Feminism for the Future: Critical Perspectives on Feminism and Conflict Resolution

Center for the Study of Gender and Conflict
Fourth Annual Research Conference

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School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution
George Mason University
Arlington, Virginia

Keynote address:

Dr. Cynthia Enloe
Research Professor, Director of International Development, Community, and Environment/Women's and Gender Studies/Department of Political Science/Clark University

Building on the momentum generated at our 2015 conference, The Center for the Study of Gender and Conflict is proud to announce that Dr. Cynthia Enloe will be joining us again at George Mason University to lead a discussion on the future of feminism in the study of conflict and peace. Cynthia Enloe is a visionary scholar in the field of Feminist International Relations and has published several highly influential books including Bananas, Beaches, and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics, now in its second edition, and Maneuvers: The International Politics of Militarizing Women's Lives.

At Feminism for the Future, we hope to gather together a group of feminist scholars, practitioners, activists, and artists to engage in multidimensional conversations around the role of feminism in responding to conflict and violence globally, and imagining what futures of feminism and social justice may look like. Dr. Enloe will help ignite these critical conversations and foster the feminist curiosity so desperately needed during these difficult times.
Conference Details and Submission Instructions

The conference will be located on the Arlington, Virginia campus of George Mason University, in the D.C. metro area. The location is on the Metro line, with easy access to the nation’s capital.

We are seeking proposals that respond to the following thematic questions or topic areas:

• How do feminist theories contribute to reimagining the concepts of violence, peace, and justice from a critical or intersectional perspective?
• What are the contributions of feminist art and creative work in conceptualizing and responding to conflict?
• A discussion of methodological or pedagogical tools for generating a feminist curiosity regarding peace and conflict.
• How do we theorize gendered power in our conflict research and practice?
• What are the gendered gaps in current analyses of conflict and violence? How might conflict resolution and feminism learn from each other?
• Papers responding to current debates over issues of gender, power, agency and conflict within the fields of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Feminist International Relations, or other related fields.

Papers on other related themes are also welcome.

Abstracts are welcomed for paper presentations, panels, creative work or other presentation methods that respond to the above questions or relate broadly to recent developments or debates regarding the theme of gender and conflict. Posters, art, and performance pieces are also more than welcome. Abstracts of no more than 300 words, including your name and your institutional affiliation, should be submitted to scargc@gmu.edu no later than February 8, 2016.

Your proposal should include the following information:

• Title of the Paper and/or Panel.
• A short abstract of each presentation or description of creative work (300 word maximum per presentation).
• Biographical information for each presenter including organizational or institutional affiliation (100 words maximum).
• Please note that single paper presentations may last no longer than 20 minutes.

Acceptance notifications and further details regarding the conference will be sent by February 22, 2016.

Fees:
Fees for accepted presenters will be collected to offset the costs associated the conference. The fee schedule is as follows:
George Mason University Students and Faculty - Free
Graduate student presenters - $30
Professional Presenters (Other institutional faculty or practitioners, Post-doctoral presenters) - $100

A limited number of need-based scholarships will be available. Application forms will be available at GENDERANDCONFLICT.GMU.EDU on February 15, 2016.