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Members Update 2025 | Issue 1

A warm welcome to the first Members' Update of 2025 and greetings to our new members!

Do you have any suggestions on what to share with members? Do you have something from your association, that you want to share? Email us at: info@wide-network.org.

Welcoming new members at the latest General Assembly



On 22 January, WIDE+ held an extra-ordinary General Assembly to review new membership applications from accross Europe from a diversity of associations and individuals

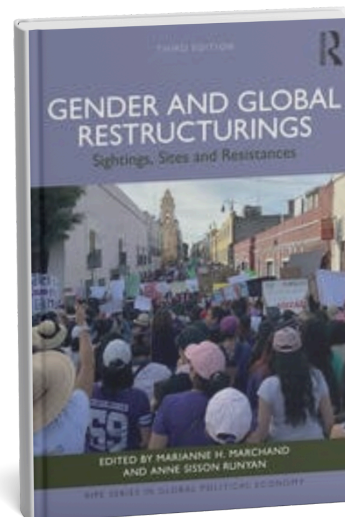
WIDE+'s formal membership includes now 31 associations in European countries and 32 individual members.

We look forward to what 2025 has in store for us!

New book published with a chapter about among others WIDE(+) as part of the global resistance

A new edition of **Gender and Global Restructurings Sightings, Sites and Resistances** has been published. This new edition offers intersectional feminist analyses of the gendered, classed, racialized, and sexualized impacts of global restructurings, looking into different geographic areas, forms of women's and feminist resistance and more.

The book also includes a chapter written by WIDE+ member Edmé Dominguez Reyes: *Transnational feminist networks resisting economic restructuring: The cases of WIDE/WIDE+ and BRICS Feminist Watch*.



[Learn more here.](#)

WIDE+ signs on statement: The EU-Mercosur trade deal must be stopped - NOW!



WIDE+, in solidarity with over 400 organisations worldwide, signed a statement **rejecting the EU-Mercosur trade deal**. The statement calls on "policymakers on both sides of the Atlantic must honour their human rights, social, climate, and environmental commitments and stop these toxic trade negotiations immediately."

[Read the full statement here.](#)

WE-EMPOWER Toolkit: "Enhancing Democratic Participation of Migrant Women in Europe through Community Building and Strategic Communication"

WIDE+ and the WE-EMPOWER project partners are pleased to share the **WE-EMPOWER Toolkit**, a resource developed as part of the “**Expanding Tools in Addressing Barriers for Migrant Women to Participate in Democratic Life**” project.

The toolkit provides:

- Strategies for community-building and advocacy
- Case studies from migrant-led initiatives
- Tools for addressing barriers to political participation

[Read more and download here.](#)



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Join WIDE+ at the 2nd Edition of the AI Fairness Cluster Events in Barcelona, 20-21 March, 2025

You can still register for the 2nd Edition of the AI Fairness Cluster Conference and Workshop. The events are organised by AEQUITAS, BIAS, FINDHR, and MAMMOth. WIDE+ will be there as partner to the FINDHR consortium to help reduce intersectional discrimination in the hiring process that uses AI (Artificial Intelligence).

Programme:

- 20 March: [2nd AIMMES Workshop](#) on the challenges of **AI bias and fairness**, focusing on the need for **equitable, transparent, and accountable** AI systems.
- 21 March: [AI Fairness Cluster Conference 2025](#) under the theme of "**Bridging Disciplines: Social, Legal, and Technical Perspectives**," which will focus on regulatory frameworks and ethical AI in recruitment, healthcare, education, and finance.

For more information and free registration, [click here](#).

We look forward to participating in the events and to meeting other participants working for more fairness in AI.

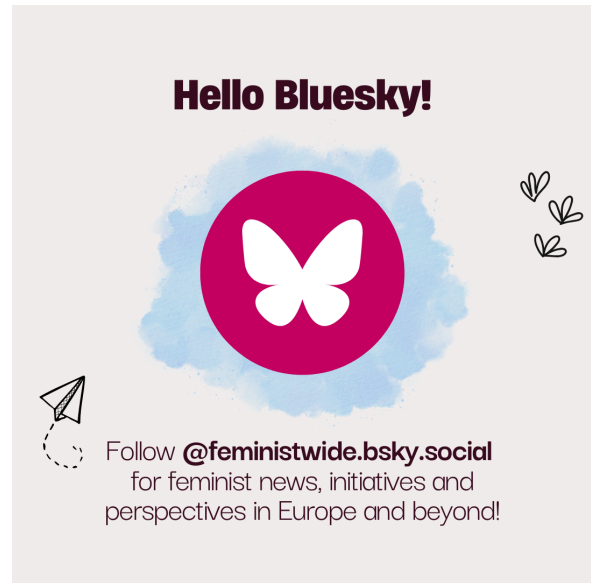
Goodbye X & hello Bluesky!

Given X's development and direction in recent months, WIDE+ has taken the decision to leave X. We will be continuing our feminist conversations on **Bluesky**.

Join us there to stay updated on general feminist news, initiatives and updates from the WIDE+ network.

