

Abstract für Feministische Klimakonferenz

This talk addresses the urgent question of how to conceptually and politically address gendered violence within the context of the climate crisis as one of the most pressing issues of our century. The global environmental crisis is posing growing threats to security and peace on a worldwide scale, leading to complex, interconnected, and escalating risks with far-reaching consequences well beyond the vulnerable countries in which these implications are already felt the most. However, although research increasingly indicates that ecological factors are central in both conflict and peace dynamics, they have not received adequate attention, especially in relation to gendered and racialized violence. In turn, while scholars have examined the gendered and racialized dimensions of violence, little attention has been given to the environments in which violence is produced. These environments are often characterized by ecological disasters, ecosystem degradation, and the extraction of natural resources, all influenced by postcolonial legacies.

By combining feminist political economy, political ecology, and decolonial scholarship, this talk aims to address how environmental degradation is linked to and interacts with colonial-era racial, class and gender structures in the (re)production of violence. For this purpose, it focuses on transnational corporations (TNCs) as major inflictors of violence against humans and non-humans and asks how these are involved resource extraction, displacement and conflict, and violence against environmental activists. It argues that in all of these processes, gender and race matter, rendering some humans and non-humans especially vulnerable and 'disposable'. In the context of rising socio-environmental justice agendas, fostered by feminist and decolonial grassroots movements, it is therefore pertinent to develop a gender and race just and environmentally sustainable approach that uncovers and confronts the deep-seated power imbalances that fuel violence and hold the responsible actors accountable in our (post)colonial world.

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