

## Meridian 180 Global Multilingual Forum

# Gendered Transformations under the Pandemic in East Asia

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What kind of gendered impacts and political, economic and social transformations has the Covid-19 pandemic brought about in East Asia? What kind of challenges and possibilities do these transformations pose for democracy and social justice in the region? This forum aims at creating a space for dialogues and collective knowledge production among activists and researchers from feminist perspectives that focus on intersections of gender and other social elements.

While East Asian countries are largely regarded as being successful so far in preventing the widespread of Covid-19, there have been relatively few opportunities for international exchange of feminist analysis, partly because of language barriers. The forum will be composed of a series of dialogue sessions. The first dialogue session will reflect on major gendered impacts and responses of social movements, and attempt to identify emerging challenges, with the participation of feminist activists in the region. The second session will specifically focus on the issues related to social reproduction, neoliberal economy, and gender orders, with participation of feminist researchers exploring transformations in care, migration and ecology.

The forum will be organized by Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan, as a part of the Meridian 180 Forum, a global platform to promote crisis preparedness from interdisciplinary perspectives through the multilingual exchange of people in different sectors. Both sessions will be organized as online zoom webinars, with simultaneous interpretation in English, Chinese Mandarin, Korean, and Japanese.

### Multilingual Dialogue 1

#### Changes under the Pandemic and Emerging Challenges: Perspectives from Social Movements

**January 28, 2022, Friday**

1:30-4:30 pm (JST), 12:30-15:30 (China, Hong Kong, Taiwan),  
4:30-7:30 (UTC), 22:30 (January 27)-1:30 (January 28, CST)

#### Speakers

**Feng Yuan (馮媛)**

Co-founder of Beijing Equality and Weiping Helpline for Women, China

**Hui-Fen Hung (洪惠芬)**

Board member of Awakening Foundation and Professor of the Department of Social Work, Soochow University, Taiwan

**Kyungjin Oh (오경진 / 吳京珍)**

Coordinator, Korean Women's Association United (KWAU), Rep. of Korea

**Jay Em Cardona**

Secretary, Hong Kong Federation of Asian Domestic Workers Unions (FADWU), Hong Kong

**Hisako Motoyama**

Representative of Asia-Japan Women's Resource Center (AJWRC) and Senior Researcher at Ritsumeikan University, Japan

Moderator: **Nanako Shimizu** Professor at Utsunomiya University, Japan



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### Multilingual Dialogue 2

#### Whither the Gender Order? Neoliberal Economy, the Pandemic and Social Reproduction

**February 18, 2022, Friday**

10:00-13:00 (JST), 9:00-12:00 (China, Hong Kong, Taiwan),  
1:00-4:00 (UTC), 19:00-22:00 (February 17, CST)



#### Provisional speakers

**Hyun Mee Kim**

Professor, Yonsei University, Korea

**Reiko Ogawa**

Professor, Chiba University, Japan

Moderator: **Nanako Shimizu** (Utsunomiya University) and  
**Hisako Motoyama** (Ritsumeikan University)



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