

Feminisms from/of the Souths



In this dialogue across and between feminisms and feminists from/of the South, honouring IWD, Giselle Naidu, Luz Gamarra Caballero and Sara Motta will explore what feminism means to them, how it shapes their understanding of this political moment of increasing militarism, feminist backlash and structural violence, and how it roots their feminist practise of peace, justice and/as decolonisation.

Sara is an Indigenous-Mestiza scholar, activist and community organiser, mother and grandmother of Musica Colombian, Eastern European Jewish and Celtic lineages with kinship relations with Worimi mob. Since a child she has worked with her communities for healing justice and feminist decolonisation. She currently sits in the International Politics and Relations disciplinary group at the University. For more details of her work: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/profile/sara-c-motta>

Luz is a Peruvian woman whose great-grandmothers were Quechua. Quechua is one of the "pueblos originarios" (native peoples or First Nations) of today called South America, with large Indigenous populations living in territories like the Inca Empire before Spanish colonisation. From childhood, she became aware of differences and privileges shaped by gender, race and place of origin. She is a third-year PhD candidate researching Indigenous women students' success in higher education in and from the Peruvian Amazon, an area home to the most diverse Indigenous communities. Her work focuses on how students navigate, survive and redefine success within colonial structures.

Giselle is a South African, with South Asian heritage – As a child of the 70s, her earliest memories are of growing up under the apartheid system of racial segregation and learning from the liberation matriarchs and activists about solidarity alongside South African Black Indigenous peoples through song, dance, food, and storytelling. Currently she is a first year Ph.D. student exploring how migrant women of colour with South Asian heritage co-create and co-weave solidarities on unceded lands.

Come join us for a cuppa and yarn/dialogue across the souths and our feminisms

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