentalisation of women.

Webinar series: "COVID and care: Feminist reflections on a New normal"

Speakers (full bios available at our [website](#)):

- **Jennifer Ramme will speak on the Polish state's attack on and curtailing of women's sexual and reproductive rights, its anti-feminism and re-traditionalisation of gender roles in the framework of right wing familism.**

Ramme is researcher at the European University Viadrina (Germany) and Collegium Polonicum (Poland) and member of the Institute for European Studies (IFES). She has widely published on sexual and gender politics, right-wing populism, familism and familist nationalism, LGBTQ* and feminist movements and protest in Poland.

- **Roxana Calderon covers the further militarisation and the instrumentalisation of women to cope with social tensions and social costs in El Salvador.**

Calderón is a master's student of Global Political Economy and Development at the University of Kassel, Germany. Originally from El Salvador, Calderón counts with over 10 years of work experience in multinational corporations and development agencies. The central point of her research is within the feminist paradigm, for the most part on Global Care Chains of Central American Migrants.

- **Kartika Manurung will talk about the new labour, taxation and land grabbing laws in Indonesia that were pushed during COVID while criminalizing protests, and the re-traditionalization of gender roles that has also impacts on sexual and reproductive rights.**

Manurung is a feminist, activist, scholar who had been involved in palm oil workers organizing work in Indonesia since 2008. She has worked with international trade unions, rural women organizations, and human rights initiatives in accordance to support the right of workers, land rights of the peasant and indigenous people; principal human rights for all. She is a member of FBLP Trade Union and SBPI.

- **Roslyn Mould will speak about the ways in which in Ghana LGBT+ Community and activism has been affected during this pandemic.**

Mould is a board member of LGBT+ rights Ghana. For the past decade she has been board member, president and secretary of national and international humanist associations and networks. As President of Humanist Association of

Ghana she helped to build the young group to become the umbrella organization for non-religious groups in Ghana and the biggest allies to the LGBTI+ community and feminist movement in Ghana.

This webinar is moderated by Christa Wichterich, a researcher, activist and writer that is currently also teaching at the University of Kassel.

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. You can view the previous webinars at our website: www.wideplus.org.



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