



# Multiple Global Crises and Gender: Rethinking Alternative Paths for Development

*Reflecting on the flaws in the current patterns of development and arguing for political, economic, and social changes to promote equality and sustainability.*



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In the context of the “triple crises” of food, fuel and finance, and the underlying, deep-seated problem of growing inequality, flaws in current patterns of development are undeniable – especially for women. Increasingly, countries are beset by auto-reflexive crisis responses and austerity-driven agendas that fail to reduce economic insecurity or climate and environmental risks.

Understanding and harvesting feminist knowledge has become increasingly critical to a number of issues impacting the lives of women and men in both developed and developing countries. As the global community begins debating a new post-2015 development agenda, it is imperative that critical feminist voices are heard and counted in reshaping economic, social and political agendas and priorities. It is time for creative shifting in thinking and framing of contemporary feminist movements, national and regional policies, and UN agencies.

During this seminar, participants will discuss key findings from the recently published volume “Harvesting Feminist Knowledge for Public Policy: Rebuilding Progress”, reflecting on the flaws in the current patterns of development and arguing for political, economic and social changes to promote equality and sustainability.

With:

**Devaki Jain**, former director of the Institute of Social Studies (ISST) in Delhi, India and co-editor of “Harvesting Feminist Knowledge for Public Policy: Rebuilding Progress”, will frame the key findings and discuss potential interventions in public policies.

**Naoko Otobe**, Senior Employment Specialist at the ILO, will frame the debates in the context of the UN system, and speak more broadly on the global economic crisis, gender and employment.

**Mariama Williams**, Senior Fellow with the South Centre, will offer interventions on the financial crisis, the global economy and climate change funding.

With introductory remarks by UNRISD director **Sarah Cook**.