

# **International Feminist Journal of Politics (IFJP) 2016 Preconference Workshop Program**



## **From Genderwashing to Ethical Solidarities**

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**29 participants (see list below) registered for full day participation (no drop-ins or partial attendance) who must come prepared with curricular materials to work on (see program below)**

**May 19, 2016**

**9:00-9:30am                      Registration Materials and Continental Breakfast (in lobby)**

**9:30-11am                      Session I: Introductions and Opening Presentations**

Introductions, expectations and re-visiting the agenda for the workshop

Opening presentations by Workshop organizers, Dr. Sharoni and Dr. Thobani

**11am-12:30pm                Session II: Issues and Struggles**

Participants will divide into small groups to discuss the guiding questions below and/or any other issues participants identify during this session:

- How have gender and sexuality come to matter in global governance structures? In what ways are their treatments problematic?
- Has the incorporation of feminist discourses and issues into global or other governance institutions and practices always resulted in genderwashing? Are there aspects of global feminism that can have “radical futures”?
- In these times of “Protest, Inc.,” capitalist-centered shopping to save poor women, “whitewashed” militarized interventions in the name of gender and sexual rights, and “greenwashing” of global climate change, how are feminists envisaging and theorizing about what ethical solidarities might entail?
- What feminist knowledges are more productive of ethical solidarities?
- What practices, and in what contexts, provide useful examples of how solidarities can be pursued more ethically?

*Participants report back to large group.*

**12:30-1:30pm                Boxed Lunch**

**1:30-3:00pm                Session III: Pedagogies of Resistance within the Imperial University**

*Note: Participants are asked to bring sample syllabi or other curricular materials to share and will work on creating original syllabi outlines and discuss pedagogical issues.*

Key questions:

1. How do we teach about critical transnational feminist praxis, genderwashing and ethical solidarities?
2. How do we make our teaching and scholarship relevant to ongoing local and global struggles?

*Participants report back to large group; draft outlines of syllabi will be posted on google docs and shared with all members of the group.*

**3:00-3:30pm                      Coffee Break**

**3:30-5:00pm                      Session IV: Where do we go from here?**

Strategizing for resistance and survival within the academy

Reporting back to the conference

Objective: To infuse this academic conference with a sense of urgency to connect with ongoing struggles and make our deliberations relevant to these struggles.

*Note on process:*

*The workshop we envision is highly interactive and will not include formal presentations. Our goal is to take advantage of the diverse backgrounds, expertise and knowledges in the room and engage one another and the issues critically.*

**6:00-8:00pm                      Cash Bar (cash only) and Dinner Buffet (Nippert Stadium Press Box, West Pavilion—next to TUC, directions in reg materials)  
(for workshop participants only)**

**8:00-9:00pm                      IFJP Board Meeting (Nippert Stadium Press Box, West Pavilion—next to TUC, directions in reg materials, but likely also a sign and see handy reference guide sent with general directions )  
(for board members only)**

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