

CALL FOR PAPERS

Feminism in politics – politics in feminism. Transnational perspectives

The politicization of social conditions has been a central concern of feminisms since they emerged in various parts of the world. Politicization aims at analyzing and criticizing gender power relations as historically determined, with the aim of intervening in these relations and dismantling injustices, in particular where these appear to be either private, personal or culturally determined phenomena. In contrast to this genuine focus on the politicization of social issues, a tendency to depoliticize feminist concerns and positions and to detach them from their concrete political conditions and forms of impact is emerging in current debates in the global North and South in their own specific ways. On the one hand, inner-feminist controversies that revolve around the programmatic clarification of a normatively 'true' feminism contribute to this. On the other hand, there are attempts from outside to deny feminist movements their political potential and to culturalize and individualize their concerns or to interpret them in terms of efficiency and utility.

Taking a stand against such tendencies towards depoliticization, the 'politicity' of feminisms comes to the fore in this issue, analyzing and critically reflecting on their specific political dimensions and exploring their transversal and transnational potential for solidarity and resistance. The focus is on how feminist movements intervene in political conflicts and contribute to recognizing and changing power relations and the associated structures and norms. By analyzing feminist movements worldwide, we hope to gain insights into how to recognize and strengthen the political nature of feminisms, particularly in the fields of political philosophy/theory, feminism research in the Global South, and the history of feminism. Key contexts for feminist analysis and intervention include war, colonial violence, authoritarianism, climate policy, land grabbing, extractivism, and international human rights regimes and supranational institutions.

Possible questions/research topics in detail

- Which political potential (political scope, political forms of action) becomes apparent in specific feminist movements?
- Which political facilitating conditions (conflicts, coalitions, contexts) structure feminist movements?
- How can the political nature of feminisms be conceptualized on the basis of specific feminist movements? What understanding of feminist politics and the political can be derived from this and used to develop a transversal perspective?
- Which forms of analysis, critique, and reflection – both academic and non-academic – can be used to grasp the political nature of feminisms?

Procedure and timetable

- Please submit a one- to two-page abstract by **22 June 2025**. Non-German speakers are welcome to submit their articles in English.

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- Please send your proposal as well as your manuscript as Word file to: manuskripte@gender-zeitschrift.de (subject: Special issue „Feminism in Politics“).
- Once your abstract has been assessed and judged suitable for this issue, you will receive an invitation to submit. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by **7 July 2025**. The deadline for submission of the final manuscript is **5 January 2026**.
- Manuscripts must not exceed **50,000 characters (including space characters)**. A style sheet for authors is available at www.gender-zeitschrift.de/en/manuscripts.

All submissions will be reviewed in our double-blind peer review process based on which the final selection of contributions to be published will be made. The editors may give instructions to revise the contribution, which is the rule rather than the exception. In case of a high number of positively peer-reviewed contributions, the Editorial Department reserves the right to make a final selection of articles and to publish some contributions in a later issue.

About GENDER. Journal for Gender, Culture and Society

GENDER. Journal for Gender, Culture and Society was founded in 2009 as a journal on women and gender studies. The journal aims to cover a wide range of topics and academic disciplines in which gender issues are reflected. Given the journal's multi-disciplinary setting, we welcome analyses from, for instance, sociology, educational science, political science, cultural science and history which correspond to the interdisciplinary nature of gender studies. GENDER is published in three issues a year. Contributions to the free section are always welcome, irrespective of the focus of the special issue.

Do you have any questions?

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