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Where is the women's movement?
From the location of women's advocacy to the definition of contentious politics

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Recent scholarship on women's movements has put the emphasis on the variety of forms and locations of women's advocacy. Mobilizations by and for women have taken place in a wide array of settings (formal organizations, informal networks, universities, trade unions, political parties, cultural centres, public administrations, professional networks...) and have involved a great diversity of repertoires of contention. Drawing upon theoretical literature on women's movements and case studies on the multiple sites and forms of women's advocacy, this panel aims at reflecting upon the very definition of the women's movement. Is the women's movement still a movement when it "moves" towards institutions? Can a minister of justice be part of the women's movement? May the organization of a scholarly conference turn out to be a more contentious form of action than a riot? And finally, what does this extended definition of women's advocacy tell us about the definition of contentious politics? These are some of the questions that will be addressed by this panel, which should contribute to the broader theoretical discussions on the definition and frontiers of social movements and contentious politics.

PAPERS

1. Contentious institutions: Rethinking the movement/State intersection

Laure Bereni (NYU)

Anne Revillard (Université Paris Nord Villetaneuse, CERAL)

2. Mapping the Congolese Women's Movement: actions and claims at the intersection of local activism, political institutions and international development agency

Sophie Grenade (Université de Liège)

3. Looking for women's movement: the case of post-communist Romania

Ioana Cîrstocea (CNRS, PRISME-GSPE Strasbourg)

4. Locating the Women's Movement: Lessons from French Regional Politics

Katherine Opello (The City University of New York)