

18–20 June, 2009  
University of Basel

## WIDE Annual Conference 2009

# WE CARE!

## Feminist responses to the Care Crises

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The Care Economy is a contested issue: a cost problem for neo-liberal strategists, an efficiency obstacle in social and development politics, an antagonism to national migration policies. Women provide three quarters of the care work, at home and on the globalised labour market. The gender asymmetries in the organisation of care and the misevaluation of care work have been at the centre of feminist analysis and struggle. At the conference we will take up these threads and discuss them further in the era of gender mainstreaming and in the context of the multiple global crises - providing a key opportunity to promote alternative concepts of work, livelihoods and well-being and to develop political agency.

**The WIDE Annual Conference 2009 is open to all interested men and women.**





Thursday, 18 June 2009

## Caring and Social Provisioning as a Starting Point for Feminist Analysis

Who does the care work, under which conditions? How are institutions such as households, markets, public and non-profit sectors involved? The new comparative UNRISD study on the Care Economy is our starting point to learn more about the dimensions, organisation, gender composition and power dynamics of the care sector. From there we set out to exchange experiences and strategies to cope with problems and to challenge gender imbalance. We will discuss approaches, notions and concepts and ask for their relevance for change.

08:30	Registration
09:30	<b>Welcome Addresses and Interactive Introduction</b> <b>Patricia Muñoz Cabrera</b> WIDE Chair /// <b>Lilian Fankhauser</b> Board WIDE Switzerland /// <b>Ueli Mäder</b> University of Basel /// <b>Edita Vokral</b> Assistant Director General, SDC /// <b>Bénédicte Allaert</b> WIDE Secretariat Brussels /// <b>Franziska Müller</b> WIDE Secretariat Switzerland
11:00	Tea Break
11:30	<b>Key Findings of the UNRISD Study on the Care Economy</b> <b>Kathleen Lynch</b> University College Dublin, Ireland /// <b>Shahra Razavi</b> UNRISD, Switzerland /// Facilitator: <b>Wendy Harcourt</b> Society for International Development, Italy
13:00	Lunch Break
14:30	<b>Comparative Presentation by UNRISD Research Contributors</b> <b>Lina Abou-Habib</b> CRTD-A, Lebanon /// <b>Frances Lund</b> University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa /// <b>Jivka Marinova</b> Karat Coalition, GERT, Bulgaria /// <b>Ito Peng</b> University of Toronto, Canada /// <b>Brigitte Schnegg</b> ICFG, University of Berne, Switzerland /// Facilitator: <b>Emily Esplen</b> Bridge, UK
16:00	Tea Break
16:30	<b>Care Realities in Eastern Europe and CIS Countries</b> organised by Karat Coalition, facilitated by Michaela Marksova Tominova, Karat and Anna Zachorowska-Mazurkiewicz, Feminist Think Tank, Poland <b>Care Realities in Latin and Central America</b> organised by CONGDE, facilitated by Mayra Moro Coco and Rocío Lleó, Spain <b>Who talks about what? – Notions, Definitions, Concepts</b> facilitated by Ulrike Knobloch, Economist, Switzerland <b>Approaches to care from the feminist perspective of intersectionality</b> facilitated by Patricia Muñoz Cabrera, WIDE Chair, The Netherlands <b>Social and economic sciences: En route for a common theoretical framework</b> facilitated by Annemarie Sancar, SDC, Switzerland
18:00	Break
19:00	<b>Feminist Walk</b> in Basel
21:00	



WIDE Switzerland is an association of NGO representatives, scientists and political activists working in the fields of gender and development. WIDE Switzerland develops analysis and positioning on economic policy, development politics and foreign affairs with a focus on gender relations.

By providing capacity building, organising discussion meetings and facilitating knowledge transfer, WIDE Switzerland encourages public debate and networking among different actors. WIDE Switzerland is a member platform of Women in Development Europe.



Women In Development Europe  
WIDE is a feminist network of women's organisations, development NGOs, gender specialists and women's rights activists. WIDE monitors and influences international economic and development policy from a feminist perspective. WIDE's work is grounded on women's rights as the basis for the development of a more just world order. WIDE articulates alternatives to the negative impacts of globalisation, and makes feminist alternatives visible.



