

Doctoral Colloquium: “The Gender of Activism: Networks, Circulation and Solidarity in the Transatlantic Space”



Are you a PhD candidate exploring themes of activism and gender in the transatlantic space?

Join the 2025 doctoral colloquium “The Gender of Activism: Networks, Circulation, and Solidarity in the Transatlantic Space”, a unique program designed to foster transdisciplinary dialogue, methodological reflection, and collaborative networks among early-career researchers.

About the Program

Organized by Institut Universitaire de France, Université de Lille (CECILLE), Université Libre de Bruxelles (CIERL), the Institut des Amériques (Washington Hub), and Georgetown University (Gender+ Justice Initiative and Women’s and Gender Studies Program), this hybrid seminar will take place monthly from March to December 2025, combining in-person sessions at Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.) with virtual participation.

Through dynamic discussions, participant-led presentations, and guest lectures, the colloquium will address crucial questions at the intersection of activism and gender studies.

Key themes include:

- **Activist Networks:** How have transatlantic activist networks been structured? What role have gender and intersectionality played in their inclusion or exclusion?
- **Circulation of Ideas:** How have activist ideas, practices, and literature circulated between Europe and the Americas? What has this revealed about shared struggles and unique contexts?
- **Solidarity in Action:** What forms of solidarity have emerged in activist movements, and how have power dynamics shaped these collaborations?
- **Methodological Challenges:** How have researchers approached archives, sources, and discourse analysis to study activism in transnational contexts?

This colloquium offers a space for doctoral researchers to refine their projects, share methodologies, and engage with a supportive community of peers and senior academics.



Who Can Apply ?

Applications are open to all doctoral students, regardless of geographic location. Please note that if you are based outside the United States, you should take into account potential time zone differences for virtual participation.

For U.S.-based doctoral students, those located in Washington, D.C., or the DMV (D.C., Maryland, Virginia) area are strongly encouraged to attend in person at Georgetown University. For students from other U.S. states or international locations, virtual participation will be available to ensure accessibility.

We strongly encourage applications from Indigenous, Black, people of color, women, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and members of other marginalized communities.

Eligibility

The program is open to PhD candidates at every stage working on themes related to activism in transatlantic contexts through the prism of intersectional analysis. It is a transdisciplinary colloquium (you can join either if you work in history, sociology, political science...). Sessions will be conducted in English.

To be eligible, your thesis should adopt a transatlantic focus, which, in this context, refers to the interconnected regions of North and South America, Europe, and the Atlantic area of Africa, including Central America and the Caribbean. A transatlantic focus requires that your research topic establish links between at least two of these areas. These connections and exchanges may involve not only groups or individuals but also ideas, literary works, writings, or shared activist practices. They can further encompass relationships developed across distances, such as political alliances, epistolary correspondence, or other forms of transregional interaction. For instance, your study could focus on an international conference or any other type of historical event that brought together activists from across the transatlantic space, offering a platform for dialogue, cooperation, and the sharing of ideas. If you are unsure whether your proposed topic fits these criteria, please feel free to contact the project coordinator.

Application Process

Submit your application through the online form by **February 25, 2025** :

<https://forms.gle/23ztDHNovz9izGh1A>

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Join us in building a transatlantic research network dedicated to advancing studies on activism, gender, and intersectionality !

If you have any question or are interested by the colloquium, you can write at Milène Le Goff, coordinator of the project: washington@institutdesameriques.fr or ml2348@georgetown.edu

