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

WIDE Webinar: "Indigenous struggle against the white gold rush in the Andes" (ENG/ESP)

This webinar offers an online dialogue with an indigenous human rights activist, a lawyer and WIDE+ member Patricia Muñoz Cabrera about the threat of Europe's energy transition to the ecosystems and livelihoods of indigenous people and the fight for their rights, focusing on Chile. It is organized by WIDE+ caucus member WIDE in Austria.

Thursday, 27th of July, 2023, 5 pm (CEST)

Online by zoom: [registration link](#)

(https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_J2dDTQbMSU2Gk8s_-GYDsg#/registration)

Languages: **English and Spanish** (simultaneous translation)

More information: <https://wide-netzwerk.at/veranstaltung/webinar-indigenous-struggle-against-the-white-gold-rush-in-the-andes/>

Speakers

Ercilia Araya Altamirano, indigenous leader from the Maricunga salt flats in Chile will recount her community's struggle against mining and for biodiversity, water and their way of life.

Ariel León Bacián, a Chilean lawyer and expert in indigenous rights, won a legal case against lithium exploitation from the Maricunga flats in 2022.

Patricia Muñoz Cabrera, a researcher and consultant on equality & intersectionality in international cooperation, will contextualize the extractivism in the Andes to EU policies.



Facilitation: Joachim Raich, spokesperson for global supply chains at Südwind (Vienna)

Background

The salt flats of Chile, Argentina, Bolivia (“the white triangle”) hold more than 75% of the world’s lithium deposits. To combat the climate crisis, most countries have committed to move from fossil fuel-intensive to clean energy systems. But the rush towards a “green transition” through trade and investment in “critical minerals” still relies on the extraction of minerals and goes hand in hand with environmental destruction and violations of human rights. Mining companies use so much water that too little is for the ecosystem and local people’s livelihoods.

Hosting means that arranging the venue, technical aspects, catering, helping with accommodation, etc. will be your responsibility. You do not have to design the programme by yourself - that will be in the hands of a programme committee. But of course you or anyone from your organization is very welcome to join the committee. WIDE+ will take responsibility to write fundraising proposals. Though your collaboration with fundraising would be greatly appreciated.

As Movement Building Group, we would love to receive your expression of interest to act as a host and your thought how you would approach the organization of the event. Also if you have doubts, we would love to hear it.

Click here for the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q6BGWCZ>.

Stop the EU-Mexico and EU-Mercosur Free Trade Agreements: WIDE+ co-organizer Trade Justice Events on the margins of the EU CELAC Summit



The WIDE+ Gender and Trade Working Group, as a member of the EU-LAC working group, is focusing to halt current Free Trade Negotiations between the EU and countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. It has been one of the co-organizing members for the alternative Trade Justice Events during the recent EU-ECLAC Forum between ministers of the EU and the ECLAC countries.

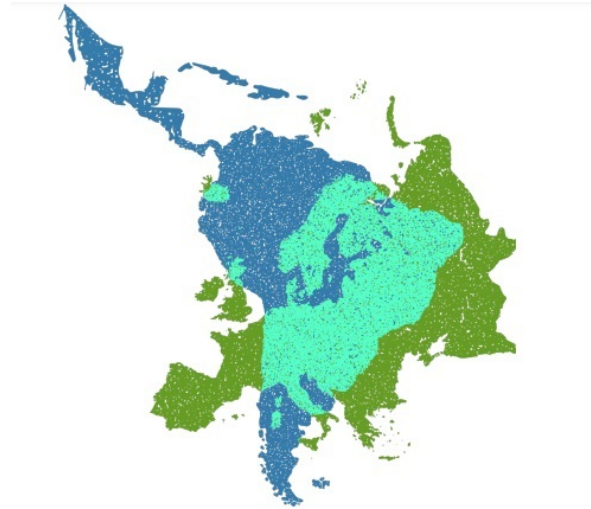
On 17 and 18 July several WIDE+ members participated online and face to face. The meetings brought many activists across Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean

People can re-watch the [public event in the European Parliament](#) with many testimonies from experts and activists in the ECLAC countries.

Position Paper by the EU-LAC Working Group "Latin, America, Caribbean and the EU: towards a real renewed

partnership"

This position paper outlines the contours of an alternative, environmental sustainable, and human rights based partnership between the EU and CELAC countries. It asks to establish a real renewed political partnership that promotes an open civic space for a vibrant democracy. Such partnership should move towards an EU-LAC agenda that puts the fight against inequalities at its centre as well as a Green and Just Transition for both regions. This means just and sustainable investment and trade agreements.

