



**The International Feminist journal of politics' 9th annual conference
Vanderbilt university
March 6-7, 2020**

**Subversions and Solidarities
through Feminist Collaborations and Crossings**

The Editors of the IFJP join the Vanderbilt Student Government in collectively acknowledging that Vanderbilt University occupies the ancestral hunting and traditional lands of the Cherokee, Shawnee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, and Creek peoples. Today, these people have nation boundaries in Oklahoma, North Carolina, and Mississippi, after the Indian Removal Act of 1830 led to the forced removal of southern tribes to the west of the Mississippi River. In particular, the University resides on land ceded in the Treaty of Hopewell (1795-96).

Friday, March 6, 2020

8:00 AM	<p>Yoga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yoga can be traced to as early as the 5th and 6th centuries BCE. • Yoga draws from philosophical traditions such as the Sramana philosophy - that often ran parallel or at times contested Vedic Hinduism. • Many indigenous body and military practices draw from Yoga traditions and these predate the contemporary political moment in India. • For many people in India, Yoga is part of their everyday lives and we as feminists should try not to cede this space. • Yoga provides to countless women an opportunity to reclaim their bodies in culturally acceptable ways (unlike perhaps aerobics or pilates) - and it is in that manner that we see the <i>IFJP</i> morning Yoga sessions. • The intent is significant: in the conference Yoga is seen as a secular, feminist activity where scholars and researchers from diverse backgrounds care for their bodies in a collective way and challenge the conventional mind/body binary. 	
9:00 AM	Breakfast	
9:30 AM	<p>Plenary 1: Controversies about Gender: What is it? Who "owns" it? What current violences does gender appear to "invite"?</p> <p>Plenary Chair: Marysia Zalewski</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elisabeth Pruegl • Claire Thurlow • Shine Choi • Amy Lind <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Li Yingtao (VIRTUAL via Skype) 	Wilson 126 (Includes virtual participation via Skype)
10:30 AM	Coffee Break	

10:45 AM – 12:15	Time Slot A	
Traditional 10:45 AM – 12:15	<p>A1: Trans and Queer Identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Claire Thurlow: Anger in Discourse Around Trans Identities in the UK ● Carissa Cunningham: Welcome to the Gayborhood: Regional Diffusion of Trans* Policy in East Asia ● Arev Pivazyán: Trans Exceptions ● Julio César Díaz Calderón: The International in/from Aest-ethics: A Research Methodology for Transformative Conversations with Queer and Decolonial Latin American Arti(vi)st ● Emerson Maione (VIRTUAL, emerson.maione@ufrj.br): Homonationalism in Brazil? Backlash, Pinkwashing and Queer Aporias 	Wilson 112 (Includes virtual participation) https://zoom.us/j/8919149970
Traditional 10:45 AM – 12:15	<p>A2: Dimensions of Politics in Gender Expertise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Saba Joshi and Elisabeth Pruegl: Productive farmers and vulnerable food securers: gender in international food security discourse ● Marysia Zalewski: Sexual Violence in Global Politics: A Choreography of (Feminist) Confusion? ● Gloria Novovic: Feminism as the F word of International Development: Between practical and strategic interpretations of gender mainstreaming in UN agencies 	Wilson 113
Workshop 10:45 AM – 12:15	<p>A3: Rethinking Heteronormativity with a Decolonial Lens</p> <p>Editor in Attendance: Amy Lind</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wairimu Muriithi: “That Language of Softness”: Towards a Queer Theory on Freedom of Expression in East Africa ● Ahmad Qais Munhazim: Imperial Solidarities: “Do Queer and Trans Muslims Need Saving?” 	Wilson 115
Workshop 10:45 AM – 12:15	<p>A4: Gendered Difference</p> <p>Editor in Attendance: Elisabeth Jay Friedman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emilia Alaverdov and Maia Kipiani (VIRTUAL: Emily-78@mail.ru): Gender Aspects in Postcolonial Georgia ● Natália Maria Félix de Souza and Lara Martim Rodrigues Sélis: Women’s Bodies Disrupting the Public Space in Brazil: Rebuilding Democratic Practices Across Difference ● Rebecca Kuperberg: Theorizing Gendered Backlash in Latin America as a Normative Process 	Wilson 121 (Includes virtual participation) https://zoom.us/j/57465993 1
12:15 PM	Lunch	
1:15 PM	Time Slot B	
Traditional 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM	<p>B1: Solidarity, Intersectionality, and Working Across Difference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elena Spasovska (VIRTUAL, elena.spasovska@unisa.edu.au): Working together across differences: women's inter-ethnic alliances for sustainable peace in Northern Macedonia ● Crystal Whetstone: Political Motherhood and Feminism: Collaborating across Differences in Approach to Women's Political Participation ● Juliana Restrepo Sanin: Intersectional Reproductive Justice in the Americas 	Wilson 112 (Includes virtual participation) https://zoom.us/j/85010445 3

