

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



**Saturday September 26th 2009 • 09.30-18.30**

**Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, SOAS, Russell Square, London**

- Why is feminism still globally resonant?
- How are theory and practice regionally and disciplinarily located?
- How do we integrate feminism in our own work?
- What does global feminist dialogue look like?
- How is transnational feminist theory being produced?

This conference aims to address the links and tensions between an expanding academic field of gender theory transnationally, and the transnational relevance of feminism amongst scholars, activists and policy-makers in a global context. We would like to expand the prevailing parameters of gender studies by making transnational concerns central to its reflections on the contemporary challenges facing feminist analysis and practice. The conference will bring together the *Feminist Review* contributing editors from Africa, Asia, the Middle East, America and Europe who combine theory, policy and activism in their institutional contexts and research foci.

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celebrating 30 years of *Feminist Review***



**Attendance is free, but please RSVP  
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9:00 - 9:30 Registration

9:30 - 9:45 Welcome

9:45 - 11:45 Local/Global Interrogations

*"Feminist studies in African contexts: Some notes on liberatory research praxis"*

Amina Mama, African Gender Institute, University of Cape Town; currently Mills College, Oakland, USA

*"Feminist research and activism on violence against women: Linking local and global"*

Vesna Nikolic-Ristanovic, Belgrade University and Victimology Society of Serbia

*"Brazilian feminisms and their central and peripheral questions"*

Sônia Weidner Maluf, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil

Discussant: Firdous Azim, BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

11:45 - 12:15 Coffee/Tea break

12:15 - 1:15 Trans/National Intersections

*"What can transnational feminist theory learn from regional feminism?"*

Suzana Milevska, Accademia Italiana - Skopje, Macedoni

*"Feminism, colonialism and nationalism in contemporary Indian drama"*

Nandi Bhatia, University of Western Ontario, Canada

*"Violence against women: Expanding understandings ... limited perspective"*

Nishi Mitra, Centre for Women's Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India

*"Across the Mediterranean: a new Italian literature"*

Lidia Curti, Istituto Universitario Orientale-Anglistica, Napoli, Italy

1:15 - 2:15 Lunch

2:15 - 3:30 Discussion

Discussant: Gülsüm Baydar, Izmir Ekonomi Universitesi, Turkey

3:30 - 4:00 Tea/Coffee

4:00 - 6:00 Theoretical Trans/Formations

*"Rights, Law, Nation: Transnational Feminist Conversations. Some Reflections from Australia"* Ann Genovese, University of Melbourne, Australia

*"Introducing women's studies: Twenty-first century dilemmas for feminist teaching in the Caribbean"* Gabrielle Hosein, The University of the West Indies St. Augustine, Trinidad

*"Teaching feminism in post-Oslo Palestine: Welcome to the Third Wave"*

Rema Hammami, Birzeit University, Palestine

Discussant: Tina Campt, Duke University, USA

6:00 - 7:00 Reception