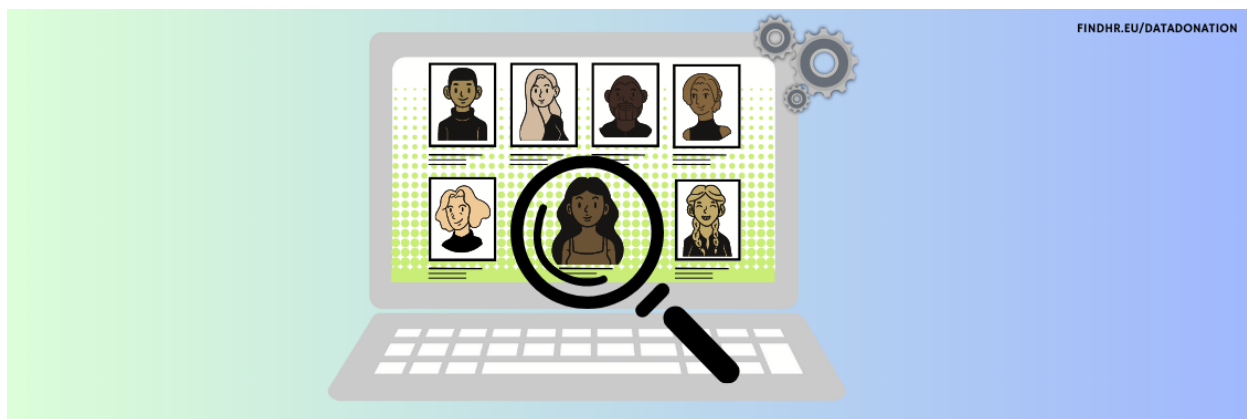


Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union: towards a real renewed political partnership.
Civil society proposals to strengthen the bi-regional relationship

Document by the EU-LAC Working Group for the EU's New Agenda towards Latin America and the Caribbean and its bi-regional strategy

WIDE+ is member of the working group that published it: <https://wideplus.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Position-Paper-EULAC-WG-1.pdf>

Help us fight injustice in online hiring! CV Donation Campaign for FINDHR project NOW IN GERMAN AND SPANISH



The announcement for the online CV donation campaign is now also available in German, Spanish (@www.wideplus.org) and Catalan: findhr.eu/datadonation.

Companies are increasingly using automated systems to help select job applications. These systems rely on algorithms. Many case studies show that the implementation of automated systems leads to discrimination of marginalized groups, including women,

and most of all people that face intersected discrimination. That means there is less chance of them getting a decent job compared to others.

WIDE+ wants to change that - together with partners - by developing tools to detect and avoid injustices in online job application processes! To do so, we need CVs to test how such injustices creep into job selection algorithms. Based on those real CVs, the project creates artificial CVs that will be used to develop methods against discrimination.

To donate your CV, click [here](#).

["FINDHR - Fairness and Intersectional Non-Discrimination in Human Recommendation](#) is a collaboration between lead Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona), Universiteit van Amsterdam, Università di Pisa, Radboud Universiteit, Max Planck Institute for Security and Privacy, Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, Praksis, Randstad, Adevinta, ETUC, AlgorithmWatch CH and of course WIDE+.

WIDE+ signed on to: "Yes to Yasuní Park In Ecuador - Climate Justice Now!"

On 20 August 2023, the people of Ecuador are called to a historic referendum: they will decide whether oil exploitation should be extended into the heart of the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest or banned there forever. In the Yasuni National Park, the region in question, there are more species of trees and shrubs on a single hectare than on the entire North American continent.

Those of us who sign this letter express our respect and gratitude to the Yasunidos youth movement and to all the social groups in Ecuador who, after almost 10 years of struggle, are making this referendum possible.

Join WIDE+, as organisation or individual, and sign the statement:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe400OgDrA85TjLttlmLi7VHnICTi_pzI7ENicqAM9CI9BLHg/viewform

Members and Partners News

You can order this new book: “Who Cares?: Care Extraction and the Struggles of Indian Health Workers”, by WIDE+ Member Christa Wichterich



From left to right: Patricia Muñoz Cabrera, Christa Wichterich, Evgenia Ivanova, and Claudia Thallmayer.

You can now order the new book by WIDE+ co-founder and member Christa Wichterich on: “Who Cares?: Care Extraction and the Struggles of Indian Health Workers”.

