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Meet WIDE+ at two Feminist Economics workshops at the IAFFE Conference, 3-5 July in Rome

TWO WORKSHOPS AT THE ROME IAFFE CONFERENCE

FEMINIST POPULAR ECONOMICS EDUCATION FOR ORGANIZING & MOVEMENT-BUILDING

THURSDAY, JULY 4, FROM 2:30 TO 4 PM, AULA 101

With **Carol Barton, Edme Dominguez, Elmira Nazombe, Jeanette Huezo, Heike Wach, Mariama Williams, Michelle Barrow, Pamela Sparr, Silke Steinhilber**

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THIS WORKSHOP WILL:

- Offer a **hands-on introduction to feminist PopEcon tools** (drawing from examples: Signs of the Economic Times – United for a Fair Economy; Popular Theater with Fisher Women in Barbados – Michele Barrow; PopEcon for empowerment with migrant women in Switzerland – WIDE Switzerland)
- Share how feminist PopEcon is being used today
- Introduce the **new Intersectional Feminist Popular Education Hub** to be based at the University of Massachusetts Campus in Amherst.
- Identify areas for **future collaboration**.

TRADE POLICIES IN THE CONTEXT OF MACRO-ECONOMIC POLICY MAKING: FEMINIST REFLECTIONS ON IMPACT, RESISTANCE AND ALTERNATIVES

THURSDAY, 4 JULY, FROM 4:25 PM TO 5:55 PM, SAPIENZA THEATRE

With **Christa Wichterich, Edmé Dominguez, Gea Meijers, Mirela Arqimandriti, Patricia Munoz Cabrera**

How does EU trade policy relate to other macro-economic policies?

The workshop highlights feminist reflections on the global resistance against new trade agreements and their encroachment on domestic policies. EU trade policy uses gender as a reference point, but in fact remains blind to the real impacts of gender inequality and is embedded in a neoliberal economic approach. The European Gender and Trade working group of WIDE+ in collaboration with partners around the world monitors EU trade policies from a feminist perspective, develops public positions and analyses alternatives.

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DOS TALLERES EN LA CONFERENCIA DE IAFFE EN ROMA

EDUCACION ECONOMICA FEMINISTA POPULAR PARA LA ORGANIZACION Y CONSTRUCCION DE MOVIMIENTOS

- UN TALLER 'MANOS A LA OBRA' (HIBRIDO)
JUEVES JULIO 4 DE LAS 2.30 PM ALAS 4 PM (TIEMPO DE ROMA) . AULA 101

Organizado por:
El espacio de Educación popular feminista Interseccional: WIDE+ Women In Development Europe+ (WIDE+ Mujeres en Desarrollo Europa) y WIDE Suiza UFE – Unidos para una Economía Justa
Voices from the Shore Theatre Collective, Voces de la Costa, Colectivo de Teatro, Barbados
Con **Carol Barton, Edme Dominguez, Elmira Nazombe, Jeanette Huezo, Heike Wach, Mariama Williams, Michelle Barrow, Pamela Sparr, Silke Steinhilber**

Dadas las crecientes crisis a nivel político y económico, revisaremos el potencial transformador de la educación popular feminista y de la educación de economía popular (PopEcon).

EL TALLER INTERACTIVO:

Ofrecera una introducción 'manos a la obra' a las herramientas del PopEcon feminista integrando a los participantes, mostrara como el PopEcon feminista es usado hoy en día e introducir el nuevo espacio de educación popular feminista interseccional por abrirse en UMass-Amherst e identificara áreas de futura colaboración.

