



**December 11-13, 2018**

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## **Fundamentalisms, Sexual Rights and Reproductive Rights**

**An answer from the feminist movement of Latin America, Europe and the Spanish State**

Trump's arrival to power in January 2017 started a new era in global politics in which democratic countries that are part of the United Nations system can openly speak against human rights without constraints. Even against the civil and political rights of large parts of the population. In many European countries, there is a discursive campaign against the Istanbul Convention. This convention establishes the framework of responsibilities that states have regarding gender-based violence, that it is now being called pejoratively "Gender Ideology". The victory of Bolsonaro in Brazil has ringed more alarms of this new global era, a reality that could be confirmed in the next European Parliament elections.

Nevertheless, this coordinated international action, and well financed, of anti-choice groups is not new. In the last ten years, we have seen how the right to have an abortion is lost in Central America, as well as democratic freedoms. Regarding abortion, Honduras and Nicaragua – countries where the Catholic Church has strong power over the government– changed their legislation to total prohibition. In Poland, there have been different attempts to ban abortion. The Hungarian president Viktor Orbán is the main representative of European extreme right leaders that defends homophobic, xenophobic and gender-based violence discourses that sustain legislations contrary to human rights.

In the Spanish State, we also have had recent attacks on positive gender public policies. For example, Gallardón, the Spanish Minister of Justice during the Popular Party government, tried to ban abortion in 2013. This attempt was frustrated by the mobilisation of the feminist movement and the support that the Spanish population showed to this legislation and others, like the same-sex marriage legislation one. Nevertheless, the anti-rights lobbies are still actives in our country and attacking directly to the organisations and feminist activists that defend sexual rights and reproductive rights.

As Morena Herrera –one of this seminar's speakers– states, the conservative forces have taken the sexual rights, sexual freedoms and positive gender policies as the new enemy in the ideological field, using them to advance in political positions and power. Countering them, there is the feminist movement, stronger than ever, organised at an international level. The feminist movement is also capable of facing this threat that goes beyond women's rights and LGBTI rights, and that extends to the general basic rights framework and democracy it-self.

## PROGRAMME

### Tuesday 11 December, 2018

Room 24.S18 (Floor -1), Building Mercè Rodoreda 24

- 10:00 - 14:00 INTRODUCTION: WHAT ARE SEXUAL RIGHTS AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPAL VIOLATIONS THEY SUFFER?**
- 10:00 - 11:30 Block 1: What are Sexual Rights and Reproductive Rights and what Legal Framework supports them?**  
 Silvia Aldavert. Coordinator of Family Planning Association from Catalonia and Balearic Islands (APFCIB).  
 Mirta Moragas. Specialist in Religious Fundamentalisms in Latin America.
- 12:00 - 14:00 Block 2: What are the Principal Sexual Rights and Reproductive Rights Violations in Latin America?**  
 Morena Herrera. Administrator of "La Colectiva Feminista para el Desarrollo Local". El Salvador.  
 Bea Cantero. Chilean feminist resident in Barcelona and professor at the UAB. Video presentation "Nosotras, Nuestros Derechos" about sexual and Reproductive Rights from migrated women in Barcelona.  
 Marta Torres and Rocío Vilchez. Presentation of the project "Estar embarazada y parir en Barcelona: imágenes y voces de mujeres de la ciudad." about migrant women pregnancy experience in the Catalan healthcare system.

### Wednesday 12 December, 2018

Room 24.S18 (Floor -1), Building Mercè Rodoreda 24

- 10:00 - 13:30 FEMINIST MOVEMENT AND SEXUAL RIGHTS AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS**
- 10:00 - 11:30 Block 1: What is the Feminist Movement? What is the Sexual Rights and Reproductive Rights Agenda within the Feminist Movement?**  
 Mirta Moragas. The Feminist Movement in Latin America and their Priorities in Sexual Rights and Reproductive Rights.  
 Bea Cantero. Migrant Feminist Movement in Barcelona.
- 12:00 - 13:30 Block 2: Sexual Rights and Reproductive Rights Defenders: Risks and Realities within the Women's Rights Defense.**  
 Silvia Aldavert. Attacks Suffered by Groups that Promote Sexual Rights and Reproductive Rights in Catalonia and the Spanish State.  
 Morena Herrera. Attacks against Human Rights Defenders in Mesoamerica (Central America and Mexico) and Protection Mechanisms.

### Thursday 13 December, 2018

Auditorium Mercè Rodoreda 23 (Floor -1), Building Mercè Rodoreda 23

- 10:00 - 14:00 FUNDAMENTALISMS, SEXUAL RIGHTS AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS IN THE EUROPEAN AND LATIN AMERICAN CONTEXT.**
- 10:00 - 12:00 Block 1: The European Context and the Spanish Case.**  
 Silvia de Zordo (PhD on Social Anthropology at the UB) and Giulia Colavolpe Severi. Realities and Interventions from the Anti-choice Movement in Spain. From the Research "Aborto Cero: anti-abortion campaigns in Europe and barriers to legal abortion in Spain" (ERC BAR2LEGAB). European Union Project.  
 Elena Zacharenko. Anti Sexual Rights and Reproductive Rights in Europe and EU Sexual and Reproductive Rights Policies.
- 12:20 - 13:40 Block 2: Latin American Context and the Central American Case.**  
 Mirta Moragas. Analysing Fundamentalisms and their Role in the Latin-American region.  
 Morena Herrera. Feminist Answers Facing the Women Rights Regression in Latin America.

## RECOMMENDED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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## LANGUAGES

Spanish-English simultaneous translation will be available on **Tuesday 11** and **Wednesday 12**.

On **Thursday 13**, Block 1 will be in English and Block 2 in Spanish without simultaneous translation.

## VENUE

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