**Gender Studies and Palestine Solidarity Activism**

*1. Activism, coalitions, and movements in contemporary and historical perspectives*

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Proposal: Different universities and campuses around Europe, including Sweden, have seen a wave of student activism since the beginning of the genocide in Gaza in October 2023. This has taken the form of encampments, solidarity statements, protests, calls for academic BDS and push for accountability and action from our universities. With some faculty members participating in or supporting the actions taken by the students, we have also seen silence and unprecedently violent responses from university leadership throughout Sweden. This has raised concerns and questions of solidarity, academic freedom and accountability, and the connections between activism and academia. In this open panel session we would like to create a space for discussing Palestine as a feminist issue, as well as for considering our accountability and responsibility as members of the global academic community, and as critical feminist scholars in particular, amidst the ongoing genocide, ecocide and scholasticide in Palestine. To refer to the conference description: "The need for critical voices against violence, repressive power, and inequality is urgent. Therefore, gender studies has a vital role to play both as a voice for analyses of present developments and as a provider of knowledge for livable worlds and lives: that which gives hope and creates change, such as coalitions, activism, and critical examinations of history and its status quo." In this panel we are thus asking what does this mean for, or what is the role of, Gender Studies in the context of fighting for ending the genocide and decolonising Palestine? What are our possibilities for speaking up and acting with integrity within the constraints of university structures, and for making our knowledge production inspire not only hope but action? We welcome academic considerations on topics relevant to the conference theme as well as Gender Studies more widely, such as the human rights and environmental impacts of the genocide, the colonial history of the occupation of Palestine and the Israeli apartheid state, racism, livability, and political pinkwashing, as well as wider considerations on past and present connections between activism and academia (Gender Studies in particular). In addition, we welcome contributions from students and scholars engaged in Palestine solidarity activism within academia.