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Armaghan Ziaee: On the Limits of Solidarity in Modernized Public Spaces ● Akhila Nagar (VIRTUAL, akhila.nagar@gmail.com): "Equal or Different"- Perception and Governance of Mental Health in India 	
Traditional 1:15 PM –2:45 PM	<p>B2: Topics in Colonialism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jayati Lal: 'Reversing the Privilege of History': Indian Feminism and Decolonial Narratives of Global Feminisms ● Katerina Traut: 'Thrust outside the gates of the city': Bringing Space to Sheth's Technology of Race ● Daniela Osorio Michel: Decolonizing decoloniality: Reassessing the Coloniality of Power in the Aymaran Cosmology 	Wilson 113
Workshop 1:15 PM –2:45 PM	<p>B3: Social Hierarchy and Difference</p> <p>Editor in Attendance: Shine Choi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Orsolya Lehotai: Constructing "East" and "West", the "International" and the "Global" through Militarized Masculinity in Contemporary Hungarian Anti-Migration Politics ● Signe Predmore: Finance and Development Logics: Gender Mainstreaming from Global South to North 	Wilson 115
Workshop 1:15 PM –2:45 PM	<p>B4: Gendered Security Issues</p> <p>Editor in Attendance: Annick Wibben</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sandra Biskupski-Mujanovic: Canada's National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security: Is it Feminist Enough? ● Sophie Schor: Women Wage Peace: Apolitical Politics and Gender Essentialism in Israel 	Wilson 121
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Coffee Break	
3:00 PM	<p>Plenary 2: Enacting Transnational Feminist Solidarities Within and Without the Neoliberal Academy: The Role of Scholar-Activists</p> <p>Plenary Chair: Simona Sharoni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rabab Abdulhadi ● Cricket Keating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laila Farah 	Wilson 126
4:30 PM	Coffee Break	
4:45 PM	Time Slot C	
Workshop 4:45 PM – 6:15	<p>C1: Gender and International Relations</p> <p>Editor in Attendance: Anne Runyan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maryann Gallagher: "If This Were Important I Would Have Learned About it in IR": Gender-mainstreaming Introduction to International Relations ● Debarati Sen: Dissident Mentoring as Solidarity Work 	Wilson 112
Workshop 4:45 PM – 6:15	<p>C2: The Politics of Solidarity</p> <p>Editor in Attendance: Marysia Zalewski</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A. Haziz Ginsberg: Calling for Help: Securitized Affects, Quotidian Surveillance, and the Politics of Solidarity ● Josephine Chaet: Social Movements without Sustained Solidarity or 'Sisterhood'? The Process of 	Wilson 113

	<p>Coalition-building Among Women’s Organizations in Jordan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Syed Tahseen Raza: Building Alliances and Bridges for a Sustainable Women’s Movement: Issues, Challenges and the Way Forward Cases from the Global South 	
Traditional 4:45 PM – 6:15	<p>C3: Misogynist Backlash and the Internet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Zainab Alam: Digital Activism, Aspirational Feminism and Backlash in Pakistan ● Saara Särmä: Underbelly of the Internet- Resisting Online Misogyny Through Art-making ● Wonyun Lee: Reciprocating Hate Speech: Radical Online Feminist Movement in South Korea, Megalian Feminism 	Wilson 115
Workshop 4:45 PM – 6:15	<p>C4 Silenced Experiences of War</p> <p>Editor in Attendance: Laura Sjoberg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emily Clifford: Weapon of War or Performing Peace? The Neo-colonial (In)justice of Rape Stories in Mali ● Emma Fredriksson: The Becoming of ‘the Military’: Repoliticizing Everyday War-preparation in Sweden 	Wilson 121
6:15 PM	Belmont Music Set* and first dinner service	
7:00 PM	Belmont Music Set* and second dinner service	

*Please note, this is a special In the Round music set by musicians from Belmont University. Our Nashville tradition is to listen to the stories and lyrics of these poets. If you need to talk, please be respectful and do so between songs or between sets. All of our conference rooms are open during dinner to support your need for quiet conversation.

