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CENTRE FOR FEMINIST RESEARCH MID-YEAR NEWSLETTER 2022-2023




WELCOME BACK!

The new semester is already off to a busy start. As always, the Centre for Feminist Research has big plans for the winter. But first, we're looking back on the highlights from the autumn of 2022. If you'd like to support the CFR's initiatives and events, please consider making a donation.

the Centre for Feminist Research
MEET & GREET

Join us for this in person event on
October 25, 2022
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EDT
626 Kaneff Tower

RSVP to cfr@yorku.ca 

OCTOBER

THE CFR MEET AND GREET

The 2022 CFR Meet and Greet was the first in-person event the CFR had hosted since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Colleagues new and old enjoyed light refreshments while learning more about each other's work as well as the many initiatives and opportunities at the CFR.

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EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT... PEER-REVIEWING (BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK)

As part of our new skillshare series for 2022-2023, David Koffman, Editor of Canadian Jewish Studies, and Elaine Coburn, Co-editor of the Journal of Canadian Studies and Director of the CFR, ran this session on the peer review process for graduate student and early-career scholars.

York Centre for Asian Research
Theatre and Performance Studies
Centre for Feminist Research
present

A THESIS FILM SCREENING



UNFINISHED
a film by Shabnam Sukhdev
30 min | English-Hindi

Followed by discussion with filmmakers
Shabnam Sukhdev and Leena Manimekalai
moderated by Dr. Elaine Coburn, Director CFR

**UNPACKING MENTAL HEALTH
FROM A CAREGIVER PERSPECTIVE**

Monday, 24 October 2022
15:00-16:30 EDT
Room 519, Fifth Floor,
Kaneff Tower, York University



GILBERT PRIZE
Best North American
Documentary

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT PEER REVIEWING (BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK)

FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS & EARLY CAREER SCHOLARS

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022
12PM to 1PM**

WITH
ELAINE COBURN AND **DAVID KOFFMAN**
CO-EDITOR OF JOURNAL OF CANADIAN STUDIES EDITOR OF
CANADIAN JEWISH STUDIES

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)

PRESENTED BY THE CENTRE FOR FEMINIST RESEARCH, THE ISRAEL & GOLDA KOSCHITZKY
CENTRE FOR JEWISH STUDIES & THE ROBARTS CENTRE FOR CANADIAN STUDIES



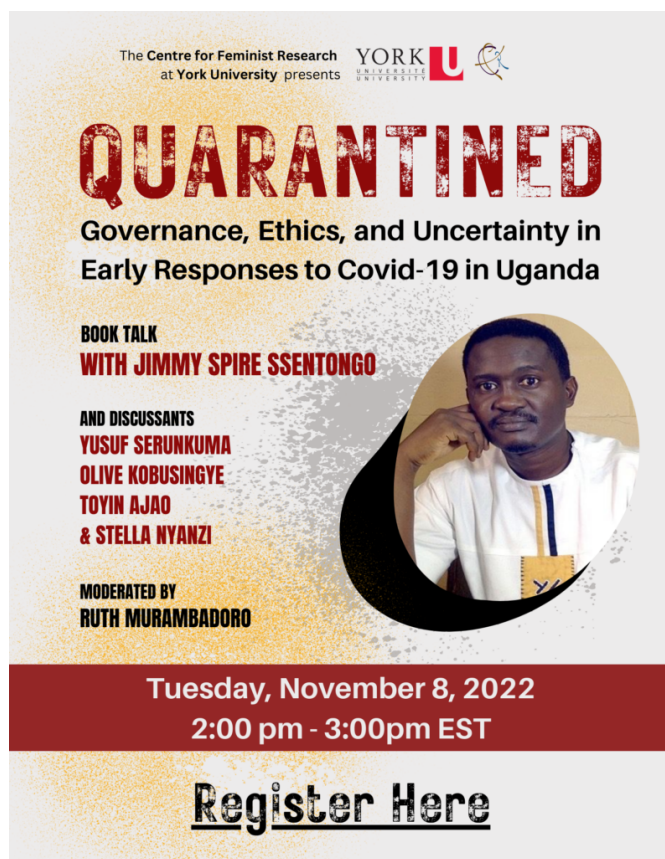
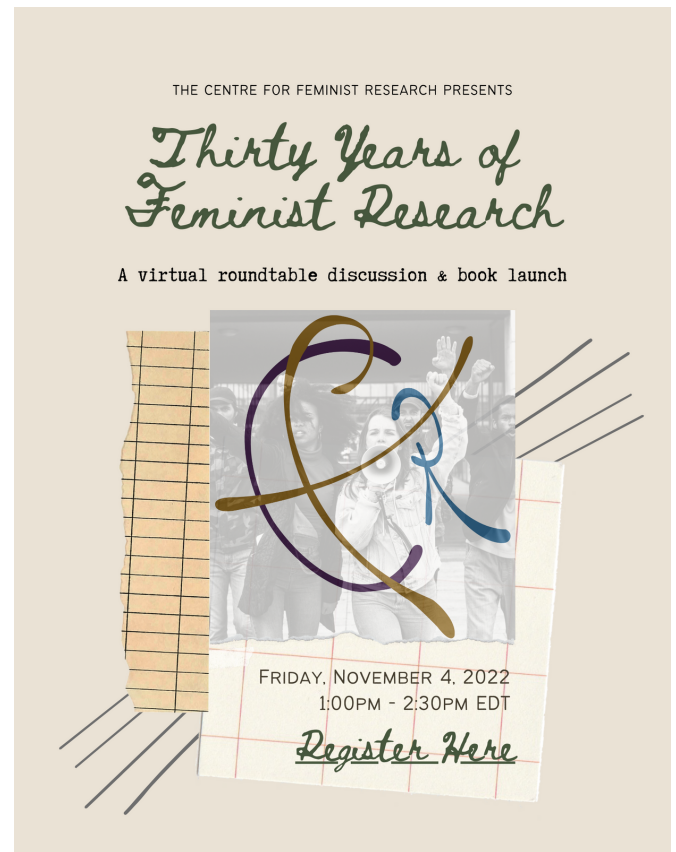
FILM SCREENING: UNFINISHED BY SHABNAM SUKHDEV