 **Follow us on Bluesky:**

<https://bsky.app/profile/feministwide.bsky.social>



Members and Partners News

Our House: Perspectives on Gender, War and Peace

Over the course of the past weeks, the International Center for civil initiatives “Our House” in Belarus - currently operating in exile in Lithuania - has published a number of articles touching upon various perspectives of gender, war and peace.

- [The War in Ukraine and the Crisis of Masculinity: Impacts on Society and the Path to Peacebuilding](#)
- [Women and Justice During Wartime: A Comprehensive Analysis](#)
- [The Urgency of Reinventing the Peace Movement in the Face of Nuclear War](#)

In these articles, Our House offers an analysis of militarism, war, violence, masculinities and more while also recommending constructive paths towards peace.

Our House: The Republic of Belarus Shadow Report 2025

Olga Karach, head of the International Center for civil initiatives “Our House” in Belarus - currently operating in exile in Lithuania - has published **The Republic of Belarus Shadow Report 2025**.

The report highlights the systemic and **institutionalized discrimination against women in Belarus**, which include gender-specific repression, state-sanctioned violence, forced labor and societal norms that perpetuate inequality, providing concrete examples of how women are marginalized, degraded, and silenced.

[Access the full report here.](#)

International Feminist Forum on Migration & Displacement organised by WIMN during the AWID Forum in Bangkok, Thailand, in December 2024



On 30 November and 1 December, over 120 participants from around 35 countries participated in the **Feminist Forum on Migration & Displacement (FFMD)**, organised by **Women in Migration Network (WIMN)** - a network that WIDE+ is a part of. The forum was organised ahead of the AWID forum in Bangkok, during which the FFMD released its statement: [Solidarity, Dignity and Equity for Women and Gender Diverse Migrants!](#)

The Forum focused on **reshaping migration policy through feminist principles, challenging systemic injustices like exploitation, violence, racism, and criminalization.**

Organizers stressed the need for "shared analysis and collaboration with feminists across sectors and regions, creating pathways to inclusion, justice, peace, and ecological sustainability while exposing and rejecting false solutions."

A full report on the FFMD will be shared in March. In the meantime, [you can read more about the forum and its outcomes here.](#)

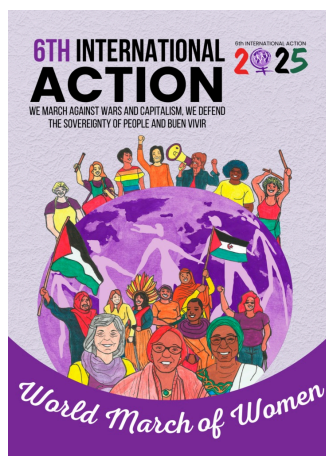
General News

OHCHR: Scene-setting report on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change

Issued by the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change, this report maps efforts within international human rights processes to address climate change-related obligations. Equally, the report underscores the importance of integrating intersectionality within the field.

[Read more here.](#)

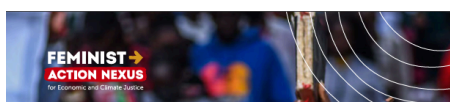
CALL FOR THE 6TH INTERNATIONAL ACTION by World March of Women / Marche Mondiale



25 years after the launch of the World March of Women, this year from March 8 to October 17, World March of Women calls on women in movements from all over the world to raise their voices louder and stronger against wars and capitalism and for peoples' sovereignty and buen vivir together with the World March of Women.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Feminist Action Nexus: Critical Trends Report 2024



CSW69 Webinar: We, Displaced Women: Leading the Transformation to Shape Peaceful Green Futures from Gender Justice to Climate Justice



New Women Connectors is hosting a webinar on the intersection of climate change, displacement and gender justice. The event is organised part of the Beijing+30 'Reflect, Engage and Act Together for Gender Justice' campaign.

Date & time: 24 February, 12:00-13:30 CET

[Sign up here.](#)

Webinar series: Feminine Futures by Local Futures

Local Futures is organising a series of webinars taking place between 5 February to 30 April. Key topics that will be addressed: climate crisis, mental health problems, food insecurity, and rising poverty.

[Find more information on their website.](#)

Report by QAYN: "Who is afraid of gender?"

This report, by The Queer African Youth Networking Center (QAYN), a queer feminist organization, in collaboration with Initiative Sankofa d'Afrique de l'Ouest – ISDAO, an activist-led fund, sheds light on the key actors behind anti-gender campaigns and movements in Burkina Faso, Ghana, and Senegal.

[Access the full report here.](#)

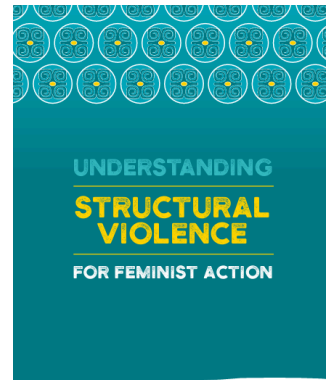


The 2024 Critical Trends Report by Feminist Action Nexus focuses on debt, the Bretton Woods Institutions, taxation and climate finance.

The report is available in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

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

Report by JASS: Understanding Structural Violence for Feminist Action



In this report, JASS explores the persistence of gendered injustices through the lens of structural violence, presenting key concepts, systems and strategies for action.

[Read the full report here.](#)



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