Saturday, March 7, 2020

8:00 AM	Yoga	
9:00 AM	Breakfast	
9:30 AM	Time Slot D	
Traditional 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	<p>D1: Making Feminist Sense of Contemporary Global Restructuring: Collaborative Analyses of Transnational Capitalist Hegemonies and Forms of Resistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anne Runyan: Gender and Global Restructuring Revisited ● V. Spike Peterson: Alt-Right Nationalisms, Collaborations, and Relations of/across/in spite of ‘Difference’? ● S. Charusheela: Solidarity Across Difference: Postcapitalist Politics in a Transnational Frame ● Amy Lind and Cricket Keating: Decoloniality, Gender Politics, and Buen Vivir in Ecuador, 2007-2017 	Wilson 112
Traditional 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	<p>D2: Voicing Democracy & Reclaiming Citizenship: Questions of Gender, Democracy and Citizenship, and the Role of Women’s Political Activism in India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rukmini Sen (rukmini@aud.ac.in): Legal Perspective and Feminist Critique of the Citizenship Amendment Act ● Niharika Banerjea (niharikab@aud.ac.in): Queer Critiques of the Idea of Citizenship Debates in India ● Krishna Menon (krishnamenon@aud.ac.in): Women and Resistance in Indian Politics- The Contemporary Moment ● Meenakshi Gopinath (meenug11@gmail.com): 	Wilson 126 (Includes virtual participation) https://zoom.us/j/442093908

<p>Workshop 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Voicing Democracy - Reclaiming Citizenship</p> <p>D3: Creative Politics of Women Editor in Attendance: Simona Sharoni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Juliana Restrepo Sanin: Crossing Ethnic Lines: Building Alliances to Combat Violence against Women in Politics ● Anna-Karin Eriksson: Unsettling Absence: Exploring a Blank Canvas Politics 	<p>Wilson 113</p>
<p>Workshop 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM</p>	<p>D4: From Differentiating to Crossing Differences: International Normative Analysis of Experiences of Global South and China on Gender Equality Editor in Attendance: Laura Sjoberg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yingtao Li (liyngtao67@126.com): Localization and/or Securitization? Analysis of China’s Position on Implementing the WPS Agenda ● Liu Bohong (bohongliu0269@vip.sina.c om): Influence of International Norms on the Protection of Women’s Human Rights in China: Take CEDAW as an Example ● Cai Yiping: The Rise of the South: Implications for Women’s Rights 	<p>Wilson 115 (Includes virtual participation) Via Skype</p>
<p>11:00 AM – 11:15 AM</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>	
<p>11:15 AM</p>	<p>Time Slot F</p>	
<p>Traditional 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM</p>	<p>F1: Women’s Participation in Politics and Activism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lihi Ben Shitrit: The Far-Right Gender Mainstreaming Effect ● Thales Silva de Oliveira: Gender and Sexual Diversity Movements in El 	<p>Wilson 126 (Includes virtual participation) https://zoom.us/j/885029123</p>

