

Call for Abstracts: Feminist Economics in the MENA Region

Feminist economics is an interdisciplinary field that challenges orthodox economic theories by incorporating a gendered perspective and addressing the role of women and gender relations in economic life. This approach emphasizes the importance of unpaid labor, care work, gender inequality, and social reproduction, areas often overlooked in mainstream economics. By highlighting these aspects, feminist economics seeks to create more inclusive and equitable economic policies and practices.

The MENA region is among the most affected areas by the mainstream neoliberal economic model, which has exacerbated social inequality, exacerbated environmental injustices, and weakened local productive economic sectors. In the quest for alternative economic models, feminist economic approaches emerge as crucial and timely alternatives. Beyond addressing gender issues, feminist economics encompasses progressive economic aspects and extends to encompass a wide array of social and political issues such as migration, minority rights, climate protection, intergenerational justice, and peace.

Despite its significance, there remains a considerable gap in the literature on feminist economics in the MENA region. There is an urgent need for additional research that explores the intersection of gender and economics within this specific context.

Against this backdrop, FES pleased to issue a *call for abstracts* aimed at bridging this gap. We invite interested scholars, practitioners, and activists to submit abstracts for academic papers that address various aspects of feminist economics in the MENA region. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Theoretical Examination of Feminist Economics: Implications from the MENA Region
- Feminist Assessment for economic growth
- Feminist Perspectives on economic and development Policies
- Financial Policy and Gender Budgeting
- Trade Policies
- Labor policies
- Economic Impact of Unpaid Labor and Care Work: A Feminist Analysis
- Case Studies of Gendered Economic Practices in Specific MENA Countries
- Intersectional approaches to Economics in the region.
- Feminist Economics: Impact of Conflict and Political Instability
- Feminist Ecological Economy
- Feminist Perspectives on International Financial Organizations (IMF/WB) and Debt Policies

Submission Guidelines

Please submit an abstract in Arabic or English of no more than 300 words, along with a short biography (150 words) of the author(s) to info.mena@fes.de by **August 15, 2024**.

Abstracts are expected to include the aim and methodology of the research. Authors of selected abstracts will be invited to submit full papers (max 5000 words) to be presented at our upcoming academic Roundtable/Conference on **Feminist Economics in the MENA Region**, scheduled for the last quarter of 2024.

FES will offer honorarium for the full papers and cover all cost related to the participation in the Roundtable.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and contributing to a richer understanding of feminist economics in the MENA region.

For further information, please contact info.mena@fes.de .