This event was put on in collaboration with the York University Centre for Asian Research and Theatre and Performance Studies. The screening of *Unfinished* was followed by a discussion with filmmakers Shabnam Sukhdev and Leena Manimekalai, moderated by CFR Director Elaine Coburn.

NOVEMBER

THIRTY YEARS OF FEMINIST RESEARCH: A VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION & BOOK LAUNCH

A major milestone for the CFR: to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the CFR, CFR Director Elaine Coburn and CFR Coordinator Andi Schwartz edited a collection of reflections, poetry, essays, and art work by CFR associates past and present. The collection was launched in November 2022 by a roundtable featuring Nancy Mandell, Meg Luxton, Ena Dua, and Ruth Murambadoro.



BOOK TALK: "QUARANTINED - GOVERNANCE, ETHICS, AND UNCERTAINTY IN EARLY RESPONSES TO COVID-19 IN UGANDA" WITH JIMMY SPIRE SSENTONGO

This book event centred was organized and moderated by CFR Visiting Postdoctoral Scholar Dr. Ruth Murambadoro. Author Dr. Jimmy Spire Ssentongo is one of Dr. Murambadoro's collaborators. One of his illustrations is featured in the CFR's *Feminisms in Focus* series. Check it out by clicking [here](#).

BOOK LAUNCH: WHITE SUPREMACY, RACISM AND THE COLONIALITY OF ANTI-TRAFFICKING

This book launch doubled as a retirement party and celebration of Dr. Kamala Kempadoo's scholarship in sex work and trafficking. The event was organized by the CFR Research Cluster "Critical Trafficking and Sex Work" chaired by Dr. Amanda De Lisio and Dr. Tuulia Law. Check out the cluster's website by clicking [here](#).

DETRANSITION: CONNECTING RESEARCH, PRACTICE, AND LIVED EXPERIENCE

This symposium was organized by Dr. Kinnon MacKinnon and the subject of a successful SSHRC Connections grant supported by the CFR. It brought together health practitioners, community members, and researchers to discuss an emerging and sensitive area of trans health, detransition. More about this symposium will be featured on the CFR's *Feminisms in Focus* series in 2023. Check out the series by clicking [here](#).

TEACH IN/SOLIDARITY EVENT ON 'WOMAN, LIFE, FREEDOM' MOVEMENT IN IRAN

Organized by Sylvia Bawa, this teach-in was an essential event for 2022. It brought together emerging and established scholars to have a thoughtful discussion about the complexities of the political landscape in Iran that led to the 2022 uprisings.

