



Reclaiming Feminism: Gender and Neo-liberalism
9-10 July, 2007
Institute of Development Studies, Brighton, Sussex

Conference Programme

	Reclaiming Feminism: Gender and Neo-Liberalism
9.30-10.00	Opening session: introductions, overview, agenda
10.00 - 11.15	Contested Notions of Empowerment and Agency Chair: Srilatha Batliwala <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cecilia Sardenberg 'Liberal versus Liberating Empowerment: Conceptualising Women's Empowerment from a Latin American Feminist Perspective' • Kalpana Wilson 'Appropriating "agency", marginalising resistance – neo-liberalism and feminism' • Josephine Ahikire 'Vulnerabilities of the feminist engagement and the challenge of developmentalism in the South: a reflection on possible alternatives'
11.15 - 11.30	Break
11.30 - 12.15	Small Group Discussions
12.15 - 1.00	Plenary Chair: Anne Marie Goetz
1.00 - 2.00	Lunch
2.00 - 3.30	The State, Development Institutions and Neo-Liberalism Chair: Shalmali Guttal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uma Chakravarti 'The New Mantra of Empowerment: The Double Moves of Countering and Co-opting of Feminism by Neo-Liberal States' • Caroline Sweetman 'Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Who Can Spot the Difference?' • Penny Vera-Sanso 'Whose Money Is It?' • Charmaine Pereira 'Whose Vision, Whose Needs? Denial, Appropriation and Contradiction in Nigeria's National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy'
3.30 - 4.00	Break
4:00 - 4.45	Small Group Discussions
4.45 - 5.30	Plenary Chair: Diane Elson

Day 2	
9.00 - 10.30	<p>'Indigenous' Feminisms, Culture, Universalism</p> <p>Chair: Shireen Huq</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vivienne Wee and Farida Shaheed 'Asserting Indigenous Feminisms as Resistance to Culturally Embedded Patriarchies' • Islah Jad 'Home Grown Feminism versus Universal Feminism' • Nadjie Al-Ali 'What Kind of Liberation? Iraqi Women Between Neo-Liberalism and Islamism' • Tej Purewal 'Towards a Political Economy of Skewed Sex Ratios in India: Sex Selection, Son Preference and "the Girl Child"'
10.30 - 11.00	Break
11.00 - 11.45	Small Group Discussions
11.45 - 12.30	<p>Plenary</p> <p>Chair: Deniz Kandiyoti</p>
12.30 - 1.30	Lunch
1.30 - 2.45	<p>Women's Movements: Autonomy and Appropriation</p> <p>Chair: Lydia Alpizar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takyiwaa Manuh 'Reluctant Feminists? Gender and the Neo-Liberal Agenda in Ghana' • Maheen Sultan 'Carving Out Spaces and Setting Agendas: The Successes and Limitations of the Bangladeshi Women's Movement' • Sarah Bradshaw 'The challenge of the Church-State Alliance for Women Mobilising for Change: The case of Nicaragua'
2.45 - 3.30	Small Group Discussions
3.30 - 4.15	<p>Plenary</p> <p>Chair: Maxine Molyneux</p>
4.15-4.30	Break
4.30-5.30	Closing Plenary: Reclaiming Feminism