

Updated call for papers:

Feminism in pandemic times: Reflections and experiences around COVID-19 and beyond

Update: we've had an overwhelming response to this call and are excited to see so many papers already published, which reflect the experiences, emotions and changing nature of our lives during this time. Given some time has passed between our call and today, we are also seeing full empirical papers being submitted to this section and would encourage authors to submit those as a regular submission.

We would also like to expand this call to include experiences of the other simultaneous pandemic: racism. Please send us your writing, reflections, narratives, etc. that speak to your experiences, thoughts and other engagements on/with racism.

As a reminder, this is an open call for papers, so no closing date just yet and no word limits.

The Feminist Frontiers section of Gender, Work and Organization is calling for papers, short pieces, alternative narratives that discuss how the current pandemic we are living through affects our lives and livelihoods. We are experiencing unprecedented days of telecommuting and homeworking and for many, concurrent childcare, eldercare and home schooling. Feminism, as a mode of organizing and praxis, is being challenged as women's lives are considered unproblematic, seen as sponges ready to absorb the economic and social impacts of workplace disruptions. For some of us, it feels like we are heading back in time, as individual lives become overlooked by the institutions that they are part of. No longer gendered professionals, we are called on as abstract workers that deliver at all cost through this crisis, being forced to invite people into our home spaces without consent or consideration. We wish to engage with our community and readership to provide a forum for scholarly engagement, personal resistance and self-care. As feminists living and possibly struggling with the demands placed on us, we wish to foster dialogue that involve discussions of how to live a feminist life during COVID-19, while attending to the various ways intersectional, postcolonial, transnational, queer and other frameworks can help us understand and relate to the struggles, failures, and resilience experienced. Some issues to attend to are:

Resistance to commodification of our homes and lives

Parents, single parenting, homeworking and homeschooling

Practices (and frictions) of solidarity during crisis

Care, vulnerability, health and diversity

Industrial relations during this crisis

Tensions between best practice diversity employers and a lack of consideration of diversity

Community, care and ethics

Home as a contested space

Work intensification at home, flexible working

Borders, lack of free movement, being displaced

Eco-anxiety and feminism

Saying 'no' to enforced ways of working

Women's resistance and the labelling of women's emotions (you are overwhelmed, you are being hysterical)

And others...

Please send us your contributions via the Feminist Frontiers section of the journal. We will act quickly to review and publish your papers.

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