	<p>Salvador: a Debate over Political Action on Sexual Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Julia Zulver (VIRTUAL: juliazulver@gmail.com): Women’s Solidarity during Patriarchal Backlash: Findings from Putumayo, Colombia and Atenco, Mexico 	
<p>Workshop 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM</p>	<p>F2: Peace and Conflict Editor in Attendance: Annick Wibben</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anna Karin-Eriksson: Peace, Order, or... What!? Gendering “Myanmar’s Ceasefire Regime” ● Alexandra McAuliff: From ‘Where are the Women?’ to ‘Who are the Women?’: Complicating the Category of Women to Understand their Contributions to Sustainable Peace Outcomes 	<p>Wilson 113</p>
<p>Traditional 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM</p>	<p>F3: Feminist Research Methodology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jenny Hedström: Friendship and Intimacy in Research on Conflict: Implications for Feminist Ethics ● Mary McLoughlin: The Role of Trust in Securitized Spaces: A Feminist Analysis of a U.S. Border City (co-authored with Natalie Hudson) ● Lindsay Robinson: Development Discourse and Discontinuous Performances: The Hybridity of Girl Child Subjectivity, Agency, and Resistance ● Gleys Ially Ramos: Bring Me the Power: Limits, Potentialities, and Spatialities of Feminism Now 	<p>Wilson 115 (Includes virtual participation) https://zoom.us/j/8919149970</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shruti Balaji (VIRTUAL, s.balaji@lse.ac.uk): Can Feminist International Relations (IR) Research be Reconciled with Quantitative Research Methods? 		
<p>Traditional 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM</p>	<p>F4: Women in Combat Roles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Priscyll Anctil Avoine: Fariana’s Insurgent Feminism: The Figure of Combatant and the Construction of Difference ● Christopher Faulkner: No Longer Invisible: Girl Soldiering and the Consequences for Conflict 	Wilson 121	
<p>Workshop 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM</p>	<p>F5: Women and Sexual Violence Editor in attendance: Cricket Keating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dipali Anumol: Feminist Advocacy and Legal Reform: The Evolution of Rape Legislation in India ● Brooke Ackerly and Janna Adelstein: Not Speaking of Sex in Silence 	Wilson 112	
<p>12:45 PM</p>	<p>Lunch and Student Poster Session In one section of the room, several Vanderbilt students will display various feminist projects they have completed. We encourage conference participants to engage with these students about their work (and yours!).</p>		
<p>2:15 PM</p>	<p>Time Slot G</p>		
<p>Traditional 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM</p>	<p>G1: Women and Environmental Activism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leslie Roberts: The ECOPOESIS Movement: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Exploring Climate Change ● Nicole Detraz: "You Can't Really Say Bad Things About Mothers": Examining Motherhood Discourses in Environmental and Peace Activism ● Elane Westfaul: Eco-terrorists? Exploring Conceptualizations of Violence in Environmental Resistance 	Wilson 112	
<p>Traditional 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM</p>	<p>G2: Militarization and Anti-militarism</p>	Wilson 113	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leigh Spanner: The “Entrepreneurial” Military Spouse: Spousal Employment Programs in the Canadian Armed Forces ● Alexa DeGagne and Leigh Spanner: What are we Fighting for? Transgender Ban in the US Military ● Liat Biron: Small Arms, Light Weapons, and How (Or Why) to Look for Them in Women, Peace, and Security NAPs ● Leah Carmichael: The Bombing of Bakeries in Syria & the Hunger of Women 	
Workshop 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM	<p>G3: Critical Feminist Research and Knowledge Editor in Attendance: Brooke Ackerly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gloria Novovic: Shifting Frames: Balancing Methodological Inclusivity and Policy Relevance of Feminist Research (co-authored with Rebecca Tatham) ● Maria Luiza Belo: Intersectionality, Co-substantiality... Do we Need a Term to Describe the Intertwinement of Oppressions? 	Wilson 115
Traditional 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM	<p>G4: Topics in Global Feminism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Molly O’Hagan: Girls Incorporated: Violence, Athletics, and Gender Anxiety within Preventative and Counter Violent Extremism ● Kristy Kelly: Schooled in Corruption: Towards a Theory of Gender and Corruption in Vietnam 	Wilson 121
3:45 PM – 4:00 PM	Coffee Break	
4:00 PM	<p>Plenary 3: Feminist Journal Editing Plenary Chair: Shirin Saeidi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nadia Brown ● Elisabeth Jay Friedman ● Valeria Chapman ● Brooke Ackerly 	Wilson 126 (Includes virtual participation) https://zoom.us/j/8919149970
5:30 PM	Informal discussion for those interested in thinking about editing the IFJP as part of the next team or in the future. All are welcome. Others may proceed to the cocktail hour.	Wilson 126
5:30 PM	Blair Music Set and Cocktail Hour	
7:00 PM	Dinner	