

Call for Papers

International Conference

Ecofeminism: Genealogies, Movements, Theories

Department of Humanities – University of Catania (Italy)

21–22 September 2026

Conference Overview

Over the past decades, ecofeminist thought has become an essential framework for understanding the interconnected dynamics of gender, ecology, and social justice. Emerging in the 1970s from the convergence of feminist and environmental movements, ecofeminism identifies structural links between the exploitation of nature and the oppression of women, often tracing both to patriarchal systems of power. Since then, ecofeminist scholarship and activism have developed along multiple intellectual, political, and cultural trajectories across different geographical contexts.

Today, ecofeminism is best understood in the plural —as **ecofeminisms**— reflecting the diversity of theoretical approaches, political practices, and epistemologies that have shaped the field, including materialist, spiritual, decolonial, intersectional, and Indigenous perspectives. At a time marked by intensifying ecological crises and renewed feminist mobilizations worldwide, revisiting ecofeminist genealogies and exploring their contemporary transformations is both timely and necessary.

The international conference “**Ecofeminism: Genealogies, Movements, Theories**” aims to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and transnational perspectives on ecofeminist thought and practice. The conference seeks to explore the historical roots, intellectual trajectories, political movements, and contemporary applications of ecofeminism across different disciplines and regions.

The initiative is promoted by the research group *Voci di Donne*, which for over a decade has organized international conferences dedicated to gender studies from interdisciplinary perspectives. The conference is also part of the research activities of three ongoing projects — **DecoPax, EcoFem-Voca, and EcoSahara**— which investigate gender and ecology from historical, cultural, and socio-political viewpoints.

Topics of Interest

We welcome contributions from scholars across disciplines that engage with ecofeminist perspectives, including but not limited to the following areas:

- Genealogies and intellectual histories of ecofeminism
- Ecofeminist political movements and activism
- Feminist environmental ethics and ecological philosophies
- Intersectional, decolonial, and Indigenous ecofeminisms
- Ecofeminism and environmental justice
- Gender, ecology, and climate change
- Ecofeminism in literature, art, and cultural production
- Ecofeminist pedagogies and education
- Ecofeminism and health, care, and sustainability
- Ecofeminism, development, and political economy
- Transnational and comparative perspectives on ecofeminist movements

Contributions from the following disciplinary areas are particularly encouraged:

- Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Education Studies
- Health Sciences
- Economic Studies

Conference languages:

Italian, English, Spanish, and French.

Submission Guidelines

Please submit proposals including:

- **Title of the paper**
- **Thematic area**
- **Abstract** (max. 200 words)
- **Up to five keywords**
- **Author information:**
 - Full name
 - Institutional affiliation
 - Email address
 - Contact phone number (WhatsApp)

Both **individual and collective proposals** are welcome. For collective submissions, please specify the number of participants.

Proposals must be sent **as a Word document** to:
vocididonne@unict.it

Please indicate in the email subject line:
Ecofeminism: Genealogies, Movements, Theories

Deadline for submissions: 15 May 2026

Notification of acceptance: 30 May 2026

Conference Format

The conference will take place **in person at the University of Catania**.

A limited number of **online presentations** will be accepted in the form of **pre-recorded video contributions (maximum 15 minutes)**. Authors presenting online must agree to the **publication and asynchronous streaming of their video** on the project website:

<http://www.vocididonne.unict.it/>

Videos must be submitted by **15 September 2026**.

Publication Opportunities

Following a **peer-review process**, selected papers will be considered for publication in:

- a **special issue** of the journal *Størelis. Annual Review of Historical, Religious, Linguistic and Literary Studies*
- a **volume in the book series *Intelligere* (Agorà&Co)**