



Invitation to a webinar



Ecofeminism makes sense: Towards life-affirming Adult Learning and Education (ALE)

Climate justice, including social, gender and economic justice, is attained by foregrounding the needs and interests of the people who have contributed least to climate catastrophes yet are most affected by them. Due to unequal patriarchal divisions of labour and exploitative practices, the majority of women around the world carry primary responsibility for putting food on the table and taking care of ecosystems, families and communities. Ecological breakdown, capitalism and patriarchy are closely inter-linked and undergird the environmental catastrophe that is unfolding. Ecofeminism, a discourse that began in the late 1980s, remains a useful theoretical framework because it refuses to separate entangled dimensions of life. It presents a change in paradigm from separation to interconnectedness, from the mechanistic and reductionist to the relational and holistic. This webinar will explore ecofeminism – its theory and practice - and in particular, its application to the principles and practices of a life-affirming ALE.

Event details

Date: 13 October 2021

Length: 75 min

Time: PDT 8.00am (Vancouver); 16:00 BST (London, UK); 17:00 CAT/CEST (Harare, Berlin); 20:30 IST (India); 01:00am AEDT 14th October (Sydney/Melbourne)

Venue: Zoom

Please register in advance for this meeting. A recording will be made available for those that cannot join at those times but you must register to be on the list:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88273246469?pwd=SEUwT0dqcl1DZ0xhSnF0dTByR1EvZz09>

Programme

Speakers

Jacklyn Cock is Professor Emerita in the Department of Sociology at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, where she is also Research Professor in the Sociology of Work Unit (SWOP). Her life time research interests are: Environment, Gender, Violence, Political Economy.

Serap Brown, is a Turkish poet, film-maker, adult educator, and PhD student who is using ecofeminism and decolonization in her praxis to reimagine relations to water utilizing the arts, including film, music, poetry. She believes that ecofeminist principles are fundamental to addressing the climate emergency through life-affirming ALE.

Plenary Discussion

In preparation for the webinar, you're invited to read/view:

Skosana, D. & Cock, J. (2020) African women's lives in the time of a pandemic. "Our existence is resistance": women and the challenge of the climate crisis and Covid19 pandemic lockdown in mining affected communities in South Africa.

<https://www.swop.org.za/post/our-existence-is-resistance-women-and-the-challenge-of-the-climate-crisis-and-covid-19-pandemic>

I am River. Brown, S. (Producer). (2019). [Video/DVD]. Victoria, BC, Canada. Shaw Communications. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWa5kfgx3dQ>