

30th International Conference Simone de Beauvoir Society

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Reconnecting with Simone de Beauvoir's Radical Thought

We are witnessing a severe and growing crisis characterized by the rightward shift of societies, widespread precarity, increasing inequalities, the exacerbation of racist, masculinist, and transphobic hatreds, and ecological collapse—a crisis perpetuated and worsened by a dehumanizing hegemonic neoliberal system. In this critical context, this conference intends to reflect on the possibility and conditions for reviving Beauvoir's radical thought and put it in conversation with contemporary counter-hegemonic critical perspectives.

Critical, Interdisciplinary, and International Conversations

VIRTUAL EVENT

PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND
BOOK FAIR

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June 16, 2025 (Monday)

1pm: Introduction by **Erika Ruonakoski** (President of The International Simone de Beauvoir Society, University of Jyväskylä, Finland) and **Marine Rouch** (University of Toulouse Jean Jaurès, France - Coordinator of Communication of the International Simone de Beauvoir Society)

1:30pm-2:45pm: Panel 1 - Feminist Resistance to Sexual, Racial, and Colonial Violence

Moderator: **Mickaëlle Provost** (Saint-Louis Bruxelles University, Belgique)

- **Hourya Bentouhami & Cécile Hanff** (University of Toulouse Jean Jaurès, France) - “Une philosophie féministe du mal ordinaire. Ida B. Wells et Simone de Beauvoir sur l’esclavage et le lynchage dans l’Amérique au jour le jour”
- **Lori Jo Marso** (Union College, USA) - "The "Ballads" of Suzanne Césaire: Beauvoir, Cavarero, Hunt-Ehrlich"
- **Kate Yuan** (Yale University, USA) - “Sexual Humiliation and AI: An Existential-Feminist Analysis of Deepfake Pornography”

2:45pm-3pm: Break

3pm-4:15pm: Panel 2 - What is a Woman?

Moderator: **Tove Pettersen** (University of Oslo, Norway)

- **Mickaëlle Provost** (Saint-Louis Bruxelles University, Belgique) - “Sur quelques possibilités de ne plus devenir femme”
- **Katja Čičigoj** (Alpen-Adria-University Klagenfurt/Celovec, Austria) - “Beauvoir and Radical Feminism: the Problem of Woman Today”
- **Marina Cortez** (Old Dominion University, USA) - “What is a Woman?": Marilyn Frye and the Ocularcentric Construction of Gender Essentialism”

4:15pm-4:30pm: Break

4:30pm-5:25pm: Panel 3 - Caring for our Matrilineal Genealogies

Moderator : **Adèle Cassigneul** (École nationale supérieure des Arts décoratifs of Limoges, France)

- **Annik Houel** (Lumières Lyon 2 University) - “Une histoire ordinaire : Simone de Beauvoir et sa mère”
- **Sophia Bain** (Independent scholar, USA) – “*A Very Easy Death* and Phenomenological Reflections on Grief”

5:25pm-5:30pm: Break

5:30pm-6:30pm: Book fair 1

Beauvoir and Politics. A Toolkit (Routledge 2024) with editor **Liesbeth Schoonheim** (Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany) and **Katja Čičigoj** (Alpen-Adria-University Klagenfurt/Celovec, Austria)

June 17, 2025 (Tuesday)

10:45am-11:45am: Book fair 2

Jacqueline Manicom. *La Révoltée* (Éditions de l'Atelier, 2025) with author **Hélène Frouard** (Journalist and independant scholar, France) and **Justine Zeller** (Université d'Orléans, France)

11:45am-12pm: Break

12pm-1:15pm: Panel 4 - (Anti)Colonialism: History, Discourse, Pedagogy

Moderator: **Marine Rouch** (University of Toulouse Jean Jaurès, France)

- **Hélène Frouard** (Journalist and independant scholar, France) - “Simone de Beauvoir, soutien des féministes antillaises”
- **Ross Barham** (Melbourne High School, Australia) - “Teaching Beauvoir Through Place-Situated Discourse: A Report”
- **Magda Guadalupe Dos Santos** (Minas Gerais University, Brazil) - “Mémoire et effets du colonialisme dans les écrits de Simone de Beauvoir”

1:15pm-2:30pm: Break

2:30pm-3:45pm: Panel 5 - Resisting Patriarchy (1): Myths, Bad Faith and Authenticity

Moderator: **Ashley Scheu** (Eckerd College, USA)

