

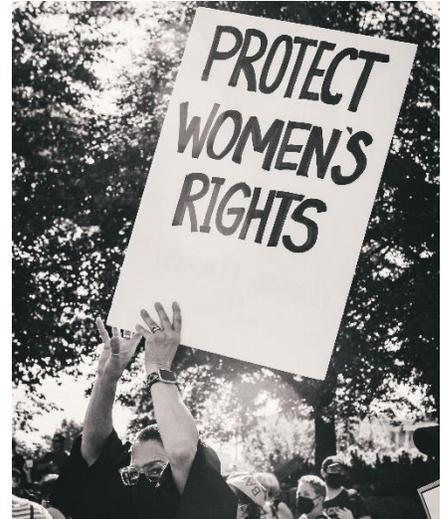
THE RIGHT TO LIVE FREE FROM VIOLENCE

A Feminist Gathering Organised by WIDE+ and International Women Space

Berlin, 27 November 2021

A life free of violence and discrimination is the right of every woman!

To commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, Women in Development Europe+ (WIDE+) and International Women Space (IWS) are pleased to invite you to join our feminist gathering where we will discuss the persistence of violence against migrant women in Europe, and our collective response and resistance against violence, in all its aspects, gender-based, structural and/or institutional violence. Join us in this conversation!



EVENT SCHEDULE

9:15 AM: Event registration

9:30AM: Welcome greetings and performance by Lorena Aragón

10AM – 11:30AM:
Panel Dialogue: “Impact of COVID-19 on Violence Against Migrant Women”

11:30AM – 11:45AM: Break

11:45AM – 12:15PM: Ice-Breaker Activity, Speed Networking

12:15PM – 1:00PM:
Presentations on “Interconnectedness of Global Processes on Gender, Migration and Feminist Climate Justice for Hope” & “Impact on Families of Care Workers in Sending Countries”

1:00PM – 2:00PM: Catered lunch (vegetarian)

2:00PM – 4:00PM: World Café Session on Resistance against Violence

4:00PM: Event ends

Where: Oyoun, Lucy-Lameck-Str. 32,
12049 Berlin

Time: 9:15AM – 4:00 PM

**PLEASE BRING A PICTURE, POEM, ART,
HANDIWORK, ETC, SOMETHING WE CAN PUT
UP ON THE WALL TO BUILD A COLLECTIVE
COLLAGE TO SHOW OUR RESISTANCE
AGAINST VIOLENCE!**

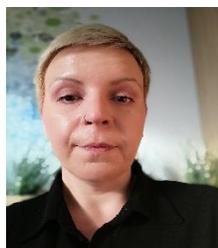
IMPORTANT:

- The EU COVID Certificate (for proof of vaccination, AND a negative COVID-19 test) will be checked at the entrance of the event room.
- Masks are mandatory.
- There will be safe distancing seating arrangements.

About the Panel Dialogue: “Impact of COVID-19 on Violence Against Migrant Women”

Dubbed as the “shadow pandemic”, violence against women increased during COVID-19 lockdowns all around the world. This panel dialogue aims to discuss in particular the experiences of migrant women and girls, including refugees, domestic workers, those part of family reunification, undocumented, etc. in Europe.

The speakers are:



Marija Pantelić, NGO Atina, Serbia

Marija has been a part of NGO Atina's team for 10 years now, with extensive experience in work with women and girls. In 2015, when over a million persons passed through the Balkan transit route, she was working as a case manager in Atina's mobile teams at the border with Macedonia. Later on, she was engaged in the provision of empowerment workshops for refugee women and girls within the asylum and reception centres. Marija has also been involved in building capacities of other actors working with the refugee population and was among the facilitators of Atina's trainings on the topic of child protection and intersectional cooperation.



