

Feminist Political Economy Network (FEM-PEN)

The Feminist Political Economy Network is a UK-based academic network, whose purpose is to facilitate research, collaboration, and exchange on the gendered dimensions of the global political economy. Launched in October 2013, the network is currently linked to four universities in the North of the UK: Manchester, Sheffield, Warwick and York (though we hope to build links across institutions throughout the UK). The network is open to all, including undergraduate and post-graduate students and those not linked to an academic institution working in the broad areas of gender and economics, development studies, politics and political economy.

How to Participate

If you would like to join FEM-PEN, please email: Sydney Calkin at sac525@york.ac.uk

Origins and Goals

Interest in establishing an interdisciplinary feminist political economy network in the UK has been expressed at several recent events, including the 2013 SGIR/EISA conference held in Warsaw in September 2013 (which featured a 9-panel section on Feminist Global Political Economy) and the postgraduate conference held during the same month on *Gender, Neoliberalism, and Financial Crisis* at the University of York.

The tremendous success of these events has made it clear that the most recent global financial crisis has created an opening for renewed discussions about the complex and multifaceted ways in which gender relations are being conditioned by, and in turn condition, politico-economic processes within the UK and globally.

Building on the momentum of these one-off events, the goal of FEM-PEN is to facilitate a more sustained conversation among feminist political economists within the UK by creating opportunities for academics and practitioners to develop and present new projects and research. In so doing, it will also build links across institutions and facilitate collaboration among scholars interested in the shifting terrain of gendered political economy.

2014 Speaker Series

FEM-PEN will host a Speaker Series in 2014. The inaugural event will take place at the University of Sheffield on 7 January 2014, with Dr Daniela Tepe-Belfrage (Sheffield). On 29 January, we will be co-hosting (with the Global Political Economy Research Cluster) a talk by Dr Nicola Smith (Birmingham) at the University of Manchester. More speakers to be announced shortly on our email list (to join, email Sydney Calkin at sac525@york.ac.uk).

In addition to this Speaker Series, we will host and plan events in different formats, including but not limited to workshops, film screenings, activist-led roundtables, and book launches. We invite those interested in hosting events or giving talks as part of our Speaker Series to get in touch by email.

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Seminar Series- January 2014

Name: Dr Daniela Tepe-Belfrage, *Faculty Research Fellow, University of Sheffield*

Date: 7 January 2014

Time: 2:00pm

Title: "Growth - but only - if "we are all in this together!" – A feminist critique of community cohesion as "growth" strategy"

Location: Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute, ICOS Building (1st floor, glass meeting room), University of Sheffield

Please RSVP to Genevieve LeBaron (g.lebaron@sheffield.ac.uk)

Name: Dr Nicola Smith, *Senior Lecturer, University of Birmingham*

Date: 29 January, 2014

Time: 15:30-17:00

Title: "Queer Sexual Economies in/and IPE"

Location: University of Manchester (room TBA)

The February-April 2014 speakers will be announced shortly on our list-serve (to join, please email Sydney Calkin at sac525@york.ac.uk)