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Do you have any suggestions on what to share with members? Email us at: info@wide-network.org.

WIDE+ 2022 ONLINE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:
15 November 4-5 PM CET, Zoom

When: 4pm - 5pm CET
Location: on Zoom per registration
Whom: Members and Observers

Internal page with documents, password: WIDE+2021. Documents will be added in the coming two weeks.

Agenda:
4:00 pm - Opening and introduction
4:05 pm - Listing of voting members for quorum, (list to include when members have registered with the number of votes and another list of members to establish the quorum)
4:10 pm - Approval of minutes of WIDE+ General Assembly (GA) 2021 and extraordinary GA 2022
4:15 pm - Approval of WIDE+ annual narrative report 2021
4:25 pm - Approval of WIDE+ annual financial report 2021 and audit committee reports.
4:35 pm - Elections into Board and Caucus
4:50 pm - Approval of new members
5:00 pm - End

Vote by representation
Each member may be represented by another member acting through a proxy. A member or representative of a member association may carry a maximum of two proxy votes in addition to his/her own vote(s). Proxy vote(s) can be passed onwards by
Join the WIDE+ Board and/or Caucus

We would like to invite members to join our governance and strategizing bodies. They are worth joining and it doesn't require much time investment.

Joining the board requires a commitment to joining **6 online board meetings for 1,5 hours** as far as possible. It also includes some in-between communication. **The Caucus meets online around 4-5 times a year, for 1,5 hours.** We would especially welcome members of the working groups as this body is responsible for developing the strategic direction of the network.

Board members represent their own views; the board relies on the different experiences and diverse backgrounds of members to come to sound, ethical decisions.

For any further information about joining the board and/or caucus, please write to Gea Meijers, info@wide-network.org

**WIDE+ is seeking volunteers to review its 2022 financial accounts**

There is still room for additional members (including members of member organizations) to join our online audit committee. The task of the audit committee members is to review WIDE+ receipts and financial accounts that are all available online. This will require a few hours of volunteer work at the most. A report with the conclusions and recommendations of the audit committee members will be shared with the members at the General Assembly. Those that are interested can contact Gea Meijers at info@wide-network.org.

**Now Available: Recordings of web-seminar series, "Cómo nos afecta a las mujeres el libre comercio entre Europa y México? / How does free trade between Europe and Mexico affect women?"**
Co-moderator of the web-seminar series, Maria Atilano

This online series is organized in name of a large EU-Mexico Civil Society Coalition through the active support and collaboration of WIDE+. The series is co-moderated by Maria Atilano, and WIDE+ and GADIP board member Edmé Dominguez.

First web-seminar on 6 October: ‘Mujeres trabajadoras en industrias y campo / Women working in the (agro-)industries”
To watch the recording in Spanish go to: https://youtu.be/QvqQ-APRY1I/ and for the English interpretation, go to: https://youtu.be/H-wmbPBezao

Second web-seminar on 13 October: “Mujeres indígenas-campesinas, tierras territorios, agua, extractivismo, medio ambiente / Indigenous and peasant women, the land, extractivism, and the environment”
To watch the recording in Spanish, go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5tycMJvjCY and for the English interpretation, go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ry0rJ2tuDmw

You can join the final webseminar in this series on Wednesday 19 October at 6 PM CEST. TOPIC: "Mujeres Derechos Humanos, Violencia, Feminicidios, Trata de personas, migración militarización / Women’s human rights: violence, feminicides, trafficking, migration and militarization"

Register here
WIDE+ signed a Letter in Rejection of the IMF Strategy Toward Mainstreaming Gender

A group of like-minded organizations worked collectively to draft a letter in rejection of the IMF Strategy Toward Mainstreaming Gender, approved by the IMF Board on July 22, 2022. WIDE+ has signed this letter in support of its strong message to reject this pink-washing exercise that implies, in real terms, an expansion of the IMF’s presence at the national level in developing countries.

It is widely known that the IMF is deepening inequalities in the Global South by means of imposing detrimental macroeconomic conditions related to fiscal consolidation, inflation targeting and structural adjustments, while also catering to the interests of powerful countries and financial market actors. The Gender Strategy aims at financializing the lives of women, especially those more marginalized and discriminated against, while imposing further conditionalities on developing countries, reducing their fiscal space and pushing further a colonial dynamic. If the IMF is really concerned about structural gender inequalities, it should then carry out an internal human rights/gender equality/environmental integrity impact assessment, and revisit its inherent bias towards fiscal consolidation.

