

# **feminism & beyond**

contemporary perspectives  
on gender and technology

# movements

**resistance  
movement building  
governance**

The internet is a transformative political space. It facilitates new forms of citizenship that enable individuals to claim, construct and express selves, genders and sexualities. This includes connecting across territories, demanding accountability and transparency, and creating opportunities for sustained feminist movement building.

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**The network and the networked individual, once the embodiments of new forms of resistance, now have become the basis for new forms of exploitation and oppression.**

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Trans women are women. Trans rights are women's rights. Feminism without trans liberation is not feminism. Trans resistance that doesn't challenge patriarchy is not human liberation. Our struggles are intertwined. Now more than ever, we can't let them divide us.

 @evan\_greer (11:34 - 21 de out de 2018)

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Another way in which there has been a shift is the emergence of a far stronger position from gender non-conforming, trans and intersex persons, people with disability, Dalit-Bahujan-Adivasi women and groups, indigenous people and groups, black movements like Black Lives Matter, and queer groups. There is a questioning of the assumptions born of the NGO-isation of causes and movements (and of research), and of how certain hegemonies of class, caste, race and ethnicity were not challenged even within civil society organising (in different contexts and countries).

Although a teleological trajectory should not be assumed, it can be said at least that the internet has amplified, complicated, disseminated, produced and disturbed the voices and static we hear and receive. Most of the voices that now shape politics have used ICTs as a tool, medium, space for building movements and protests.

This would include Primavera Violeta or the “Purple Feminist Spring” in Mexico, Brazil and other parts of Latin America (#NiUnaMenos, etc.), the Nirbhaya movement in India, several movements around gender-based violence in South Africa and Kenya (#MenAreTrash, #RapeMustFall, #BringBackOurGirls). There have also been local and global movements where strong voices of women, trans and queer people are present (Black Lives Matter, #FeesMustFall), global campaigns like Take Back the Tech with women in several countries wanting to own and use technology on their own terms, and countless other such small and large mobilisations. But there are still huge divides that intersect with gender along the lines of caste, race, ethnicity, ability – to name just a few.

Social media is often detrimental for movements such as feminism. I see so many young people interested in feminism as an ideology today but the way they're engaging & calling each other out on s/m shows a lack of their involvement with building a movement on the ground

 @Tooba\_Sd (02:14 – 26 de nov de 2018)

Hashtags are an algorithm that is used by many online movements, but does that validate a movement? The impact should not be ascertained by numbers. The question can also be whether or not a movement enters into “the real field of politics” and achieves some change for the ordinary woman.



When we as feminists talk about the internet and digital technologies we chew over our concerns about violence and harassment, about digital harms and we celebrate our victories in using these same technologies to organise, find solidarity and build movements.

📖 Faith, Becky (2018)

can't really get behind a feminism that relies on and applauds the courage of (individualised) women. i am interested in the building of institutions and movements that will not need courage for women to speak or participate.

🐦 @vqueeram (11:20 – 16 de out de 2018)

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🐦 @Mindarchitext (11:30 – 24 de fev de 2019)

**Feminism is about Human Rights and mainstreaming gender in governance. It is all about equality and equity.**

 @Chodeca (04:38 - 17 de jul de 2018)

There is a need to ensure that women's movements are guided by a shared understanding of political rights, governance norms and the limitations of the exercise of power on the internet—as some authors define it, they need to understand “digital constitutionalism”.

 Spuy, Anri van der; Aavriti, Namita (2018)

The literature depicts a growing focus on understanding online GBV (Gender-based violence) in different contexts, while there appears to be a lesser, yet growing, interest in investigating surveillance and data governance practices as well as the nexus between the two.

📖 Spuy, Anri van der; Aavriti, Namita (2018)

**Ideal  
governance  
= all policies  
paired with  
feminism!**

🐦 @BNavanita (19:19 - 13 de jun de 2018)



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