Feminist Yearning, Imagining, and Organizing for Just Peace and Genuine Security

Virtual 7th South- South Forum

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The current moment—Corona Pandemic combined with global uprisings and state responses to both—demands us feminists around the world to stand in solidarity. To do so, we must take the time to think together across regions and other “borders” in order understand the current conditions and political situation—including gender, race/ethnicity, class/caste, indigeneity, and sexuality, for example-- in more nuanced ways; to imagine feminist futures that will be able to secure livelihoods, sustain the natural environment and ensure the dignity and wellbeing of all living beings; and to organize transnationally as feminists.

We recognize that neo-liberal capitalism, Right-Wing populism and nationalism, religious fundamentalisms, militarism, colonialism, and imperialism form the foundations of the world in which we exist. Through and from these, region-specific forms of patriarchy and male dominance, Anti-Blackness and other forms of racism, ethnocentrism, class, and caste, heterosexist and trans-phobia, ecological violence, and other life-destroying, intertwined forces are made manifest.

Our workshops will be organized around the following concepts and questions.

Landscape

What is this moment telling us—societally—about what we should let go and change, what to hold onto, and what to do differently and better?

Yearnings

What is tugging at your heart/spirit in this particular moment, both personal and political?

Imaginings

What must a feminist future look like, include, and demand if you truly accepted what you learned from the answers to the two previous questions? What values would be the foundation of your vision?

Doing

What is being done now that supports realizing your vision? What else will we need to be doing? With whom? How?

Each of the six panels will last 3 hours (including invited speakers, groupd discussion, and breathing, music, poetry breaks) covering the following topics: Livelihood, Food Security, and Ecology; Violence against Women; Occupation, Colonization, Militarism, and Femnist Peace Work; Ethical Solidarities Global North - Global South; f

**Ethical Solidarity**

This workshop opens the discussion of ethical forms of solidarity addressing the question of responsibility of the feminists in the Global North towards the effects of historical and present colonization, imperialism, and exploitation of locations in the Global South and the structural inequalities that characterize the relationships between the two. We seek to discuss at least the following questions: How must the nation be understood as a critical analytic category, alongside gender and others? What questions do feminist movements in the global North have to ask concerning principles of ethical solidarity? What lessons have been learned? How should those lessons be incorporated into participation in transnational feminist movements?

**Moderator: Margo Okazawa-Rey**

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**Speakers:**

1. **Ruth-Gaby Vermot-Mangold**
2. **Kozue Akibayashi**
3. **Ariel Salleh**
4. **Cindy Wiesner**
5. **Carla Waymann (PWAD Respondent)**