

**Africa Multiple Cluster's Gender and Diversity Office presents the  
ICDL Lecture and Workshop Series (Event No. 3)**

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**Chandra Mohanty** is Distinguished Professor of Women's and Gender Studies and Dean's Professor of the Humanities at Syracuse University. She has taught at universities in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. Her work focuses on transnational feminist theory, anti-capitalist feminist praxis, anti-racist education, and the politics of knowledge.

She is best known for her *Feminism Without Borders: Decolonizing Theory, Practicing Solidarity* (Duke University Press, 2003). She is co-editor of the following:

- *Third World Women and the Politics of Feminism* (Indiana University Press, 1991),
- *Feminist Genealogies, Colonial Legacies, Democratic Futures* (Routledge, 1997),
- *Feminism and War: Confronting U.S. Imperialism*, (Zed Press, 2008),
- *The Sage Handbook on Identities* (Sage Publications, 2010),
- *Feminist Freedom Warriors* (Haymarket Books, 2018).

She is also the series editor of *Comparative Feminist Studies* for Palgrave/Springer and co-creator with Linda Carty of the *Feminist Freedom Warriors* digital video archive

<http://feministfreedomwarriors.org>.

Her writing has been translated into Arabic, German, Dutch, French, Italian, Spanish, Farsi, Chinese, Russian, Swedish, Thai, Korean, Turkish, Slovenian, Hindi, Czech, Slovakian, Armenian, Greek and Japanese.

Mohanty was a member of the Indigenous and Feminist of Color Solidarity delegation to Palestine in 2011, and has served as a consultant/evaluator for the Association of American Colleges & Universities, the Ford Foundation, and UN Women.

**The following texts were sent round to the Cluster members for preparation:**

- Chandra Talpade Mohanty. 'Transnational Feminist Crossings: On Neoliberalism and Radical Critique.' In *Signs*, Vol. 38, No. 4, Special Issue *Intersectionality: Theorizing Power, Empowering Theory* (Summer 2013), pp. 967-991.
- Linda Carty and Chandra Talpade Mohanty. 'Mapping transnational feminist engagements: Neoliberalism and the politics of solidarity.' In *The Oxford Handbook of Transnational Feminist Movements*. Edited by Rawwida Baksh and Wendy Harcourt. Subject: Political Science, International Relations, Comparative Politics  
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## **Title and Abstract**

### **Borders, Occupations, and Bridges: On the Modalities of Radical Feminist Praxis**

We are in the midst of an unprecedented global health pandemic that has laid bare all kinds of social inequities, an ongoing anti-racist revolution in the streets of US cities and around the world proclaiming *Black Lives Matter* following the violent death of George Floyd (and Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, among others), an acute economic crisis and the “failure of the social experiment that is America” as Cornell West named it. So what does a radical, anti-racist, anti-imperialist feminist struggle entail in these violently racist, misogynist, neoliberal times? What do anti-racist feminist scholars, activists, and cultural workers need to know, analyze, and learn about so we can forge ethical solidarities across material and virtual borders, and build the landscapes of racial and gender justice that we dream about and struggle for? What does it mean to craft insurgent knowledges through our writing, our art, our cultural productions, our activism, and our pedagogies? This lecture provides a comparative analysis of ideological, virtual, and material borders and the radical feminist connectivities and relationalities required to build bridges of gender and racial justice.

### **Post-Lecture Activity**

After the lecture, the discussion was driven by the thought impulses on the text provided by the following discussants:

- Diana Kisakye is a doctoral researcher in Political Science working on the project “Multiplicity in Decision-Making of Africa’s Interacting Markets’ with the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence at the University of Bayreuth. She is also a junior fellow of BIGSAS. Her doctoral research lies at the intersection of judicial politics and processes of regional integration in Africa. Specifically, her PhD work foregrounds regional court judges who sit on the benches of all African Union sanctioned Regional Economic Community courts.
- Dr Thando Njovane is an Andrew Mellon early career scholar and a tenure track Lecturer in the Department of Literary Studies in English at Rhodes University, where she teaches Early Modern, Modern, Japanese and Postcolonial literatures. Her research interests include psychoanalysis, memory, modernisms, contested pasts, political philosophy, feminisms, & higher education. She is the Co-Director of Finding Africa, a transcontinental collaborative African Studies platform by a team dispersed across Rhodes University, and the universities of Leeds and Bristol in the UK. Njovane is also the GDO at the Rhodes ACC.