

Call for papers:

Feminist approaches to regional security in the Global South

The increasingly formidable body of research on gender, peace and security within critical and feminist security studies and beyond offers diverse avenues for examining the gendered aspects of security governance – in policy and practice. While the Global South is studied as the setting where conflicts and violence take place, and where interventions of global security mechanisms are required, regional Global South actors have merited surprisingly limited analysis. In this panel we want to bring into conversation feminist analysis of regional security actors with analysis of feminist strategies within regional security institutions. What kind of knowledges are to be gained from feminist methodological and theoretical approaches to regional security? Which omissions can these lenses uncover and how might they inform security practices in new and innovative ways? We want to integrate these discussions with empirical realities: Who are concrete actors driving feminist agendas in regional organizations and which activities do they engage in? What institutional and civil-society formations are enabling and challenging gendered approaches to peace and security? Where is the feminist peace agenda situated in regional peace and security governance? How does gender intersect with other categories of marginalization, can synergies be built from the struggles for inclusive approaches to regional peace and conflict governance?

Foregrounding the agency of non-Western security actors, we are committed to focusing this discussion on regional and sub-regional organizations of the Global South. To that end, we invite contributions that engage with a broad range of institutions including but not limited to the League of Arab States, the African Union, Intergovernmental Authority on Development, Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Organization of American States, and the Caribbean Community.

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