

prospects for gender (in)equality in turbulent times

insights from two decades of continuing crises

The last two decades have been a period of economic and social turmoil, marked by the Great Recession, the Covid-19 pandemic, and the cost-of-living crisis that is just beginning to unfold. How may this period of continuing crises shape the future for gender equality as our societies navigate turbulent times?

This panel will bring together experts in the field to reflect on these matters, including the changing role of the state, labour market dynamics and the value of women's work, and household strategies and labour divisions. They will offer a long-term outlook on the gendered consequences of continuing crises to help us understand how each of these different shocks may have had common as well as distinctive effects on gender inequalities, considering how the pre-existing gender, family and employment systems and national variations in policy responses may have contributed to shaping such outcomes. The discussion will thus elucidate the insights gained through the study of two decades of continuing crises, tracing the ramifications and prospects for gender equality.

16:30 Introduction and opening words

Nicky Le Feuvre, Professor of Sociology of Work and Dean of the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Lausanne

17:00 Panel discussion

Jill Rubery, Professor of Comparative Employment Systems and Executive Director of the Work and Equalities Institute, University of Manchester

Jane Gray, Professor of Sociology, Maynooth University

Janine Berg, Senior Economist, International Labour Organisation

Discussant Stephanie Steinmetz, Professor of Sociology, University of Lausanne

18:30 Aperitif



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