

INVITATION

to a Three-Day Online **WORKSHOP**

on **Gender and Communities**

“Migration, gender and migrant struggles during COVID-19”

DATES

Monday 29-11-2021

Tuesday 30-11-2021

Wednesday 01-12-2021

TIME

18.00-20.00 Greece

17.00-19.00 Norway

16.00-18.00 Iceland

Theme

In this workshop, we will explore the gendered impact of COVID-19 on migration and migrants. While considerable attention has been given to the changing nature of mobility and travel during the pandemic, there has not been enough focus on the struggles of migrants in relation to the new situation. Through discussions and work based on real life cases, the workshop will provide participants with (1) an understanding of the gendered nature of migration and (2) familiarity with migrant responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts. We will explore these themes through a variety of activities that include individual reflection, writing, group research and discussion.

(1) The workshop will facilitate reflection on the nature of migration and the diverse subject positions that migrants can occupy. In particular, it will enable participants to develop a more complex and gendered understanding of migration and borders that is intersectional and that moves beyond the victim/perpetrator framework.

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(2) Through group work and research, participants will explore a diversity of challenges confronted by migrants during COVID-19, especially those faced by women and LGBTQ.

(3) Participants will learn about grassroots initiatives by migrant struggles in the context of the crisis generated during the pandemic. We will focus in particular on working conditions and access to basic social rights such as shelter, food and education.

The workshop is open to students, activists, thinkers, as well as professionals who are working, studying or doing research in related fields.

Program

Monday 29-11-2021: “Developing an intersectional approach to migration and borders”

Tuesday 30-11-2021: “Migrant struggles in the time of COVID-19 part 1: understanding new challenges”

Wednesday 01-12-2021: “Migrant struggles in the time of COVID-19 part 2: organising strategies and networks”

The workshop is being organised in the context of the ProGender Project by **the Research and Education Collective [RECollective](#)** in collaboration with the **[Centre for Gender Studies of Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences](#)**

Workshop Coordinators

Saskia Fischer is a researcher, educator and media maker of Indian and Dutch origin who has worked in Europe, the US and Latin America. Through her practice, both within and beyond the university, she explores the interconnections between media, political subjectivity and struggle and, increasingly, between the human and non-human worlds. Her specialisation is in qualitative research, and she has a particular interest in ethnography and participatory techniques. In her PhD (University of London, 2018), she investigated Mapuche movements’ use of radio in their [struggles against settler colonialism](#) in Argentina. In addition to academic work, she has broad experience outside the university, and has worked, among other things, as a union organiser, a coordinator of community projects and a youth video educator. Her writing and images have appeared in diverse outlets including

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academic books and journals, *Open Democracy* and in the productions of the experimental performance group [PartSuspended](#).

Carolin Philip is a political and education scientist, based in Athens and Berlin. She holds a PhD in political science from the University of Kassel dealing with the historical conditions and forms of social transformation in Greece. She is a member of the Berlin-based *glokal* collective (www.glokal.org) and focusses on mediation of postcolonial historical legacies of hegemony and resistances (www.connecting-the-dots.org), a project rewarded as best-practice-project for Global Education 2018. She has worked as scientific assistant in various research project in Greece: In the educational project Democratic Education associated with the Kapodistrian University of Athens (www.demopaideia.gr) she co-developed of an online platform for educational material and as well as educational material. . Currently she is developing different formats of intertwining research and education (e.g. the as project coordinator in the digital cartography project “Global Erinnern” with *glokal*). Postcolonial and intersectional perspectives have also been the subject of her Master Thesis that she turned into a documentary (www.whitecharity.de, 2011). Her publications include a broad thematic spectre from education and crisis (In: Eis, Andreas/Moulin-Doos, Claire, Eds. 2018), post-colonialism and historiography (Endter, Stephanie/Landkammer, Nora/Schneider, Karin 2021, Eds.) to logistics, crisis and social movements (Alimahomed-Wilson, Jake/Ness, Immanuel 2018, Eds.).

To **apply** please visit the following link:

<https://progender.panteion.gr/workshop/migration-gender-and-migrant-struggles-during-covid-19/>

You will need to upload a short CV and motivation note. If the number of applications exceeds the available places, applicants will be selected based on their CV.

Good knowledge of English is required. The workshop is free of charge.

Deadline for applications: Thursday 25th of November 2021

For more information please visit our website: <https://progender.panteion.gr>

Certificates of participation will be given to participants upon request.

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