

Thursday Sociological Seminars

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14:00

room 207

Jilská 1, Praha 1

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## Transformative activism and feminist solidarity: A qualitative research on the personal narratives of Polish activist women

Since coming to power in Poland in 2015, the Law and Justice Party's (PiS) government has targeted women's rights groups and organisations through raids, denial of funding, political rhetoric, and policies (Paternotte and Kuhar 2018). The seminar will focus on the initial research results among the Polish political activists of the feminist/ LGBTIQ movement, who immigrated to other cities in Europe due to the ongoing attacks on LGBTIQ and women's rights in Poland. Through conducting life-story interviews with Polish activists/immigrant women, this ongoing PhD research project tries to reveal the importance of individual narratives of activists rather than emphasizing narratives of social movements (Davis 2002; Makaros and Blit-Cohen 2022). The research focuses on the relationship between activists' identity construction and political biographies (McAdam 1986) by examining how Polish activist women began to experience specific socio-political shifts in their lives as activists and women.

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**Seminar will be held in English.  
No registration is needed.**