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Argentine as ultra-right wing laboratory:
hypotheses for a feminist political analysis

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Verónica Gago On the fascistization of social reproduction: cross-border views about anti-feminism, debt and neoliberalism

In this seminar, we will analyze the dispute over what is perceived as a crisis at the level of social reproduction in order to develop the notion of "fascistization of social reproduction" (Silvia Federici), as a key point to understand the forms of anti-feminism as programmatic elements of the new ultra-right. The pandemic is a crucial moment to understand it, in relation to the intensification of tensions around freedom and care.

It is also important to discuss the category of "essential work" because it connotes a strong paradox: it names a renaturalization of these tasks and their association with certain bodies and spaces. Social reproduction has long been discussed as a way of defining interdependence in a materialistic way. These arguments are key to a feminist epistemology that looks at production from below and understands its financialization as a field of class struggle. Along these lines, it is also necessary to discuss the "mutant" character of neoliberalism (Callison and Manfredi) in such a way that it does not become a totalizing reading: for that it is crucial to understand it as a response to particular cycles of struggle (hence the variable scale of its violence and modes of recomposition). Here a major problem arises that can be considered an open question, one that has been raised especially by transfeminist movements: what are the political tools of protest and negotiation of a labor force that lies in the intersection between financial (and platform) capitalism and non-guaranteed social reproduction?

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Verónica Gago Rethinking the Strike : times and territories of the revolt

This seminar will analyze contemporary strike experiences in order to think about them from their expansions, beyond the territory of wage labor in a feminist and anti-colonial perspective.

We will take as working cases the feminist strikes in Argentina, Spain and Italy (2017-2024); the indigenous-popular-feminist strikes in Ecuador (2019 and 2022); the national strike-"estallido"/uprising in Colombia (2019-2020-2021) and the feminist strike (2018-2020) and "estallido"/uprising in Chile (2019).

Each unfolds a sequence and, at the same time, a discontinuity of political and organizational events that can be thought of in relation to a dynamic that is both processual and disruptive.

We will combine each of these cases of analysis, their conceptualizations and problematics from several questions: what is it for?; how is the strike organized?; who are the subjects and the demands in each case?; what relation can be established with the political processes in each country and at the transnational level?; can cycles be established?; which are the territories of the revolt?; what are the temporalities of the strike?

We will discuss both the epistemologies of strikes and the question of their generality, efficacy and character in terms of economic, political and subjective ambitions.

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