POLÍTICAS DE COMERCIO EN EL CONTEXTO DE FORMULACION DE POLITICAS MACROECONOMICAS:

REFLEXIONES FEMINISTAS SOBRE SU IMPACTO, RESISTENCIA Y ALTERNATIVAS.
JUEVES 4 JULIO 2024 DE 4:25PM - 5:55 PM, EN TEATRO SAPIENZA

Organizado por:
WIDE+ Grupo de trabajo europeo sobre genero y comercio
Con **Christa Wichterich, Edmé Dominguez, Gea Meijers, Mirela Arqimandriti, Patricia Munoz Cabrera**

Como se relaciona la política comercial de la Unión Europea con sus políticas macroeconómicas? Este taller presenta reflexiones feministas sobre la resistencia global contra los nuevos acuerdos comerciales y sus impactos en políticas domésticas que agravan la desigualdad de género y están inmersos en un enfoque económico neoliberal. El Grupo de trabajo europeo sobre género y comercio de WIDE+ y otros aliados monitorea las políticas comerciales de la Unión Europea y elabora posicionamientos y análisis desde una perspectiva feminista.







Two Workshops at the Rome IAFFE Conference. Join us!

The first workshop is co-organized with several associations and will take place on Thursday, July 4 from 2:30 to 4 pm Rome time Aula 101 and online for IAFFE participants.

Title: "Feminist Popular Economics Education for Organizing & Movement-Building – a hands-on workshop.

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The second workshop is organized by the WIDE+ European Gender and Trade working group and will take place on Thursday, 4 July 2024 from 4:25pm - 5:55pm, Sapienza Theatre.

Title: "Trade policies in the context of macro-economic policy making: feminist reflections on impact, resistance and alternatives".

With: **Edmé Dominguez**, emeritus Associate Professor of Gothenburg University, Sweden, WIDE+ representative in the EU Domestic Advisory Groups with American countries, GADIP board member and part of different global civil society alliances for an alternative trade model.

- **TOPIC:** How do Free trade agreements of the EU (and US) with Latin America and Mexico impact women in general, and specifically in international production chains. And how do networks involving diverse organizations from both Europe and Latin America, many led by women activists, resist.

Patricia Munoz Cabrera, independent researcher and consultant, and member of WIDE+. She works as evaluator, trainer and policy advisor for European institutions and governments including EU member states, the Council of Europe (CoE), and EU Delegations globally.

- **TOPIC:** A critical assessment of the EU-Chile Trade Agreement (AFA) and its links with increased extractivism on the ground, as well as the links with the gender equality narrative and actual impact on persisting gender and intersectional inequalities on the ground. And a review of resistance strategies and proposals from indigenous, rural, and feminist organisations, examining their relevance for transformative trade policies.

Mirela Arqimandriti, director of GADC in Albania, WIDE+ board member and WG gender and trade member as well as member of the Western Balkan Gender Budgeting Group among others.

- **TOPIC:** This presentation will assess the impact of trade policy on women in employment and women entrepreneurs in Western Balkans. It will outline responses of women on these policies and how the EU's own gender sensitive trade policy is not implemented.

Gea Meijers, WIDE+ General Coordinator and member of the Gender and Trade Working Group. She is working for WIDE+ in the FINDHR consortium, which is an interdisciplinary research and innovation project to reduce gendered intersectional discrimination in online hiring.

- **TOPIC:** How trade is impacting gender inequalities in the digital economy and what could be done to address gendered intersectional discrimination in Algorithms, in particular reflecting on the FINDHR results.

Christa Wichterich, independent researcher and scholar-activist. She worked as lecturer at various German, Austrian and Swiss universities, at JNU in New Delhi, India, and at Gilan University in Rasht, Iran.

- **TOPIC:** Trade in health care work. Due to a shortage of „skilled labour” in OECD countries, states intensified the recruitment of health care professionals in the Global South through

bilateral agreements and contracts which drive the migration of care workers in Global Care Chains. It will review lived experiences and how WHO and ILO attempt to regulate these global value chains in the sphere of social reproduction, the commodification of care work and the indebtedness of the workers caused by placement agencies – without much success.

A recording will be made available after this workshop.