Jennifer Kamau, International Women Space, Germany

International Women Space is an anti-racist feminist group consisting of refugee and migrant women as well as women without this experience. The group was formed during the occupation of Oranienplatz (a square in Berlin's district of Kreuzberg) and the Gehart-Hauptmann School in Berlin-Kreuzberg. IWS fosters solidarity and cooperation among migrant women, publishes books and organizes campaigns, protests and conferences on the topics of seeking asylum and migrant women's struggles. In 2017, IWS organized a two-day conference in Berlin "Als ich nach Deutschland kam" (When I came to Germany). IWS is supporting women in asylum centres, among others, during the COVID pandemic.

In the panel, Jennifer will share experiences of migrant and refugee women in accommodation centres in and around Berlin called 'lagers', and what it was like for them during the pandemic.



Elena Floriani, Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE) Network, Austria

Elena Floriani holds a Bachelor's degree in Cultural mediation and a Master's degree in Comparative international relations. After study and work experiences in Italy, France, Germany, Tanzania and Austria, she joined the WAVE Team in May 2019. In the last years, Elena made of her

interest in feminism and women's rights her area of research and work.

Before joining WAVE in her current position, Elena worked for one of WAVE's members, the domestic violence intervention centre of Vienna. Elena is currently working at WAVE as Project and Research Leader, coordinating the production of the bi-annual WAVE Country Report, a key publication presenting the situation of women's support services in 46 European countries. Moreover, she is coordinating, implementing and supporting WAVE's international project work.

In the panel discussion, Elena will share WAVE's perspective as a European network of women's support services, with a focus on the impact of COVID-19 on these services (such as women's shelters, helplines, centres, sexualised violence support services).



Silvina Monteros Obelar, Red Latinas, Spain

Silvina Monteros Obelar is a migrant from Argentina, and has lived in Spain for 25 years. She has a PhD in Social Anthropology and is a professor at the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Granada. She is a member of the Latin American and Caribbean Women's Network. This Network integrates 13 associations led by migrant women in Spain. This Network carries out advocacy work, making visible the situation of migrant women and their barriers to accessing rights. The Network maintains an alliance with AIETI, a cooperation association with Latin America, with which it has carried out qualitative and quantitative research on gender violence in migrant women, entitled "Pull the Thread". The results of the research show an overrepresentation of migrant women in the data on gender violence in Spain and, at the same time, an underrepresentation in the data on migrant victims who access protection, legal, economic and care resources. For migrant women it is more difficult to get out of situations of violence due to their situation of inequality.

In the panel discussion, she will present the main results of this study, as well as the effects of COVID on the migrant population in Spain.

Moderator of the Panel Dialogue:



Laura Albu, President of Romanian Women's Lobby, Romania

Laura Albu was Vice President of the European Women's Lobby (EWL) (2018-2021) and a member of the 2014 EWL Executive Committee, where she handled a portfolio of projects related to violence against women, anti-discrimination, asylum and diversity. Since the beginning of 2015, she has been a member of the EWL working group for the Central-Eastern European, Baltic and Balkan states. Since 2016, she has been promoting, as an expert, the Council of Europe's provisions on access to justice for women victims of gender-based violence, using the Istanbul Convention as a tool - in the Eastern Partnership (Moldova) and Arab countries. She represents Romania as an expert in the EWL European Observatory on Violence against Women (2010-2016, 2019-present) and has been the

President of the Romanian Women's Lobby in Romania since 2015. From 2000 until today she is the executive president of the Community Safety and Mediation Center Foundation in Iasi, Romania, where she coordinates projects in the field of violence against women, rural development, European cooperation and conflict resolution. A sociologist, she started her career in the non-governmental sector in 1997 as a program coordinator in the fields of legal reform, public administration reform and civil society and coordinated over 60 programs in the fields of domestic violence, social inclusion of unemployed women, rural development, cross-border initiatives, victim protection and women's rights.

