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WEBINAR INVITATION

Under Threat in Europe: Democracy, Feminisms and Women's Rights

[18 June 2025 at 17.00 - 18.30 CET - register here](#)



Feminisms, women's rights and diversity have come under strong attack in Europe, not only by far right and ultra conservative forces but increasingly by the politics of the so-called democratic center of European societies.

In this webinar we want to outline from a feminist perspective three democratic areas under threat in three European countries, and ongoing struggles:

- in Poland - the never-ending struggle for sexual and reproductive rights
- in Hungary - the strategic defence of freedom of opinion by civil society groups e.g. CSD-groups
- in Germany - the resilience against the attack on academic freedom that uses the fight against anti-semitism as pretext to disrupt gender, diversity and other critical studies

Details:

- Date: 18 June 2025
- Time: 17.00 - 18.30 CET
- Format: Online on Zoom
- Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XCiGrIWzSk2xN4l4zIMWFQ#/registration

The webinar will include a presentation on each country by the respective speaker as well as a Q&A session opening the space for a collective discussion.

With contributions from:

The webinar will be opened by **Silke Steinhilber**, who will provide an introduction to the topic and the webinar. Silke is an activist researcher and independent consultant on transformative feminist policies.

Moderator:

Edme Dominguez R., Associate Professor in International Political Economy and Gender and Coordinator of the Gender and trade group in WIDE+

Speakers:

- **Antonina Lewandowska**, sociologist, researcher and activist from Poland
- **Melani Barlai**, researcher at Andrásy University Budapest and co-founder of Unhack
- Democracy from Hungary
- **Christa Wichterich**, a feminist sociologist, university lecturer, author and scholar-activist
- from Germany

The launch of a new collective feminist space

This webinar is part of the WIDE+ webinar series: '**Feminist Alternatives for Europe's uncharted future**'.

The launch of the series was marked by the first webinar on 20 May: '[With Gender Equality, Deconstruct Sport towards Social Health](#)', followed by '['Gendered Crossings: Feminist Perspectives on Borders, Racism, Violence and Survival'](#) on 9 June.

After the summer, the series will continue with another round of webinars.

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