2020 is a crucial year in the struggle for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls across the globe. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in 1995. It is also the fifth anniversary of the adoption of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by all UN Member States in 2015 as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which set out a 15-year plan to achieve the SDGs.

As in previous years, the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, an ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organization, will participate in the annual session the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). The main focus of this 64th session, which will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from March 9-20, 2020, will be the review and appraisal of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in order to assess challenges affecting both the implementation of the Platform and the full realization of the 2030 Agenda.

Within the framework of CSW64, the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, together with the Global Policy Forum, the Robert L. Heilbroner Center for Capitalism Studies at The New School for Social Research, and MADRE, will be hosting an event that examines the impact of austerity politics on women’s status in economy 25 years after Beijing. We will also discuss how we can contribute to strengthening the Platform of Action in future years.

Feminist approaches vs. austerity regimes 2020: Women’s status in economy 25 years after Beijing

While the year 2020 is being celebrated as the 25th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, women and girls all over the world are still struggling against marginalization and unequal opportunities. In Europe and elsewhere the structural impact of austerity on gender equality has not yet been overly documented. In preparation for the CSW 2020, the co-organizer of this event, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, has published a series of analyses on “Feminist Approaches against Austerity Regimes” emphasizing the impact of the permanent austerity on women status on economic power and labor, social reproduction, and care and domestic work in several countries today. At our panel discussion, we will examine some of these country analyses to see what we can learn from the last 25 years in order to further strengthen the Beijing Platform for Action in the years to come.

Speakers:
Barbara Adams
Cinzia Arruzza
Ursula Barry
Oksana Dutchak
Aliki Kosyfologou

Facilitation: Maria Starzmann

The panel discussion will take place on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. A light breakfast will be served at 9:30 am, the event will begin at 10:00 am. This is a public event and no UN Grounds Pass is required. The space is wheelchair accessible.

Location: Instituto Cervantes, 211 E 49th St, New York, NY 10017.

To attend the event, please RSVP here.