



# THE FUTURES OF FEMINISM

NEW DIRECTIONS IN FEMINIST, WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES

**Annual FWSA Conference, 5-7 July 2011, Brunel University**

Since the final decade of the twentieth century, discussions about and within feminism have often focused on feminism's place and relevance in today's Western societies and on the conceptualisations of the relationships between different strands and waves of the movement. This conference seeks to redress the focus on internal and generational divisions by exploring potential feminist futures and investigating new directions in feminist, gender and women's studies across activism, theory and practice in a range of disciplines and through a variety of social and cultural phenomena. As such, the event aims to address both where feminism is going as well as where it has not yet been, including areas of enquiry which have been neglected or ignored in past decades and approaches which conceptualise or help to shape potential feminist futures. We welcome paper and panel proposals from a range of disciplines across the sciences, arts and humanities. Topics may include, but are by no means limited to:

- New directions and developments in feminist, women's, gender and queer studies
- Post and third-wave feminisms' roles in the futures of feminism
- The impacts of new forms of (transnational) activism and the 'global'
- Critical pedagogy and feminist futures
- Feminist historiography and its influences on feminisms' futures
- Feminist developments and futures in literature, popular culture, the media and on screen

Please email 250 word proposals for 20 minute presentations or 750 word panel proposals to the conference organisers **Dr. Jessica Cox** and **Nadine Muller** at **futures-of-feminism@fwsa.org.uk** by 1st April 2011, and feel free to send any queries you may have regarding this event to the same address.

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