

Call for Papers

Special issue: *Transformative Activism: Feminist and Queer Imaginaries*
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The world is going through a historic moment of transformation. How do feminist and queer activists respond to, imagine, enable and complicate the ongoing process of personal and collective transformation? This special issue brings together analyses of how the famous feminist dictum “the personal is political” is finding new expression in this era of pandemic, climatic, economic and political crises, particularly in the European context. Some questions we would like to address are the following:

- How do activists conceptualise and put into action the connections between personal and collective transformation, personal and collective care, personal and collective well-being?
- What are some of the new forms in which “healing” and “justice” are coming together in contemporary activism?
- What new theories and conceptualisations of violence are emerging from new forms of transformative activism?
- How are embodied and contemplative practices being woven into activist communities and their politics?
- What new political methods for reconciliation, healing, justice and transformation are emerging from the embodied integration of personal and collective trauma work?
- How do these new connections and methods help groups and individual activists imagine a different future for their communities and beyond?
- What are some of the ways in which feminist and queer activists are incorporating different forms of storytelling into their organising? How are old myths, tales and stories reworked to provide a new lens for contemporary challenges and future imaginaries?
- What are some of the new connections being established between secular forms of activism and religious, spiritual or conservative uses of old myths and tales?
- How is creativity (through art, body movement and other forms) mobilised for imaginative social change and political activism?
- How do activists reflect on the past as a resource and inspiration for ‘future imaginings’?
- What are the new ways feminist and queer pedagogies can contribute to and initiate political transformation and empowerment?

All articles will be subject to the usual review process.

Articles should be prepared according to the guidelines for submission on the inside back cover of the print journal or at <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/ejw>

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