For more information:

<https://zubaanbooks.com/shop/who-cares-care-extraction-and-the-struggles-of-indian-health-workers/Ge>

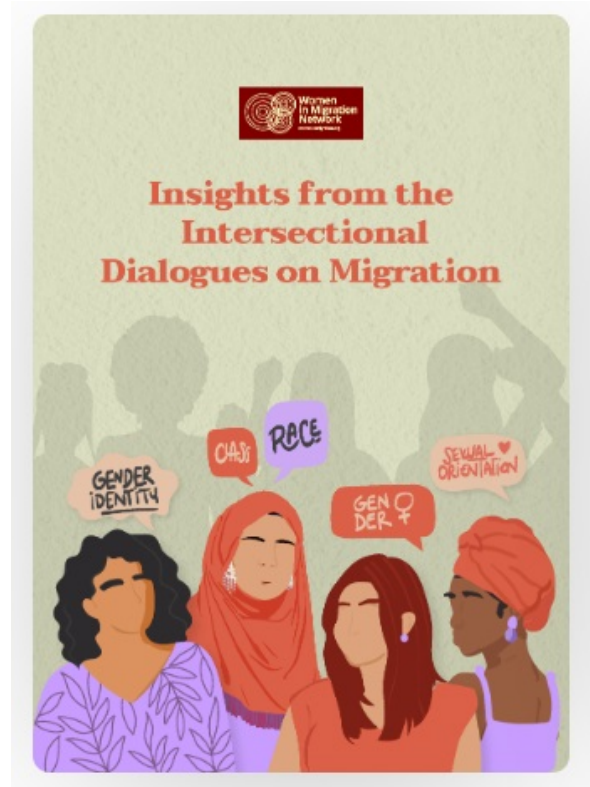
Copies for distribution in Europe can be requested by contacting Christa Wichterich. Costs including shipping are 18 Euro. [wichterich\(at\)femme-global.de](mailto:wichterich(at)femme-global.de), www.femme-global.de

General News

New Publication: Insights from the Intersectional Dialogues on Migration

This new publication reflects analysis that was developed through different regional consultations, discussing from an intersectional perspective migration. WIDE+ was a co-organizer to the regional dialogues in Europe. The publication is available in English, Spanish and French.

<https://womeninmigration.org/2023/07/report-intersectional-dialogues-on-migration/>



You can join the first ever Gender International Financial Institutions Summer School throughout August

WHAT IS THE GENDER IFI SUMMER SCHOOL?

A month of free learning sessions, featuring experienced speakers teaching how international financial institutions (IFIs) impact women's rights, plus advocacy and mobilizing tactics to rise up against them.

WHO CAN JOIN?

The summer school is free to any activist, scholar and advocate interested in learning about economic justice and IFI influencing – especially women's rights groups!

WHO IS ORGANISING THIS?

The Gender IFI collective, a group of economic justice, women's rights and IFI advocacy groups.

World Bank & IMF Gender Advocacy: History, Strategy, Tactics

Wednesday, August 2 - 12pm UTC

[Sign up](#)

- Speakers: Elaine Zuckerman (Gender Action), Amy McShane (Bretton Woods Project), Jessica Mandanda (Feminist Macro Alliance Malawi), Faith Lumonya (Akina Mama Wa Africa)

Engaging Media - Changing the Narrative

Thursday, August 3 – 1pm UTC

[Sign up](#)

- Speakers: Jessica Mandanda (Feminist Macro Alliance Malawi, Gender & Communications Specialist)

Austerity, Gender Responsive Public Services & IFIs

Part I: Austerity and Gender Responsive Public Service Delivery

Monday, August 7 – 1pm UTC

[Sign up](#)

Part II: The Role of International Financial Institutions on Austerity

Friday, August 11 – 11am UTC

[Sign up](#)

- Speakers: Wangari Kinoti (ActionAid), Dr. Lyla Latif (Tax Justice Network / University of Warwick)

Accountability, Reprisals & Reparations

Wednesday, August 16 – 1pm UTC

[Sign up](#)

- Speakers : Oxfam, Accountability Council, Gender & Development Network (TBA)

Care, Gender Inequality & the IMF

Wednesday, August 23 – 1pm UTC

[Sign up](#)

- Speakers: Roos Saalbrink (ActionAid), Klelia Guerrero (Latindadd)

Political Influencing: National Governments

Thursday, August 24 – 1pm UTC

[Sign up](#)

- Speaker: Ute Koczy (urgewald, former member of the German parliament)

Advocacy for Feminist Tax Justice

Wednesday, August 30 – 1pm UTC

[Sign up](#)

- Speakers: Aurea Mouzinho (GATJ), other members of the tax justice movement (TBA)

New Publication: [The International Anti-Gender Movement: Understanding the Rise of Anti-Gender Discourses in the Context of Development, Human Rights and Social Protection](#)

This working paper interrogates the ways anti-gender, or “pro-family”, actors and organizations are using the frameworks and language of “development” to advance arguments and policies that restrict the rights of LGBTIQ+ people and seek to limit how sexual and reproductive health and rights are understood. Backed by transnational support and funding, these actors and organizations are deploying an increasingly sophisticated narrative repertoire and using mainstream knowledge validation tools to disseminate anti-gender messages in a range of global development spaces, including the UN system.



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