



REPORT OF THE GENDER AND INTERSECTIONALITY WORKING GROUP

What is the Gender and Intersectionality Working Group?

The Gender and Intersectionality working group is an active part of Agroecology Europe, dedicated to incorporating feminist and intersectional perspectives. The main goal is to deepen our understanding of these concepts and their practical applications, enabling us to view all our projects and the organisation's overarching work through a gender and intersectional lens.

Our meetings host esteemed guests, offering invaluable insights into gender, intersectionality, and feminism within the realm of agroecology. These gatherings encourage open discussions, inviting participants to engage actively.

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Do you want to know more and access Working Group resources on our Google Drive? Write to j.donham@unisg.it or secretariat@agroecology-europe.org.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING “EXPLORING THE ECOFEMINISM IN AGROECOLOGY” WITH AGROECOLOGYWORKS!

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Organiser: Gender and Intersectionality Working Group of Agroecology Europe and [Agroecology Works!](#)

Speaker: [Johanna Jacobi](#), an Assistant Professor for Agroecological Transitions at ETH Zürich.

Slides: [Eco-feminism-final.pptx](#)

Key outcomes and questions from the meeting

Key discussion points:

- We have (almost) no indigenous thinking in our sciences and policymaking in Europe
- We have almost no feminist thinking in our Western sciences and policymaking («one-world-world») (?)

Resistance to Change: The discussion highlighted the challenges of promoting feminist perspectives in agroecology, despite scientific evidence supporting their importance. Participants expressed frustration with the persistent resistance to change within scientific and policy circles, hindering progress towards more inclusive and sustainable agricultural systems.

Women in European Agriculture: The meeting identified a research gap regarding the role of women in European agriculture. While data on women's involvement in agriculture is limited, there is a noticeable trend towards increased female participation, particularly in adopting sustainable farming practices. This underscores the need for further research and initiatives to support and empower women in agriculture.

Reconnecting with nature: Participants emphasized the importance of reconnecting with nature, highlighting the disconnection prevalent in European societies. Despite the challenges posed by societal structures, there was consensus on the need to prioritize efforts to restore this connection, recognizing its significance for sustainable agricultural practices.

Resources shared the chat:

- Haraway's literature
- Philippe Descola, Par-delà nature et culture, Paris, Gallimard, 2006, 618 p. (openedition.org)
- Le champignon de la fin du monde - Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing - Éditions La Découverte (editionsladecouverte.fr)
- For a critical Analysis of the ecofeminism of Vandana Shiva and Maria Mies: Molyneux, Maxine, & Steinberg, Deborah L. (1997). Ökofeminismus - Kritik an Maria Mies und Vandana Shiva. Das Argument: Zeitschrift Für Philosophie Und Sozialwissenschaften, 39(1), 43–58. (in German)
- Mies and Shiva's Ecofeminism: A New Testament?
- collective called Fractal
- article about re-framing the human-nature relationship on MOLD: Designing the Future of Food
- For the Spanish Speakers: A very nice book that can give some responses to the first question. It shows the cosmovision of an indigenous group of Mexico and how "thinking" is made from a completely different standpoint, that's why maybe our whole scientific and political system doesn't match the indigenous way of being. We maybe need another structure to integrate indigenous Knowledge.
- Policy Lab possibility exploration to come up with concrete proposals for different stakeholders.