GLOBAL FEMINIST ETHICS AND POLITICS

Virginia Held  CUNY Graduate School, Keynote Speaker
Military Intervention and the Ethics of Care
Bat-Ami Bar On  Binghamton University, Commentator

Claudia Card  University of Wisconsin – Madison
The Paradox of Genocidal Rape Aimed at Enforced Pregnancy
Ann Cudd  University of Kansas, Commentator

Eva Feder Kittay  Stony Brook University
The Global Heart Transplant: Care beyond National Boundaries
Allison Weir  Wilfrid Laurier University, Commentator

Lorraine Code  Mount St. Vincent University & York University
Advocacy, Negotiation, and the Politics of Unknowing
Kristie Dotson  Purdue University, Commentator

Christine Kogge  Carleton University
Empowerment in Theory and in Practice: Bridging Gaps and Articulating Values
Ranjoo S. Herr  Bentley College, Commentator

Carol Gould  Temple University
Recognition in Redistribution: On Recognizing Diversity in Global Justice
Serena Parekh  University of Connecticut, Commentator

Marina Ortega  John Carroll University
Multiplicity, In-betweeness, and the Question of Assimilation
Ann Ferguson  University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Commentator

Conference Director: Sarah Clark Miller  University of Memphis

This conference will provide an opportunity for scholars of feminist, multicultural and postcolonial theory to consider pressing questions concerning women and the global order. What effect does cross-cultural incommensurability have on the possibility of intercultural moral relations, reasoning, obligations and deliberation? Can a robust respect for cultural particularity in women’s lives, that is, for their local cultures, beliefs, politics and practices, be reconciled with with liberal principles of equality of worth, dignity and opportunity? Can the concept of difference be used without risk of essentializing complex identities? How can feminists create meaningful, non-dominating forms of global solidarity? How might starting from an understanding of moral theory as non-idealizing transform universal concepts such as justice, equality and human rights? In examining these questions, conference participants will draw on a variety of theoretical resources found in contemporary feminist philosophy.

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