

1. Género, feminismos e estudos sobre as mulheres

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There is a consensus among scientific authorities that the consequences of climate change are particularly dramatic in South Asian countries due to their geographical location, climate and dependence on natural resources (Solomon & LaRocque, 2019). The majority of deaths caused by ecological upheaval are women, a finding increasingly confirmed in social sciences (Alhassan, Kuwornu, & Osei-Asare, 2019; UNCC, 2019). Rooted in an ecofeminist approach, this conference aims to put forward concrete actions proposed by speakers from urban community settings in India in order to document on solidarity actions between Indian women for climate justice.

After a brief overview of how existing gender inequalities in India translates into women disproportionately suffering the consequences of global warming, this presentation will provide an up-to-date picture of the presence of women in environmental decision-making in India, and then present some initiatives from feminist community organizations. This analysis, anchored in a review of Indian literature (focusing on reproductive work (Chacko, 2020; Saikia, 2019), gender-based violence (Behl 2019, Roychowdhury 2020) and kinship (Sen 2005, Agarwal 1994)), is based on semi-structured interviews and life stories conducted during the spring and autumn of 2023. Ultimately, the aim will be to assess how these contributions can be reflected in national and local policies to not only improve women's resilience of women to climate change, but also highlight the knowledge that makes their contribution essential to the development of climate mitigation and adaptation strategies.

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