



## **Feminism, Difference, and Beyond: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Critical Voices in Swiss IR Conference**

### **Call for Papers**

**Critical Voices in Swiss IR** provides a platform for dialogue and creates a network of scholars taking non-traditional approaches to international relations. For the fifth consecutive year, we are bringing together the small but growing community of scholars in Switzerland and beyond employing critical approaches in their research on international affairs, such as social constructivism, critical theory, feminism, historical materialism, post-structuralism, and post-colonial theory. We continue our conversations this year with a focus on feminist and post-colonial approaches.

By looking at the way gender and difference matter in international relations we would like to interrogate the following topics: How does the integration of considerations of gender and difference change ontologies, methodologies, and ethics in the study of international affairs? What do perspectives from the margins and theories of difference contribute in a variety of issue areas, such as war, conflict, peacebuilding, trade, development, migration, and finance? What are the effects of strategies to advance equality and fight oppression, in particular, human rights? What are the outcomes of efforts to mainstream gender, assert indigenous rights, and other perspectives from the political margins and incorporate them into policy processes?

#### **Keynote speakers:**

Wendy Harcourt, Institute for Social Studies, The Hague  
L.H.M. Ling, New School, New York  
Marysia Zalewski, University of Aberdeen

#### **Organizing Committee:**

Elisabeth Prügl (The Graduate Institute, Geneva),  
Jean-Christophe Graz (UNIL), Xavier Guillaume (UniGE),  
Jonas Hagmann (ETH Zürich) and Rahel Kunz (UNIL).

#### **Date and Venue:**

10-11 May 2012  
Auditorium Jacques  
Freymond, The Graduate  
Institute, Geneva

#### **Submission of Papers:**

In the spirit of providing a widely inclusive platform for debate, we invite abstracts for papers adopting a variety of critical approaches to the study of a broad range of international topics. Under the theme of Feminism, Difference, and Beyond, we particularly invite proposals from feminist and post-colonial perspectives. However, given the platform-building goal of the conference series, conceptual and empirical contributions which are not connected to the conference theme are also welcome. Limited funding for travel and accommodation will be available for paper presenters.

Send abstracts with a maximum of 250 words to:  
[swirco@gmail.com](mailto:swirco@gmail.com).

**Deadline:**  
**January 15, 2012**