CFP: Feminist Geographies in/during Troubled Times: Dialogues, Interventions and Praxis  
August 4-6, 2018  
Feminist Geography Conference  
University of Montreal, Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
(Pre-IGU & CAG Conference)

The Canadian Women and Geography (CWAG) specialty group of the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG) and the International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission on Gender and Geography are pleased to announce a two-day feminist geography conference to be held at the University of Montréal in Montréal, Québec, Canada. Taking place before the IGU Regional Conference and the Annual Meeting of the CAG in Québec City, the pre-conference will promote intergenerational and intersectional dialogues among feminist scholars, researchers and activists around the theme of practicing feminist geography in times that are troubled by recent ecological and societal changes such as the rise of white supremacy and homophobia, neolibera politics, authoritarianism and climate change. We seek to create a space to examine solidarities and connections among feminist and other fields of critical geography such as queer and anti-racist geographies, political ecology, and non-human geographies. The pre-conference also aims to encourage discussion across linguistic differences by creating space for feminist geographers working in non-Anglo-American contexts. Proposals may be submitted in Spanish, French, and English however, presentations will be in French or English.

Possible Themes  
How do feminist geographers understand and address troubled times at all scales from the body to the globe and in contexts such as the home, workplace, and public spaces? How do we address various and messy tensions and contradictions of feminist geographies in and during troubled times? How are tensions contested? What does it mean for various bodies to move through spaces of contradiction and tension? What kinds of tools do we have to dismantle these tensions for opening up spaces for marginalized subjectivities? How can we learn to listen to each other and move forward during these troubled times? What kinds of actions that we can take collectively? We invite proposals to address these tensions and contradictions to open up spaces for conversation and dialogue that includes but not limited to:

● Place and space for/ by feminist and other critical geographers in/during troubled times
● Knowledges, methodologies and tools in/during troubled times
● Talking across and through diverse feminist geography traditions and generations  
● Connecting feminist geographies and geographers in/during troubled times  
● Feminist next steps for better times (what action and praxis?)  
● Art(istic) and performative responses to troubled times

Sessions, Panels, and Paper Submission  
In the submission, include the name of the session, panel or paper, the names and contact information for all participants and an abstract of no more than 250 words. Abstracts and presentations can be in either English or French.  
Sessions & Panels: October 31, 2017  
Papers: November 30, 2017
Address for submission: femgeogconference@gmail.com

Registration
Details about registration will be announced shortly.
A modest registration fee that will be reduced for graduate students will be charged

Tentative Schedule
Registration and Welcoming Event – Saturday, August 4, 2018
Paper sessions and keynote – Sunday, August 5, 2018
Paper sessions and panels – Monday, August 6, 2018 (morning)
Depart for IGU in Quebec City – Monday, August 6, 2018 (afternoon)

Hosts
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