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Australian Women's History Network Stream Call for Papers

Feminism has been a philosophical, theoretical and political home of sorts for many historians of women and gender. However, what this means remains ripe for interrogation and renovation. First Nations' critiques of feminist conceptions of solidarity and trans-history's challenges to assumptions about gendered bodies offer productive lines of inquiry into the history of this philosophical and political home.

For feminists the personal has always been political and historians of women and gender have revealed the site of the domestic and the intimate to be unreliable in its homeliness. In 2024 the AHA's host state, South Australia, will undertake a Royal Commission into Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence, while the parliament considers a bill to criminalise coercive control. Feminist-informed historians can contribute to national efforts to understand the conditions for gendered relationships that are conducive to various forms of violence. They're also equipped to critically analyse different forms and configurations of relationships that seek to offer shelter and protection from violence.

Looking beyond the local, we write this call for papers as the horrific crisis in Gaza deepens. We're reminded of the gendered experiences of people under siege and forced out of their homes. At every stage of fleeing and seeking a safe haven, gendered bodies and identities have long been exposed to risks inflected by these bodies and identities. This is borne out in the intersecting fields of the gendered histories of war, migration and colonialism.

The Australian Women's History Network invites panels and individual papers that engage with histories of real and metaphorical homes as they relate to gender, women, feminism and history. For further details and inquiries please contact Catherine Kevin (catherine.kevin@flinders.edu.au) and Micaela Pattison (micaela.pattison@flinders.edu.au)

Paper & Panel Proposals can be submitted at:
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Proposals due by 23 February 2024.

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