WHITE SUPREMACY, RACISM AND THE COLONIALITY OF ANTI-TRAFFICKING

BOOK LAUNCH
with editors
KAMALA KEMPADOO & ELENA SHIH
and remarks from contributors
Elene Lam, Julie Ham, Lyndsey Beutin, Menaka Raguparan
Introductory comments by
Ilan Kapoor and Janie Chuang

November 11, 2022 • 5PM - 7PM
William Doo Auditorium (45 Willcocks Street, M5S 1G7)

Center for the Study of **SLAVERY & JUSTICE** BROWN UNIVERSITY **YORK UNIVERSITY** **WOMEN & GENDER STUDIES INSTITUTE** **ANOTHER STORY BOOKSHOP**

THE EVENT IS SPONSORED BY YORK UNIVERSITY (CRIMINOLOGY PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND CENTRE FOR FEMINIST RESEARCH); UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO (WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES INSTITUTE); BROWN UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF SLAVERY AND JUSTICE; AND ANOTHER STORY BOOKSHOP.

Detransition: Connecting research, practice, and lived experiences

Join us in person to discuss the results of two recent research studies on detransition. Let's look beyond the binaries toward more comprehensive gender-affirming care.

Monday, November 21, 2022
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
York University

GET YOUR PASS

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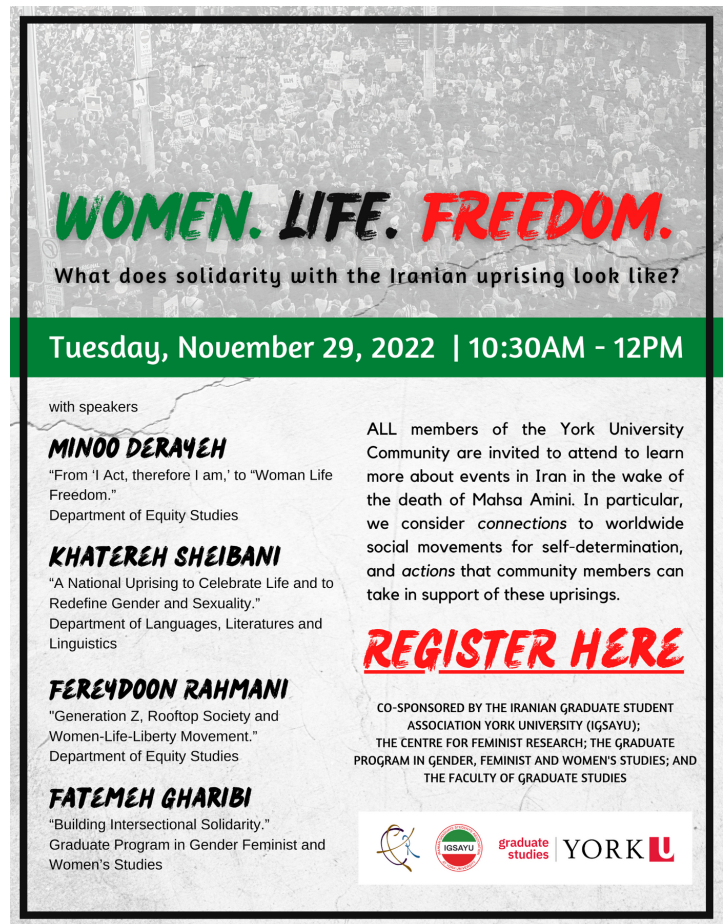
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(De)Trans Discourses

WOMEN. LIFE. FREEDOM: WHAT DOES SOLIDARITY WITH THE IRANIAN UPRISING LOOK LIKE?

This well-attended event was organized in collaboration with the Iranian Graduate Student Association at York University (IGSAYU), the Graduate Program in Gender, Feminist, and Women's Studies, and the Faculty of Graduate Studies. CFR Graduate Associate Fati Gharibi was one of the speakers, and they will publish their talk prepared for the event on the CFR's *Feminisms in Focus* series in January 2023.



WOMEN. LIFE. FREEDOM.
What does solidarity with the Iranian uprising look like?

Tuesday, November 29, 2022 | 10:30AM - 12PM

with speakers

MINDO DERAYEH
"From 'I Act, therefore I am,' to 'Woman Life Freedom.'
Department of Equity Studies

KHATEREH SHEIBANI
"A National Uprising to Celebrate Life and to Redefine Gender and Sexuality."
Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics


FEREYDOON RAHMANI
"Generation Z, Rooftop Society and Women-Life-Liberty Movement."
Department of Equity Studies

FATEMEH GHARIBI
"Building Intersectional Solidarity."
Graduate Program in Gender Feminist and Women's Studies

ALL members of the York University Community are invited to attend to learn more about events in Iran in the wake of the death of Mahsa Amini. In particular, we consider *connections* to worldwide social movements for self-determination, and *actions* that community members can take in support of these uprisings.