Speakers for the Presentations:



Presentation on “Interconnectedness of Global Processes on Gender, Migration and Feminist Climate Justice for Hope” by Martha Salazar, Board Member of WIDE+, WIMN, KULU, Wo-Mi, Denmark

Martha is a feminist co-founder of Wo-Mi Women Migrants in Denmark this year, as well as an activist member of WIMN the global Women in Migration Network, a collective effort amplifying the agency of women, where she follows Climate Change and Migration. She has a law degree from Copenhagen University (2015) and Colombia (1989) and she has working experiences with issues of Women Human and Economic Rights, Peace, Water, Natural resources and Afro descendants and Indigenous peoples. Her interest lies in social movements dynamics in mapping power shift and privileges. She finds that gender legal cultures capture (or not) intersectionality, plurality of feminism or understandings of feminisms, and the need of coherence between institutional practices, policies, and laws to not (re)produce inequalities, all forms of violence and daily narratives that influence our and others' lives.



Presentation on “Impact on Families of Care Workers in Sending Countries” by Silvia Dumitrache, Founder, ADRI Association, Italy

Silvia 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 – ADRI, 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 transnational families. Ms. Dumitrache is a member of the Romanian Women's Lobby, of the Romanian Independent Working Group against Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling, of Migration & Gender Working Group of WIDE+, of the ADU - Associazione per i Diritti Umani and a founder member of the Association Città Mondo in Milan.

About the Performing Artist:



Lorena Aragón, Colombian performance artist, director and dancer.

Lorena studied at the Instituto Departamental de Bellas Artes in Cali (Colombia). She has been active in the theater for over 15 years (including with the groups: “Esfenoides Teatro”, “Barco Ebrio”, “Ensamblaje Teatro”), in cinema productions (“Bis” [Bogotá], “La Sangre y la Lluvia” [Bogotá], “ Meet two ”[Berlin], among others), in television productions (Telemundo, Caracol TV, Fox, among others). She recently starred and produced a performance for Solidarity Action for Colombia in Berlin.

World Café Session on Resistance Against Violence:

The World Café is a collaborative discussion methodology that brings groups of people together to cross-pollinate ideas and enhance their capacity for creative and collaborative thinking.

To engage in a ground-up discussion around **resistance against violence** and to ensure interactions amongst participants, there will be **3 rounds of conversation**, each round addressing a different discussion prompt. Rounds begin with 4–6 participants seated together at group tables. Each table has markers and papers, to provide a shared space for participants to take notes and sketch as they're inspired during the conversation. These markings become artifacts of each round as the conversation builds from one prompt to the next. Each round takes 20 mins or so.

At the close of each round, participants form new groups around other tables, bringing with them the unique perspectives, ideas, and thoughts surfaced in the prior round. When participants arrive at their new table, they are greeted by a table host. Instead of transitioning to a different table, the table host stays behind to inform the incoming group about key insights from the previous conversation. This ensures that the collective intelligence of the group grows and evolves, sparking new ideas and discoveries.

Be ready to participate! Our feminist resistance is only stronger as we share, exchange, and learn from each other!

About the Organisers:

Women in Development Europe+ (WIDE+):

WIDE+ is a European network of associations and activists that fights for women's rights, as part of a larger struggle for social justice, sustainable livelihoods and human rights. We advocate changing European policies that affect people in and outside of Europe. WIDE+ promotes inclusive and intersectional feminist movement building in Europe, in solidarity with feminists in the global South.

This event is organised through the Migration and Gender Working Group of WIDE+. This Working Group implements projects that promotes migrant feminist movement building throughout Europe, and it engages in collective actions to promote the rights of migrant women and girls.

www.wideplus.org

International Women* Space (IWS):

IWS is a feminist, anti-racist political group in Berlin with migrant and refugee women and non-migrant women as members. We fight patriarchy and document everyday violence, racism, sexism and all kinds of discrimination.

IWS is a member of the Migration and Gender Working Group of WIDE+.

www.iwspace.de

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