Friday, 19 June 2009

## Highlighting three thematic areas of the Care Economy

	<b>The Paid Formal and Informal Care Work</b>	<b>Food Chains and Care Crises</b>	<b>Body Politics and Care Regimes</b>
	Paid care work remains women's business: increasingly informalised and shaped by class and origin. Societies need care, and women need cash. However, their rights are at stake. How do institutions try to improve employment conditions? What can we learn from self-organised women workers to develop joint advocacy?	As farmers, labourers and in households, women are highly involved in the provision of food. The recent food crisis has shown the failure of the existing food system and revealed its blatant gender gap. We link the struggles for the right to food, decent work and gender justice to explore empowering practices and policies.	Heteronormative assumptions of women and men and expectations of their sexual and gender performance inform the predominant body politics. How do they determine women's working conditions, health and social security, way of life and freedoms? And what about men and body politics, masculinities and care?
09:00	<b>Introduction to the three thematic areas</b>		
10:00	Tea Break		
10:30	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <b>Power Relations along the Care Chains</b> <b>Karin Pape</b> WIEGO and Global Labour Institute, Switzerland /// <b>Rhacel Salazar Parreñas</b> University of California, USA /// <b>Helen Schwenken</b> University of Kassel, affiliated to RESPECT, Germany /// <b>Josefina Ulloa</b> MEC, Nicaragua /// Facilitator: <b>Silke Steinhilber</b> Researcher and Consultant, Germany IN ENGLISH, NO TRANSLATION	<b>Women's Rights and the Right to Food</b> <b>Tina Goethe</b> Swissaid, Switzerland /// <b>Ana Tallada Iglesia</b> REMTE, Peru /// <b>Annemarie Sancar</b> SDC, Switzerland /// <b>Ester Wolf</b> FIAN and Bread for all, Switzerland /// Facilitator: <b>Elisabeth Bürgi</b> World Trade Institute, Switzerland	<b>Body Politics, Sexual Rights and Gender Justice</b> <b>Wendy Harcourt</b> Society for International Development, Italy /// <b>Zeedah Meierhofer-Mangeli</b> Akina Mama wa Africa and Resource Center for Black Women, Switzerland /// <b>Indyra Mendoza Aguilar</b> Cattrachas, Honduras /// Facilitator: <b>Sabin Bieri</b> ICFG, University of Berne, Switzerland IN ENGLISH, NO TRANSLATION
12:30	Lunch Break		
14:00	<b>PARALLEL WORKSHOPS</b> 1 <b>Transnational migration and Care Chains</b> facilitated by Sarah Schilliger, Sociologist, Switzerland 2 <b>Decent Work and the informal care sector</b> facilitated by Hella Hoppe, Economist, FEPS, Switzerland	1 <b>Linking Food Sovereignty to household nutrition security</b> facilitated by Heike Wach, ProGender, Switzerland 2 <b>Trade liberalisation, agriculture and women's livelihoods</b> facilitated by Barbara Specht, Advocacy Officer WIDE, Brussels	1 <b>(Re)productive Rights</b> facilitated by Jivka Marinova, Karat, Bulgaria 2 <b>Sexuality and Development</b> facilitated by Conchita Garcia, W0=MEN, The Netherlands 3 <b>Masculinities and Care</b> organised by Le Monde selon les femmes, facilitated by Marcela de la Peña Valdivia and Patrick Govers, Belgium IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH
15:30	Tea Break		
16:00	<b>PANEL</b> <b>Political Responses to the Care Crises</b> <b>Facilitators of the Plenaries and Workshops</b> report on outcomes, questions and highlights of the discussions on Work, Food, Body Politics and Care /// <b>Carmen de la Cruz</b> WIDE, Spain /// <b>Silvia Schenker</b> Member of the Swiss Parliament, Commission on Social Security, Basel – to be confirmed /// <b>Open micro for participants</b> /// Facilitator: <b>Amanda Khozi Mukwashi</b> WIDE board, Skillshare, UK		
18:00	Break		
19:00	<b>Conference Party with the Tritonus Ensemble</b>		
23:00			



Saturday, 20 June 2009

## The Global Financial and Economic Crises and their Effects on the Provision of and Access to Care

The financial crisis of the 1980s in Asia and Latin America was the starting point for a new international feminist debate on neo-liberalism and macroeconomic policies. Since then the economy of care has been a key issue for feminist critics. Now we are back to a global financial crisis – with a lot of knowledge, experience and passion to forward alternative models of economy, development and welfare. Adapted for different policy sectors, we will feed them back into European, national and international policy on gender equality and women’s empowerment.

09:00	<b>PLENARY SESSION 1</b>	<p><b>The Global Financial Crises: what Impacts does it have on the Care Crises?</b> <small>in collaboration with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung</small></p> <p><b>Isabella Bakker</b> York University, Canada /// <b>Marina Durano</b> DAWN, Philippines /// <b>Stephanie Seguino</b> University of Vermont, USA /// <b>Hassania Chalbi-Drissi</b> FEMNET and IGTN, Tunisia /// <b>Ewa Charkiewicz</b> Feminist Think Tank, Poland ///</p> <p>Facilitator: <b>Christa Wichterich</b> Sociologist, Publicist and Gender Consultant, Germany</p>
11:00		Tea Break
11:30	<b>PARALLEL WORKSHOPS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The financial crisis and its implications to care: Sharing experiences and planning common action</b> facilitated by Silke Steinhilber, Researcher and Consultant, Germany</li> <li><b>State budget, public expenditure, fiscal policies and aid policies</b> facilitated by Ulrike Knobloch and Hella Hoppe, Economists, Switzerland</li> <li><b>Labour market and informal economy</b> facilitated by Anja Franck, WIDE board, University of Gothenburg, Sweden</li> <li><b>Transnational migration and remittances</b> facilitated by Annemarie Sancar, SCD, Switzerland</li> <li><b>The conference contributions through the lens of the “5-sector model of economy”</b> organised by WIDE Austria, facilitated by Eva Klawatsch-Treitl, Coordinator of the WG Women &amp; Economy and Luise Gubitzer, economist</li> <li>Roundtable: <b>The Conclusions of the UN-Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and their implementation in Switzerland</b> organised by ICFG, University of Berne, Switzerland <small>IN GERMAN</small></li> </ol>
13:00		Lunch Break
14:30	<b>PLENARY SESSION 2</b>	<p><b>How do we want to care?</b></p> <p><b>Hassania Chalbi-Drissi</b> FEMNET and IGTN, Tunisia /// <b>Marina Durano</b> DAWN, Philippines /// <b>Lina Abu-Habib</b> CRTD-A, Lebanon /// <b>Ana Tallada Iglesia</b> REMTE, Peru /// <b>Julia Kubisa</b> MaMa Foundation, Feminist Think Tank, Poland /// <b>Christa Wichterich</b> Sociologist, Publicist and Gender Consultant, Germany /// Facilitator: <b>Anja Franck</b> WIDE Board, Sweden</p>
16:30		<b>WISE Women’s Reflections on the Conference Vote of Thanks</b>
17:00		<b>Goodbye Cocktail</b>
18:00		

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reduced: 160 CHF/100 EUR

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#### Translation

The plenary and panel sessions will be translated into German, French and Spanish