

***(Re)Production:
Inequalities of Gender, Racialization, and Class***

March 2-3, 2018

CALL FOR PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS

This conference continues the FLSQ annual tradition of hosting a major event for International Women's Day (IWD March 8, 2018) and expands this celebration to honour the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21, 2018). The UN theme for IWD this year is "**Press for Progress**," and this theme forms the focus for this conference.

The conference's aim is, first, to explore this theme in light of socio-political and normative factors that lead to the continuance and reproduction of inequalities, and second, to critique the political ideals of material production of market commodities for their impact on perpetuating gender inequality at the intersection of racial inequality, dis/ability, and poverty.

FLSQ calls for papers on personal, political, societal, cultural, structural, and institutional factors that shape the production and reproduction of society. We invite critical contemplations of how identity, normative values, hierarchy, and social relations of power are produced structurally and politically and reproduced institutionally and instrumentally. This topic includes tangible dimensions of governance, the production of violence and war, the access to benefits of new technologies, the effects of tax laws, and the less tangible reproduction of normativity, identity, and identity politics. We are also interested in colonial legacies, the impact of welfare state policies including on food and housing, the governance of health, including medical assistance in dying and assisted reproduction, resource management and environmentally sustainable practices, and corporate governance. We particularly welcome examinations of diverse specific issues through gender, racialization, poverty, and ability perspectives. Participants are invited to consider the conference themes in a variety of ways, such as considering the role of law, culture, and compassion in mitigating structural subordination, promoting institutional transformations, and politicizing sites of resistance. Students, community members, researchers and academics, lawyers and other professionals, policy analysts, economists, and those involved in governance across disciplines are invited to submit proposals for presentations.

We are delighted to present two keynote speakers this year:

Professor Angela Harris (<https://poverty.ucdavis.edu/profile/angela-p-harris>), the 2017-2018 Principal's Development Fund Visiting Scholar to Queen's University will launch the conference program with an opening keynote lecture on Friday March 2, presenting on *The Colour of Farming: Food and the Reproduction of Race*.

Professor Jocelyn Downie (<https://www.dal.ca/faculty/law/faculty-staff/our-faculty/jocelyn-downie.html>) will be visiting Queen's as the Willis G. Cunningham Lecturer in Law and Medicine and will present her keynote lecture on Saturday March 3rd on *Medical Assistance in Dying*.

The *Convention on the Eradication of Discrimination against Women* (CEDAW) calls for gender equality in all laws, policies, practices, and private relations, and the Declaration on Race and Racial Prejudice notes in its Preamble "that racism, racial discrimination, colonialism and apartheid continue to afflict the world in ever-changing forms" and that such practices are "leading to the exclusion, humiliation and exploitation, or the forced assimilation, of the members of disadvantaged groups..."

The 1995 Beijing Platform for Action (PFA) was adopted by the world community to secure active state and private sector engagement in implementing CEDAW, and, most recently, the Sustainable Development Goals have been adopted to include the eradication of violence, poverty, hunger, and racialized and gender hierarchies and prioritizing of biosphere sustainability as human rights values. In addition, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda/ UN Financing for Development commitments of 2016 and 2017 extend state obligations to governing and funding for equality and sustainability.

Date and Location:

The conference will be held in the **Robert Sutherland Hall, the Policy Studies building**, on the ground floor (room 202), located at 138 Union St., Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario on Friday and Saturday, **March 2-3, 2017**.

Submitting proposals for presentations or papers:

If you are interested making an individual presentation, organizing a panel, or submitting a written paper, please email a one paragraph outline to Bitu Amani (amanib@queensu.ca) and Kathleen Lahey (at kal2@queensu.ca) by Feb. 1, 2018 and please copy assistant conference coordinator Megan Hamilton megan.hamilton@queensu.ca. . Acceptances will be issued on a rolling basis beginning Jan. 15, 2018.

Travel funding:

When submitting a discussion proposal, please indicate whether you would be able to obtain organizational or institutional support to attend, or whether you could attend only if you receive funding from Feminist Legal Studies Queen’s.

Registration:

Attendance for the purpose of participating in open group discussions throughout this event is welcome, because the goal of this event is to discuss a wide variety of equality and justice issues and formulate as many creative ideas for research, equality analysis, and advocacy as possible. Contact the organizers to indicate interest and obtain registration information. Some funding is available to assist students to attend. Formal registration will open on January 15, 2018.

Accommodation and childcare:

We have secured a block of rooms at a group rate at the Four Points Sheraton. Please visit [FLSQ Conference 2018](https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1712059148&key=F170CB5) (OR copy and paste the following link into a web browser) <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1712059148&key=F170CB5>

Anyone wanting childcare should mention this request to the organizers to facilitate assistance with arrangements.

Accessibility:

The venue is fully accessible; please contact the coordinators with any questions.

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