REGISTER HERE

CO-SPONSORED BY THE IRANIAN GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION YORK UNIVERSITY (IGSAYU); THE CENTRE FOR FEMINIST RESEARCH; THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN GENDER, FEMINIST AND WOMEN'S STUDIES; AND THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES



THE CENTRE FOR FEMINIST RESEARCH PRESENTS



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:

An Intersectional Feminist View of a 'Fuzzy' Concept

The interactive discussion invites researchers and practitioners in non-profit and community development work to reflect on a seemingly benign and benevolent topic of community participation. The event features findings of participatory action research that examined the quality of volunteer participation in neighbourhood-based projects in Lawrence Heights, Toronto.

with

JULIA FURSOVA

Dr. Julia Fursova is a community-based researcher with Transform Practice and, as of January 2023, Assistant Professor in Leadership Studies at Renaissance College, University of New Brunswick.



REGISTER HERE

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022
2PM - 3PM EST**

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: AN INTERSECTIONAL FEMINIST VIEW OF A 'FUZZY' CONCEPT WITH JULIA FURSOVA

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DECEMBER

WORKSHOP: ENGAGE IN PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP WITH ALEX KETCHUM

This well-attended seminar was the CFR's second in-person event of the year and the last of the fall semester. Organized in collaboration with Cinema and Media Studies, the CFR hosted Dr. Alex Ketchum to talk about her book, *Engage in Public Scholarship: A guidebook on Feminist and Accessible Communication*.

WORKSHOP



Engage in Public Scholarship

with **Alex Ketchum**



**WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 14, 2022
10:30AM-12:00PM
EST**

626 Kaneff Tower, York University
RSVP: cfr@yorku.ca

Presented by the Department of Cinema & Media Arts and the Centre for Feminist Research

COMING IN JANUARY 2023

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT... ANTI-RACIST FEMINIST PODCASTING (BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK)

Date: January 17, 2023

Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm EST

Location: Virtual

Register by clicking [here](#).

Join Professor Ethel Tungohan of Academic Aunties and Alexandra Lambropoulos of Urban Limitrophe for this skill share on anti-racist feminist podcasting.

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12PM to 1PM EST**

WITH **ETHEL TUNGOHAN** & **ALEXANDRA LAMBROPOULOS**
HOST OF ACADEMIC AUNTIES HOST OF URBAN LIMITROPHE

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

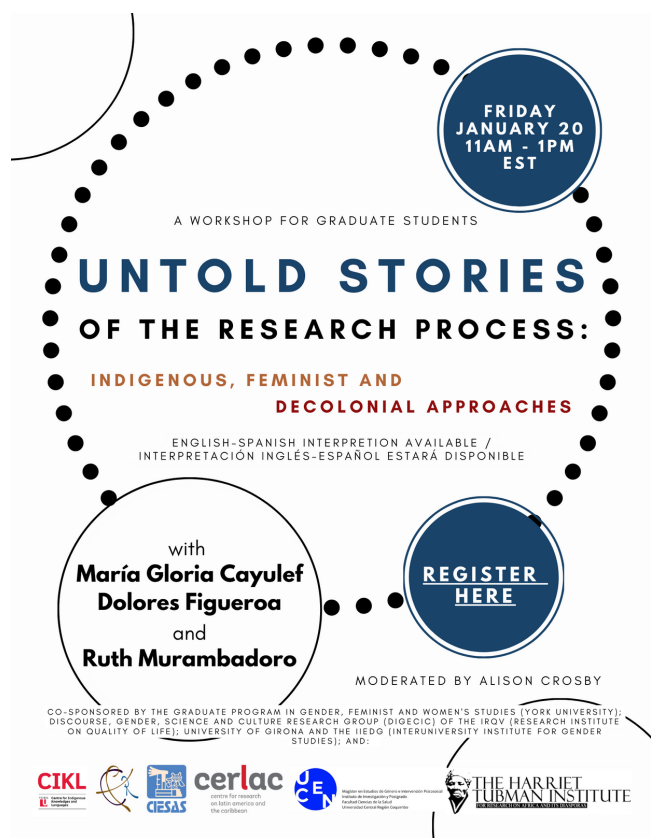
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WORKSHOP: UNTOLD STORIES OF THE RESEARCH PROCESS: INDIGENOUS, FEMINIST, AND DECOLONIAL APPROACHES



Date: Friday, January 20, 2023

Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm EST

Location: Virtual

Register by clicking [here](#).

