

GENDER IFI SUMMER SCHOOL

WHAT IS THE GENDER IFI SUMMER SCHOOL?

A month of free learning sessions, featuring experienced speakers teaching about how international financial institutions (IFIs) impact women's rights, plus advocacy and mobilizing tactics to rise up against them.

WHO CAN JOIN?

The summer school is free to any activist, scholar and advocate interested in learning about economic justice and IFI influencing – especially women's rights groups!

WHO IS ORGANISING THIS?

The Gender IFI collective, a group of economic justice, women's rights and IFI advocacy groups.



World Bank & IMF Gender Advocacy: History, Strategy, Tactics

Tuesday, August 1 - 1pm UTC

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This introductory session will explore the Bretton Woods Institutions' historical evolution as influential development actors addressing gender issues. The session will explore key features, strengths and weaknesses of BWI gender policies and the World Bank's Environmental and Social Framework. The discussion will also be shaped by considering the neoliberal economic paradigm of the BWIs, including how privatisation, debt and austerity hinder achieving gender goals and in fact harms them.

Speakers: Elaine Zuckerman (Gender Action), Amy McShane (Bretton Woods Project), Jessica Mandanda (Feminist Macro Alliance Malawi), Faith Lumonya (Akina Mama Wa Africa)

Engaging Media - Changing the Narrative

Thursday, August 3 – 1pm UTC

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In a global economic situation full of crises and challenges, the IFIs have surged in power and the neoliberal narrative of austerity without alternative has taken hold in policymakers minds and the public discourse. This session will explore strategies and tactics to engage with the media and successfully present a counter-narrative rooted in equality and wellbeing, one that transforms the economic justice and gender discourse into a story that can move the mainstream towards real, better alternatives.

Speakers: Jessica Mandanda (Feminist Macro Alliance Malawi, Gender & Communications Specialist)

Austerity, Gender Responsive Public Services & IFIs

This two-days seminar session aims at unfolding the multifaceted links between the austerity policies promoted by the International Financial Institutions and their impact on the adequate delivery of gender responsive public services.

Part I: Monday, August 7 – 1pm UTC

Austerity and Gender Responsive Public Service Delivery

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Part II: Friday, August 11 – 11am UTC

The Role of International Financial Institutions on Austerity

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Speakers: Wangari Kinoti (ActionAid), Dr. Lyla Latif (Tax Justice Network / University of Warwick)

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Accountability, Reprisals & Reparations

Wednesday, August 16 – 1pm UTC

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Projects and policies supported by the IFIs have been connected to loss of livelihoods, rising inequality, environmental degradation and human rights abuses. This session will look at the mechanisms we can employ to hold them accountable for these impacts, and to advocate for remedy and a rights-based approach. We will also explore the concept of reparations for (neo-)colonial harms as an emancipatory framework to mobilize against capitalist extraction.

Speakers: Oxfam, Accountability Council, Gender & Development Network (TBA)

Care, Gender Inequality & the IMF

Wednesday, August 23 – 1pm UTC

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This session introduce feminist approaches to care and the protagonist among them, defining "care" and engagement strategies. We will then discuss insights from "[The Care Contradiction: The IMF, Gender, and Austerity](#)", which exposes the devastating impact of IMF-promoted public sector cuts on women in low-income countries, who face a triple threat of losing access to vital services, having fewer opportunities to access decent work, and being forced to take on the rising burden of unpaid care work.

Speakers: Roos Saalbrink (ActionAid), Klelia Guerrero (Latindadd)

Political Influencing: National Governments

Thursday, August 24 – 1pm UTC

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Here we will dive into strategies and tactics for influencing governments and national parliaments. The IFIs are governed by representatives of national governments, especially those of rich countries whose outsized influence on the IFI's boards and top leadership means changing IFI policy often means changing national policy in those countries first. This session will teach you how.

Speaker: Ute Koczy (urgewald, former member of the German parliament)

Advocacy for Feminist Tax Justice

Wednesday, August 30 – 1pm UTC

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The Global Alliance for Tax Justice is one of the most effective global networks of organizations advocating for a fairer tax system, and in particular with a focus on gender just taxation. In this session, speakers from the Alliance will discuss their experience with global campaigning on tax and gender such as with the [#MakeTaxesWorkForWomen](#) global days of action and share key insights and recommendations on connecting the tax debate with women's rights.

Speakers: Aurea Mouzinho (GATJ), other members of the tax justice movement (TBA)



Want to stay in touch? Got an idea for another session?

For any questions, suggestions or session proposals, please reach out to:

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