

SESSION – CALL FOR PAPERS

LINE: Reactions to heteroactivism, anti-feminism, right-wing populism, extremism.

TITLE: Scars in the landscape: feminist and queer activism and counterreactions

DESCRIPTION: The fight for cisgender women and queer rights has been performed not only through actions but also through symbolic elements like monuments and murals which commemorate activists and their initiatives. Sometimes, these symbolic milestones have been vandalised by counter-reactive movements aiming to impose their narrow ideology about humanity. As a result, some of these tokens have been restored, others remained damaged and some bluntly eliminated, thus contributing to silencing feminist and queer fight for equal recognition. It seems important to identify these “scars” in the landscape which, regardless of their current state, pay homage to such a struggle and evidence the fragility of the rights already achieved, which are still far from being consolidated.

The aim of this session is to gather instances of this phenomenon from a variety of contexts throughout the world, not only to condemn them but also to study their critical significance. In the long term, this could contribute to the creation a map of feminist and queer resistance and the challenges it faces.

Some questions that could be raised during research and reflection are: how are these symbolic elements vandalised? Is there a pattern in these counter-reactive actions? Is this vandalism different depending on the geographic context? How do governments react? Are there similar examples, from different locations, but essentially the same? Could this lead to new alliances? How does reflection and awareness about this reality aid feminist and queer empowerment?

POSSIBLE TOPICS:

- Cisgender women and queer memorials.
- Symbolic violence.
- Vandalism against feminist and queer symbols.
- Policies to protect feminist and queer monuments.
- Discourses around feminist and queer milestones.
- Feminist and queer defence strategies.
- Vandalised elements which have become feminist or queer symbols of resistance.

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- The preferred language of the session is **English**.
- Submissions should include an abstract of about **200 words**, an **affiliation** (if any), **4-5 keywords**, a short **biography** and an **e-mail** address.
- Your abstracts should be sent to jbarrientos@uahurtado.cl, magdalenamorenoivan@gmail.com and estlop02@ucm.es no later than **3 April 2022**.
- You can also contact us if you have any questions about the session.
- More information on the conference: <https://2022.egsconference.com/>
- Decisions letters will be sent by April 17th.

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