P03 / Feminist Governance in the 21st Century

Topic : GENDER, DIVERSITY AND PUBLIC POLICY

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GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

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- to explore the factors that have contributed to the re-emergence of feminism as a political force;
- to investigate and unpack what feminism means in these contexts and how it is practiced;
- to explore how feminist knowledges are taken up and deployed by governments and its effects;
- to understand how feminist mobilization is resisting populist forces

CALL FOR PAPERS

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· Feminism in policy practice: policy analysis, consultation/deliberation, implementation and evaluation
· Feminist policy in practice: feminist expertise, policy outcomes, etc.
· Feminist political discourse: what does it mean, who is included, etc.
· Backlash against feminism
· Protest politics and social movements
· Governance feminism/feminist governance
· Intersectionality in feminist policy and institutions

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Session 1Feminist Governance in the 21st Century

Thursday, June 27th 16:30 to 18:30 (MB 2.255)

Discussants

Stephanie Paterson (Concordia University)

Francesca Scala (Concordia University)

Promise and Peril: A Preliminary Review of Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policies in British Columbia

Carla Hotel (Douglas College)

Meghan Wingrove (Douglas College)

Lisa Smith (Douglas College)

Discourse practices by the first women-majority legislature in the United States

Magdalena Martinez (Rowan University)

Jason Henkle (University of Nevada, Las Vegas - School of Public Policy and Leadership)

Deanna Cooper (UNLV)

The Map is not the Territory: Delivering on Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy

Alisha Clancy (Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada)

Amar Nijhawan (Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada)

Advances or stagnation? Relationship between the feminist agenda and the Peruvian congress 2011-2016

Katherine Zegarra (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú)

Questioning GBA+ in Canada's LGBTQ2 Secretariat: Two-Spirit Communities and LGBTQ2-Related Initiatives

Leanne Letourneau (Concordia University)