



# **Feminist alliances: the discourses, practices and politics of solidarity among inequalities**

**International Conference, 6-7 March 2019, Department of Social and Political Sciences,  
Scuola Normale Superiore, Palazzo Strozzi - Florence**

## **Organizers**

Donatella della Porta, Scuola Normale Superiore  
Rossella Ciccia, Queen's University Belfast and Scuola Normale Superiore  
Elena Pavan, University of Trento, Centre for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies

## **Keynote Speakers**

Donatella della Porta, Scuola Normale Superiore  
Isabelle Engeli, University of Exeter  
Myra Marx Ferree, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Marta Rawłuszko, University of Warsaw  
Chiara Saraceno, Collegio Carlo Alberto  
Mieke Verloo, Radboud University

## **Wednesday, March 6, 13.30-17.00**

Preconference Panel: "Building Feminist Alliances", room Altana

- Contemporary Sex Worker Activism in Europe and the Continued Challenge of Political Alliances Around the Issue of Prostitution, Joana Lilli Hofstetter (Scuola Normale Superiore)
- To live like a dissent: embodied politics, visibility regimes, and repertoires for action towards a transfeminist praxis, Gustavo Santos Elpes (University of Coimbra)
- Framing Violence Against Women in a period of Backlash: Cases of Czechia and Slovakia, Alexandria Wilson (University of Florida)
- Inclusions and Exclusions in Women's Rights Activism in Saudi Arabia, Nora Jaber (King's College London)
- Building Safe Spaces Through Feminist Alliances in Times of Inequalities: the Italian Case, Giada Bonu (Scuola Normale Superiore)

- Polarizing feminist alliances: the role of national politics in Turkey and Tunisia, Gizem Turkarslan (Koc University)

**Chairs:** *Elena Pavan (University of Trento) and Rossella Ciccia (Queen's University Belfast and Scuola Normale Superiore)*

**Discussants:** *Arianna Mainardi (University of Milano Bicocca) and Stefania Voli (Scuola Normale Superiore)*

## **Thursday, March 7, 10-18.30**

### **10.00-13.00, Room Altana:**

**10:00-11:00 Keynote:** “Solidarity in movements: challenges and opportunities in times of crisis”, Donatella Della Porta

**11.15-13:00 Roundtable:** “The discourses, practices and politics of feminist alliances”,

- Money, expertise and power – should we break this alliance first? Marta Rawłuszko (University of Warsaw)
- Unexpected gender equality champions and nationalistic divisions. Chiara Saraceno (Collegio Carlo Alberto)
- An exploration of social and political conditions for feminist successful feminist alliances. Mieke Verloo (Radboud University)
- The politics of making allies: the trajectory and implication of feminist alliances with the “outside”, Isabelle Engeli (University of Exeter)

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### **13:00-14:30 Lunch Break**

### **14:30-16:30 Parallel Panels:**

#### Panel 1 (Room Altana)

- Understanding the determinants and outcomes of feminist intersectional alliances. Rossella Ciccia (Queen's University Belfast/Scuola Normale Superiore) and Conny Roggeband (University of Amsterdam)
- (Im)possible Alliances? Sex worker organisations in the European Union. Lucrecia Rubio Grundell (European University Institute)
- Domestic workers' organizing and the question of (dis)alliances between movements in a feminist and intersectional perspective. Sabrina Marchetti, Giulia Garofalo Geymonat and Daniela Cherubini (Ca Foscari University of Venice)
- “Together we stand, divided we fall.” Alliances in the Italian and Spanish feminist movements. Daniela Chironi e Martin Portos (Scuola Normale Superiore)
- Beyond Categorical Pairs: lessons from the alliance of feminist groups with trans\* and

intersex people. Angelika von Wahl (Lafayette College)

*Tabled paper*

- Exploring coalitions across inequalities: four Strategies for feminist solidarities in scholarly knowledge production. Elaine Coburn (York University)

**Chair:** *Alice Mattoni (Scuola Normale Superiore)*

**Discussant:** *Alison Woodward (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)*

Panel 2 (Room Simone del Pollaiuolo)

- Eco-feminists as allies in resistance to the repressions of nature and women. Nigar Degirmenci (Pamukkale University)
- Abortion politics, pro-choice coalitions and the Catholic Church in Ireland and Poland. Dorota Szelewa (University College Dublin)
- Feminist and leftist responses to Permanent Austerity in Ireland: coalition, contest and co-optation. Pauline Cullen and Mary Murphy (Maynooth University)
- Romani Feminism(s): knowledge, consciousness and politics of solidarity. Angéla Kóczé (Central European University)

*Tabled papers*

- Alliances and divides of the Tunisian women's movement during the democratization process 2011-2014. Eva Schmidt (Freie Universität Berlin)
- Troubled alliances and neglected inequalities—the religious others. Alberta Giorgi (University of Bergamo)

**Chair:** *Elena Pavan (University of Trento)*

**Discussant:** *Marta Fraile (Permanent Research Fellow at CSIC, IPP-Madrid and visiting fellow at European University Institute, SPS)*

**16:30 -17:00 Coffee break**

**17.00-18.30, Room Altana**

**17.00-18.00 Keynote:** “Gender as a glue: the crisis of masculinity and the defence of democracy”. Myra Marx Ferree, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**18.00- 18.30 Closing remarks**

**Attendance at this conference is free. Keynotes and roundtable will be streamed live, details to follow.**