- **Filipa Melo Lopes** (University of Edinburgh, Scotland) - “Feminist Witches? Beauvoir on Women, Magic, and Otherness”
- **Marie Loslier Simon** (New School for Social Research, USA) - “Pensée mythique, nature et société : *Le Deuxième sexe* avec *La Dialectique de la raison*”
- **Jennifer McWeeny** (Emerson College, USA) - “Confrontations between Myth and Authenticity: How to Dismantle Patriarchy”

3:45pm-4:30pm: Break

4:30pm-5:45pm: Panel 6 - Resisting the Right and Far Right

Moderator: **Christine Noël-Lemaître** (Aix Marseille University, France)

- **Raphaël Ehram** (Sorbonne University, France) - “La critique matérialiste de l'idéalisme et du psychologisme, ressort de l'analyse beauvoirienne de la pensée de droite”
- **Kelli Fuery** (Chapman University, USA) - “Reimagining Recognition: Beauvoir, Lugones, and the Role of Loving Perception as a Feminist Politics of Resistance”
- **Kat Fuller** (University of Nevada, USA) - “Becoming a (Far-Right) Type of Woman: Internalized Oppression as an Identity”

5:45pm-7:00pm: Panel 7 - To the Roots of Political Decision-Making

Moderator: **Raphaël Ehram** (Sorbonne University, France)

- **Christine Noël-Lemaître** (Aix Marseille University, France) - “La radicalité politique de Beauvoir. Réflexions autour de la synthèse de l'idéalisme moral et du réalisme politique”

- **Patricia Moynagh** (Wagner College, USA) - “Cutting Some Roots to Cultivate Others: Radical Approaches to Beauvoir and Weil”
- **Cara Greene** (Colorado College, USA) - “Beauvoir’s Theory of Phenomenological Sacrifice”

7:05pm-8:05pm: Book fair 3

Becoming a Woman. Beauvoir and the Politics of Trans Existence (Polity 2025), with author **Megan Burke** (Sonoma university, USA) and **Sophia Millman** (Princeton university, USA).

June 18, 2025 (Wednesday)

9:30am-10:25am: Panel 8 - The Concept of Situation and Contemporary Feminisms

Moderator: **Thomas Chesworth** (University of Birmingham, UK)

- **Anna Ceschi** (University of Cambridge, UK) - “Simone de Beauvoir’s Legacy Beyond Sexual Difference and Gender: The Concept of Situation for a Collective Struggle Beyond Identity”
- **Shaïma Giboire** (EHESS – ENS/PSL, France) - “L’existentialisme situé de Simone de Beauvoir : penser l’oppression et l’émancipation par la « situation »”

10:30am-11:30am: Book fair 4.

L’Expérience de l’oppression. Une phénoménologie du sexisme et du racisme (PUF 2023) avec l’auteure Mickaëlle Provost (Saint-Louis Bruxelles University, Belgique) et Marine Rouch (University of Toulouse Jean Jaurès, France)

11:30am-12:30pm: Break

12:30pm-1:45pm: Panel 9 - Friendship Between Girls and Women as Resistance

Moderator: **Anna Ceschi** (University of Cambridge, UK)

- **Beatriz Chaves** (University of São Paulo, Brazil) - “Friendship, Freedom, and Formative Reflections: Zaza's Role in Simone de Beauvoir’s Early Intellectual Development”
- **Talia Fell** (University of Queensland, Australia) - “Subjectivity, Nature, and Friendship: Between Simone de Beauvoir and Luce Irigaray”

1:45pm-2pm: Break

2pm-2:55pm: Panel 10 - Religion and Atheism: Choice, Gender and Feminisms

Moderator: **Meryl Altman** (DePaw University, USA)

- **Timothy Stock** (Salisbury University, USA) - “From Separation to Accusation: Inseparables as critique of religious choice”
- **Uladzislau Ivanou** (Vilnius University of Human Sciences, Lithuania) - “Renouer avec le féminisme athée de Simone de Beauvoir”

2:55pm-3:50pm: Panel 11 - Articulating Marxism, Existentialism, and Feminism

Moderator: **Bruna Mello** (State University of Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil)

- **Elaine Stavro** (Trent University, Canada) - “The Rapprochement of Marxism and Existentialism”
- **Thomas Chesworth** (University of Birmingham, UK) - “‘To Simone de Beauvoir who gave us our feminism’: Beauvoir, Marxism, and Method in U.S Radical Feminism, 1967-70”

