

Transnational Mapping of the Institutionalization of Women's Studies

A symposium sponsored by the Centre for Feminist Research, the Graduate Program in Women's Studies, and Founders College

Thursday Nov 4th, 1:00-4:30 – CFR Common Room
(6th Floor, York Research Tower)

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This symposium focuses on how Women's Studies has been institutionalized in higher education. Speakers examine the ways in which the institutionalization of women studies is tied to funding patterns for Women's Studies programmes and to the requirements of academic regulations. The symposium will also address theoretical and thematic transformations since the inception of Women's Studies in various locations. Speakers also examine the implications of scholarship that has shaped Women Studies as a unique discipline, with feminist methods of teaching, research and writing, and how this scholarship impacts and has transformed feminist activism, vocational skill-enhancing activities, and the 'discipline' of Women's studies itself. We hope to facilitate a transnational focus on these issues by examining the trajectories of Women's Studies in several national contexts.

Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!