The workshop invites participants to explore aspects of the research process that may be underestimated or unspoken, including the role of emotions, political commitments, and relationships in shaping research. Such an approach draws on a “thinking-feeling” epistemology. We employ feminist, decolonial and Indigenous frameworks to foster a multidimensional understanding of research. Our engagements are centred on challenging and changing Western and patriarchal conceptions of thinking about knowledge, the actors involved, their processes, and research goals.

INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S SPEAKERS SERIES WITH KIM ANDERSON, JENNIFER ADESE AND VANESSA WATTS

Co-sponsored by the Centre for Feminist Research and the Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages

Date: January 25, 2023

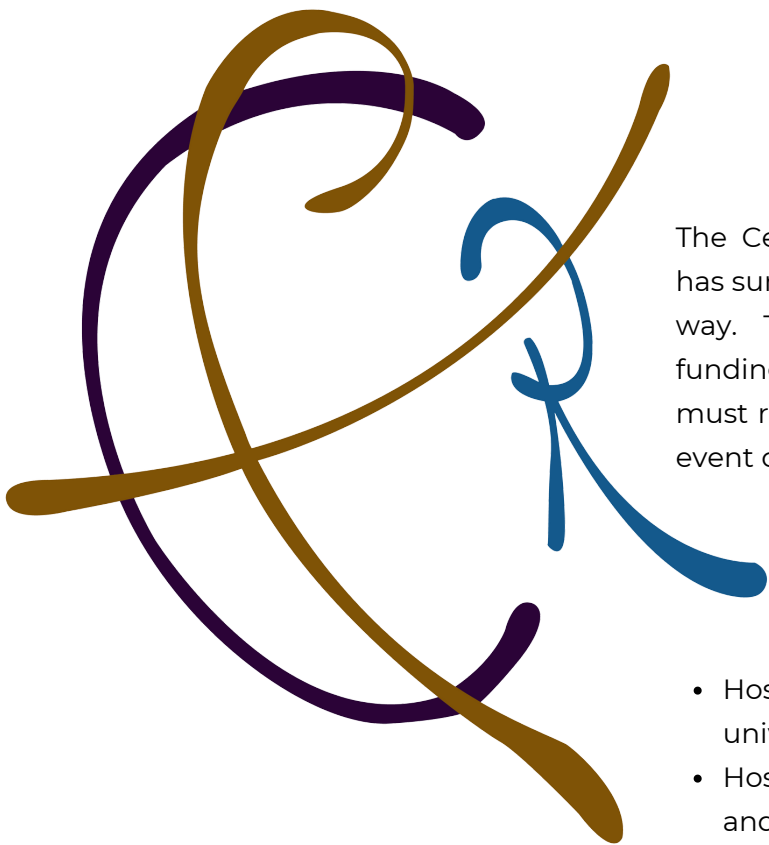
Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm EST

Location: Virtual

Register by clicking [here](#).

The Indigenous Women's Speakers Series is co-hosted with the Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages and co-sponsored by the Faculty of Health. Since 2017, the series has highlighted scholars working at the intersection of feminist and Indigenous scholarship.

The 2022-23 series features Kim Anderson, Jennifer Adese, and Vanessa Watts.



SUPPORT THE CENTRE

The Centre for Feminist Research at York University has survived for over 30 years in a financially precarious way. The Centre generously receives space and funding from York University's VPRI Office, but we still must raise 50% of our operating costs and 100% of our event costs each year.

WHAT WE DO

- Host 20+ events each year in collaboration with university and community partners
- Host Visiting Scholars, Visiting Graduate Students and Associates from around the world
- Share feminist opportunities, events and calls in our bi-weekly newsletter
- Disseminate research, insights and ideas through our Feminisms in Focus and Feminist Dispatch series
- Support the development of new research clusters to connect associates around topics of interest
- Support and guide the development of grants, with a focus on emerging, racialized, feminist, and precarious scholars
- Provide post-award support for researchers who house their grants at the Centre for Feminist Research
- Award excellence in feminist research through our annual Mary McEwan Dissertation Award, Kickstarter Grants, and the Medal for Excellence in Feminist Scholarship in Canada

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