The deadline to endorse this letter is October 21st, 2022. You can sign the letter at this link.
Upcoming Public Lecture Series: Gender and Sexuality in (Post)Socialist Europe and the Validity of "East/West Divides": does such division still exist and why?

The European University Viadrina - and online, starting from 24 October

WIDE+ member, Jennifer Ramme, is extending an invitation to all members and partners of the network to a lecture series hosted by the European University Viadrina. The lectures will explore what are the specific contributions to gender equality or gender and sexual emancipation in the former communist countries of Europe/Central Asia and what is still present or has lingering effects today. And last but not least, we want to discuss whether it is justified to speak of “Eastern” or “Western European” ideas, problems and developments, or if rather a transregional European or even global perspective is needed in regards to grasp today’s struggles around gender and sexuality. The events will take place on Mondays from 24 October 2022 until January 23 2023, from 6 pm to 8 pm CET in a hybrid format (room LH 101/102, Zoom).

To register for the events, email Jennifer at: ramme@europa-uni.de. Kindly download the full programme here. For further information on the lecture series and speakers, please click here.

WIDE+ is a partner for the last two lectures of this series:
• 9 January 2023, 6-8pm (hybrid format):
Polish Communist Women in the Long Sixties: What Is Left of Their Experience for Leftist Feminism in Today's Poland?
Speakers: Agnieszka Mrozik (Phd, Institute of Literary Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences/Poland). Commentary (online); and Natali Stegmann (prof. of History, Universität Regensburg)

• 23 January 2023, 6-8pm (hybrid format):
Queer Encounters with Communist Power: Non-Heterosexual Lives and the State in Czechoslovakia, 1948-1989
Speaker: Věra Sokolová (Associate Professor of History and Head of the Graduate Program in Gender Studies, Charles University, Czech Repl.)

Continuities and Discontinuities of Feminist Thought and the “East/West Divide”: the case of Czech Society and Culture
Speaker: Libora Oates-Indruchová (Prof. of Sociology, University of Graz Austria)

GENERAL NEWS

Join the online events of the EIGE Gender Equality Forum 2022, 24-25 October

#3StepsForward is EIGE’s campaign to promote gender equality

The Forum unites a collective of high-level political decision-makers, practitioners and members of civil society. It is a key milestone in EIGE’s #3StepsForward campaign to build an economy that works for women, men, girls and boys in all their diversity. The event features various panel discussions, practical workshops, and experience-sharing sessions. To see the agenda of the Forum, click here.

All open sessions of the Gender Equality Forum 2022 will be live-streamed on social media. A handful of sessions in the Forum agenda are marked as closed or on-site only, and will not be live-streamed. To follow the live streaming, please, register here to receive reminders, link to live-streaming as well as updates on the Forum. Alternatively,
visit this event website or EIGE’s Facebook profile on 24 and 25 October to watch the live-streaming without any registration. Follow the event updates on social media #EGEF2022.
Publication by Equinox: "Ending Fortress Europe: Recommendations For a Racial Justice Approach to EU Migration Policy"

Podcast Series by FAIR SHARE of Women Leaders and the Heinrich Böll Foundation, "A Pathway Towards Feminist Global Collaboration"

What do we take for granted about “international development”? How could feminist approaches challenge and transform the current development narrative? What would global collaboration based on gender, racial, environmental and economic justice – rather than a drive for profit and colonial legacies – look like? Over the course of five episodes, this new series seeks to contribute to the current debate on feminist development and foreign policy in Germany and the Global North more broadly.

Upcoming webinar, "Women, we advance in our path towards feminist peace" by WILPF and Limpal Colombia, 21 Oct, 3pm CET

This event will reflect on the past, present, and future of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Colombia, including the opportunities and challenges for developing a 1325 National Action Plan and addressing the gaps in implementation of the Final Agreement between the government and the FARC-EP. To register for the event, click here.

New Briefing by Debt Justice, "Why Climate Justice Must Include Debt Justice"
UN CSW67 Registration is Now Open

Registration for ECOSOC-accredited NGOs is now open from 7 October 2022 till 27 January 2023. Click here to register.

The 67th session of the Commission on the Status of Women will take place from 6 to 17 March 2023 and will consider the priority theme of, "Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls".

This joint paper pulls together key information on the debt and climate crisis nexus, and outlines policy positions on solutions with recommendations for decision-makers to act. Alongside Climate Action Network International and others, this paper is designed as a tool to further explore the debt climate nexus, and as a tool for advocacy in the run-up to, and during, COP27.

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