3:50pm-4:05pm: Break

4:05pm-5:20pm: Panel 12 - Sex, Love and Consent in Cisheteropatriarchy

Moderator: **Adelle Goldenberg** (Cornell University, USA)

- **Ons Othmani** (Carthage University, Tunisie) - “*La Femme rompue* de Simone de Beauvoir : amour et patriarcat, une relation impossible”
- **Esmée van den Wildenberg** (Radboud University/KU Leuven’s Higher Institute for Philosophy, Netherlands) - “Sexual Consent as Lived Experience: Beauvoir’s Phenomenology of the Erotic Encounter”
- **Fedra Cabrera Solano** (Harvard University, USA) - “Do you see me, papi? A trans Latina account of cis-male desire through the thought of María Lugones and Simone de Beauvoir”

5:20pm-6:20pm: Book fair 5.

Playing the Scene of Religion: Beauvoir and Faith (Equinox 2021), with author Karen Zoppa (The University of Winnipeg, Canada) and Alyson Brickey (The University of Winnipeg, Canada)

6:20pm-6:30pm: Break

6:30pm-7:25pm: Panel 13 - Facing Death, (im)mortality, and the Prospect of the End of the World

Moderator: **Marie Allègre** (Independent scholar, UK)

- **Kiki Berk** (Southern New Hampshire University, USA) - “Simone de Beauvoir on the End of the World”
- **Mary Townsend** (St John’s University, USA) - “All Men Are Mortal and Niccolo Machiavelli: The Tragedy of Immortal Politics in Simone de Beauvoir’s Political Theory”

June 19, 2025 (Thursday)

11:00am-12:15pm: Panel 14 - Resisting Patriarchy (2): Capitalism, Neoliberalism, Power

Moderator: **Katja Čičigoj** (Alpen-Adria-University Klagenfurt/Celovec, Austria)

- **Susan Pickard** (University of Liverpool, UK) - “Don’t Worry Darling: Beauvoir’s Prophetic Vision of One-Dimensional Woman (and How to Fight Back)”
- **Emma McNicol** (ARC Centre for Elimination of Violence Against Women, Monash University, Australia)- “What it Means to Be on the Left: Beauvoir on Liberal Power Feminism”
- **Erika Ruonakoski** (University of Jyväskylä, Finland) - “Now, Always and Forever? Beauvoir and Totalising Interpretations of Patriarchy”

12:15pm-2pm: Break

2pm-3:15pm: Panel 15 - Reflecting on Childhood, Old Age, and Class

Moderator: **Ashley Scheu** (Eckerd College, USA)

- **Sonia Kruks** (Oberlin College, USA) - ““A Very Easy Death?” Social Class, Old Age, Death”
- **Tong Wei** (CY Cergy Paris Université, France) - “La vieillesse comme fait social : l’actualité de la pensée de Beauvoir”
- **Adelle Goldenberg** (Cornell University, USA) - “A Beauvoirian Analysis of Ageism: Children and the Elderly as ‘Other’”

3:15pm-4:10pm: Panel 16 - Receptions and Legacies of Beauvoir’s Thought

Moderator: **Marie Allègre** (Independent scholar)

- **Ana Maria Alves** (École Supérieure d’Éducation of Institut Polytechnique of Bragança, Portugal) - “Échos de la pensée de Simone de Beauvoir au Portugal : mémoire, identité, éthique et genre dans le paysage intellectuel”
- **David Risse** (Montréal University) - “L’effet Beauvoir en littérature et philosophie contemporaines”

4:10pm-4:25pm: Break

4:25pm-5:20pm: Panel 17 - Towards an Ethical and Intersectional Feminist Praxis

Moderator: **Adelle Goldenberg** (Cornell University, USA)

- **Alexander Antonopoulos** (Concordia University, Québec) - “What Is Feminist Critique? Subjectivity and Truth in the Radical Thought of Simone de Beauvoir”
- **Adèle Cassigneul** (École nationale supérieure des Arts décoratifs of Limoges, France) & **Marine Rouch** (University of Toulouse Jean Jaurès, France) - “Converging Towards Vulnerability: Proposal for a Feminist Praxis”

5:20pm-5:30pm: Break

5:30pm-6:30pm: Book fair 6.

Feminism and the Cinema of Experience (Duke University Press, 2025) with author **Lori Jo Marso** (Union College, USA) and **Sophia Millman** (Princeton University, USA)

6:30pm-6:45pm: Concluding remarks and end of conference