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**Call for Papers**

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## **Contested Solidarities (working title)**

The question of solidarity and solidarities is currently as urgent as it is contested. In the course of neoliberal transformations, tendencies of eroding solidarity in the state and society are visible and appear to heighten the existing inequalities and differences and create new ones. These developments become more radicalized as the political climate in the global North becomes increasingly authoritarian. This can be observed in nationalist and racist leanings, as right-wing populist movements and parties frame solidarity as an idea that is exclusive rather than inclusive. At the same time new practices of solidarity are emerging in the form of transnational solidarity in refugee aid or transnational movements such as #BlackLivesMatter, #NiUnaMenos and #MeToo. In academic discourse feminist, queer and anti-racist approaches increasingly engage contested questions of alliance politics, opportunities for collective action and the formation of movements that are not based on pre-defined or singular identities. As (new) feminist alliances and politics take shape, internal feminist critiques are also updated: In this vein, Euro-centric paternalistic gestures made in the name of solidarity are problematized. Furthermore, the commitment to minority rights and identity politics by (queer) feminist publics is criticized for lacking powerful responses to new and heightened inequalities.

This issue of *Femina Politica* on "Contested Solidarities" (working title) aims to further discuss these topics within the context of current national and supranational political developments. On the one hand, we are interested in the various conditions of gender politics and their effects for solidarity; on the other hand, we are looking for papers that elaborate on current ideas of (intersectional) feminist solidarity in the face of gendered, racialized and classed inequalities.

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Therefore, theory-based empirical contributions and theoretical articles that address the following topics are of particular interest:

- How can social cohesion and structures of mutual solidarity be developed in a globalised world? Is there a shift from inclusive to exclusive understandings of solidarity and what are the effects? What do concepts like 'Europe of the many' and 'common Europe' entail? Are intensified border regimes and the defence against refugees, expressions of a new nationalism that no longer knows solidarity? How have the financial and Euro crises impacted European solidarity? How do these developments influence intersectional gender politics and theories?
- If solidarity is one of the foundations of the welfare state, in what ways are gendered, racialized and classed inequalities (re-)produced within the current transformations of the welfare state? What effects has the erosion of solidarity on policies, for instance the shift from the solidarity principle of social insurance (unemployment insurance, pension) to the privatisation of care?
- Given the current neo-liberal and authoritarian tendencies, and under the conditions of multiple inequalities and forms of oppression, how has the relationship between freedom, equality and solidarity changed? To what extent is solidarity a precondition for freedom and equality? Is international and transnational solidarity a myth? What does the relationship between universality and particularity look like?
- What forms of queer-feminist solidarity consider both micro-political arenas (such as everyday solidarities) and institutional contexts (as for instance the queer-feminist potentials of civil society organisations such as trade unions or human rights organizations, etc.)?
- What do current and future feminist movements and alliances look like? Although 'women\*'s solidarity' is often criticised as outmoded and an expression of Eurocentric, paternalistic superiority—is it possible to redefine it? Are there specific experiences (of sexual violence, responsibility for reproduction, bodily exploitation, etc.) that many women\* share and which might serve as a basis for building new solidarities? Is there such a thing as 'strategic solidarity' and what might it look like?

## Abstracts and Contact

The editors of this issue are Brigitte Bargetz, Alexandra Scheele and Silke Schneider. We invite one to two-page abstracts to be submitted to [brigitte.bargetz@univie.ac.at](mailto:brigitte.bargetz@univie.ac.at), [alexandra.scheele@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:alexandra.scheele@uni-bielefeld.de), [silke.schneider-ksw@fernuni-hagen.de](mailto:silke.schneider-ksw@fernuni-hagen.de) or [redaktion@femina-politica.de](mailto:redaktion@femina-politica.de) by **30 November 2018**. As a feminist journal that promotes women\* within and outside academia Femina Politica will prioritize qualified abstracts by women\*.

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## Submission Deadline for Contributions

On the basis of the abstracts, the editorial team invites authors to submit full papers by **15 December 2018**. The deadline for anonymized papers of 35,000—40,000 characters (including spaces, notes, and bibliography) is **15 March 2019**. Information about the author should only appear on the title page. All papers undergo a double-blind peer review procedure. Each paper is reviewed by one external reviewer (double-blind) and one internal reviewer (issue editors). If needed, a third review might be asked for. The authors will receive the reviews of their articles by **15 May 2019**. Based on the reviews, the editors of the journal will make the final decisions for the publication. The final papers are due on **15 July 2019**.

## Forum Section

This issue of *Femina Politica* also provides the opportunity to publish original manuscripts from the field of gender-sensitive political science in the journal's Forum section. Articles should be no more than 20,000 characters (including spaces, notes, and biography) and should either offer important research findings or discuss contemporary debates in feminist research. One or two-page abstracts for the Forum section should be submitted to [redaktion@femina-politica.de](mailto:redaktion@femina-politica.de). The final decision will be based on the full-length paper.

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