



## **Local feminist perspectives as transformation levers**

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## Final synthesis conference “Local feminist perspectives as transformation levers for greater gender equality”, Berlin, March 19<sup>th</sup>

For this synthesis conference, planned as a one-day event, we aim to offer a mix of formats that facilitate discussions on feminisms in different contexts and critical exchanges on the potentials and limits of feminist approaches to development. We recognise the political sensitivities that are linked to questions of gender equality and feminisms given anti-democratic and anti-gender campaigns in different contexts all over the world. In response to these challenging circumstances, we, together with our partners, seek to create a space to exchange and particularly confront anti-feminist trends.

As part of the research project ‘Local feminist perspectives as transformation levers for greater gender equality’ we want to invite you to its final conference on March 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 in Berlin. In this project, IDOS has partnered up with three organisations, the Gender Studies and Human Rights Documentation Centre (Ghana), the Goa Institute of Management (India) and Gender in Detail (Ukraine) to identify and analyse contemporary local feminist perspectives in Ghana, India, and Ukraine. It explores how **local feminist perspectives** can be used as levers for **transformative change for greater gender equality**.

The three partner organisations have conducted studies that help to better understand various local feminist perspectives within their respective contexts and to formulate policy recommendations. In the synthesis study, the team at IDOS took feminist foreign and development policy approaches as a starting point and looked for broader thematic and conceptual lines informed by the partners’ work. By following an explorative and participatory approach, the project stresses the diversity of local feminist perspectives. We see these diversities as a strong asset while still pointing to common learnings for gender (in)equalities.

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*Where?* [Martas Hotel Albrechtshof](#), room “Jochen Klepper – Der Antike”

*When?* March 19th, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm

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## Agenda

- 10:00 – 10:30**      **Registration and welcome coffee**  
**(30 min)**
- 10:30 – 10:45**      **Opening**  
**(15 min)**
- *Short Teaser: where are we located on the map? Local feminist perspectives from where?* (2-3 min)
  - *Welcome by moderator* (2-3 min)
  - *Opening board ‘why local feminist perspectives matter’* with Stephan Klingebiel (IDOS), Nora Pistor (GIZ) and colleagues from the partner organisations, Tamara Zlobina, Gender in Detail (Ukraine), Deborah Tayo Akakpo, Gender Studies and Human Rights Documentation Centre, GSHRDC (Ghana), Divya Singhal, Goa Institute of Management, GIM (India)
- 10:45 – 12:00**      **Partners’ presentations**  
**(75 min)**
- Presentation by Olena Strelnyk, Gender in Detail (Ukraine) on *Local feminist perspectives as transformation levers for sustainable development in Ukraine in the context of ongoing defence* plus Q&A (20 min)
  - Presentation by Deda Ogum (University of Ghana) on *Local feminists’ perspectives as transformative levers in Ghana* plus Q&A (20 min)
- Short break (5 min)**
- Presentation by Divya Singhal (GIM) (& Ananya Chakraborty, World Resources Institute, WRI) on *Local feminist perspectives as transformation levers: Women’s health and climate action in India* plus Q&A (20 min)
- 12:00 – 13:15**      **Lunch Break**  
**(75 min)**
- 13:15 – 14:30**      **World Café**  
**(75 min)**
- *Three stands on local feminist perspectives in Ukraine* Olena Strelnyk (Gender in Detail), *in Ghana* Fidelia Ohemeng (University of Ghana), *in India* Sreerupa Sengupta (GIM)
  - Discussion on the critical questions/findings of the case studies (45 min)
  - Sharing insights with the plenary (30 min)
- 14:30 – 14:45**      **Coffee Break**  
**(15 min)**
- 14:45 – 15:15**      **Presentation of synthesis study**  
**(30 min)**
- ‘Local feminist perspectives as transformation levers for greater gender equality’ by Jacqueline Götze plus Q&A

**15:15 – 16:30**      **Closing Panel**  
**(75 min)**

*What do these results mean for feminist policy approaches? What is the next good step we can make?*

15:15 – 15:30 Main insights from IDOS, GIZ and BMZ

- Anna-Katharina Hornidge (IDOS)
- Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven (GIZ)
- Birgit Pickel (BMZ)

15:30 – 16:30 Closing discussions and Q&A

- Anna-Katharina Hornidge (IDOS), Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven (GIZ), Birgit Pickel (BMZ), Tamara Zlobina (Gender in Detail), Dorcas Coker-Appiah (GSHRDC), Sreerupa Sengupta (GIM), Claudia Zilla (SWP)

**16:30**                      **Reception & Networking**