The Gender and Climate Justice workshop in Paris took stock of pressing issues in the ecological transition

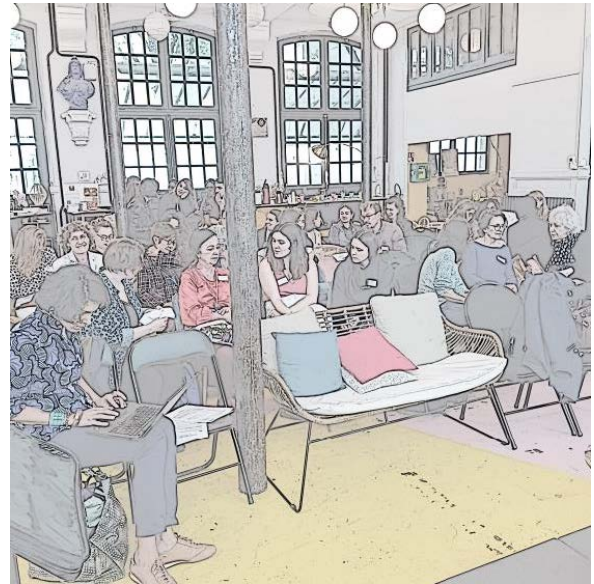
Held in Paris on 22 May, **Adéquations in cooperation with WIDE Austria and WIDE+** hosted a **workshop on Gender and Climate Justice** with around 50 attendees.

Matters discussed during the workshop included **extractivism and gender, renewable energy in the Global North and livelihoods in the Global South, intersectionality in climate policies** and more.

Attendees at the workshop, representing different **feminist, international solidarity, environmental NGOs and institutions**, contributed with some of the following remarks:

- There is a need to **continue identifying initiatives** that bring together gender, feminism and climate, and **publicise existing educational tools**.
- There is also a need to **generate "gender and climate" data** and **provide concrete practice examples**.
- The objective of ecological justice or transition **must not lead to the reinforcement of responsibilities that fall on women or generate new inequalities**.

Further audience contributions can be read in the **workshop report**, which can be accessed, alongside additional COPGendered documents, [here](#).



Members and Partners News

A democratic paradox - insights from WIDE+ member KULU's debate-café in Copenhagen



On 14 June, KULU - Women and Development hosted a **"debate-café" on migrant women's political participation** in Copenhagen, Denmark. The debate-café was co-organised with Babaylan Denmark as a multiplier event for the WE EMPOWER project that is supported by the EU Erasmus+ project and coordinated by WIDE+.



Speakers included local politicians, migrant women and civil society representatives. Among them, Lisbeth Vibe Utzon, head of the integration center Kringlebakken, highlighted:



*"It is a **democratic paradox** that there is so much talk about **the need for ethnic minorities to learn about and embrace our democratic rights** in Denmark. At the same time, **the strict integration legislation for obtaining citizenship limits how many actually can vote** in parliamentary and EU elections. Almost every tenth adult in Denmark does not have Danish citizenship and therefore cannot vote. This also applies to people who were born and raised in Denmark. **This is a democratic problem that undermines our democracy and is a major barrier to ethnic minority women's participation in society and politics.**"*

CONCORD has published their 2023 Annual Report

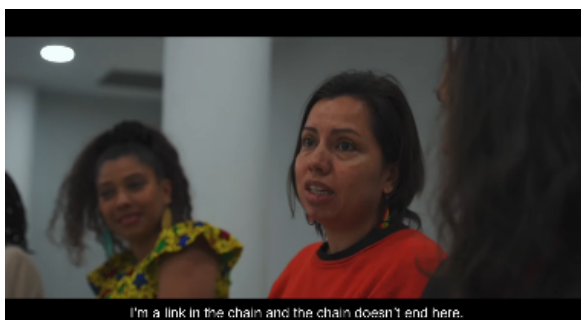
CONCORD (WIDE+ is a partner of its gender working group) has just published their **2023 Annual Report** taking stock of the Confederation's collective work through 2023 and capturing efforts made within their work priorities, publications, advocacy initiatives, and financial figures.

CONCORD is the European [Confederation](#) of NGOs working on **sustainable development and international cooperation**, made up of 57 member organisations.

Milestones for 2023 includes hosting their first Equality Day, and launching the report [Who holds the lion's share? A closer look at Global Europe Funds for CSOs](#).

Click [here](#) to access the publication.

Alianza Por La Solidaridad: "I am because we are", Forum of Migrant Women Leaders in Andalucía



On 4 May, the "**Grupo Motor Aliadas**", a group consisting of migrant women as individuals and collective formations, together with **WIDE+** partner **Alianza por la Solidaridad - ActionAid in Spain**, organised the **forum of Migrant Women Leaders** in Andalucía.

30 women from 11 migrant women's collectives from Almeria, Cadiz, Huelva, Granada, Malaga, Seville and Merida attended the event and shared their leadership experiences.

Click [here](#) to view the event's video with English subtitles.

WIDE+ member project around Potentials of alternative platform models for the domestic work sector

WIDE+ member Neha Vyas is carrying out a research project for which she completed the first leg. The report of her first field visit has been published. She was hosted by the Centre for Transformative Regulations of Work (hencefort, CENTROW) at the University of the Western Cape in South Africa.

The project intends to put forth constructive evidence-based legal & policy measures to ensure the long-term sustainability of digital labour platforms that are not investor-owned, specifically platform cooperatives in the domestic work sector in South Africa. [Read more here.](#)



General News

ENAR: European Elections: Progressiv Forces Must Unite Against Rising Far-Right Influence



In light of the 2023 European Parliamentary elections, ENAR is calling on progressive forces to "turn a challenging political environment into a powerful catalyst for positive change".

Additionally, ENAR calls for the **appointment of a Commissioner on Justice, Fundamental Rights, and Equality** as well as the **re-establishment of the Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup** in the European Parliament.

Read the full press release [here](#).

SEDRA: disparities in sexual and reproductive health and rights in Spain

SEDRA, an independent NGO working with sexual and reproductive health and rights in Spain, has published a **comprehensive study on access to contraception across Spain**.

The study highlights **significant disparities and areas for improvement** in access to contraception across Spain. It underscores the **crucial role of public policies** in ensuring equitable and high-quality contraceptive care, noting that without such policies, accessibility and quality cannot be guaranteed. The study finds that **only a few autonomous communities have well-defined strategies or programs for contraceptive care**.

Click [here](#) to access the publication in Spanish.



Desniveles en la ruta



AWID's new manifesto: a response to a complex context aiming to rethink the economy



With the release of their new manifesto "**No care economies without domestic workers!**", AWID is calling on feminist and social movements to join their call to **rethink the economy with care at the centre**.

The COVID-19 pandemic opened global **discussions on care and domestic work and their importance in the world's economy**. According to AWID's analysis though, this discussion and recognition of care remain focused on productivity and profit, rather than considering **care as a "human right and public good, or providing recognition and rights to the workers undertaking the bulk of this labour"**.

Read the manifesto [here](#).

Feminist artists and creators: contribute to the 2023 AWID Members Calendar



AWID is calling on **feminist artists and creators to create art pieces for the 2025 members calendar.**

Pieces evoking the themes that are highlighted at the AWID Forum are invited. These include disability justice, labour rights and economic justice, climate justice, trans rights, feminists resisting the war on drugs, decolonization, migration, militarization and conflict, digital realities, rest and healing, feminist joy and others.

Selected artists will be paid **\$150 per chosen art piece.**

Deadline: 30 June

For further information and to submit your art, click [here](#).

New AWID Survey: "Where's the Money for Feminist Organizations?"

[AWID](#) has also launched a new edition of the **"Where's the Money for Feminist Organizations?" survey**. The primary objective of the survey is to shed light on the financial situation of the diversity of feminist, women's rights, social justice, LGBTQI+ and allied movements around the world and, based on this information, to strengthen the rationale for mobilizing more and better funding and shifting power to feminist movements.

The survey focuses on the voices and experiences of activists to analyze how the money moves and who it reaches. **AWID invites people to take the survey [here](#)**, which is available in 6 languages (English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Russian and Arabic).



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