**Gender and Climate Catastrophe – a Special Issue presentation and a dialogue.**

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Proposal: 15 years ago, the Danish journal KVINDER, KØN & FORSKNING published a special issue entitled “Gendering Climate Change” followed by two other special issues in the Swedish gender journal TGV on Climate (2011) and Environment (2016). A few months ago a new special issue on the topic, “Gender and Climate Catastrophe” (2024), was published. Unfortunately, the climate crisis has not become less urgent during the last two decades – quite the contrary. The heating of our planet by burning fossil fuels has had even clearer and more serious consequences for both people and the environment since then. We are in an escalating global crisis with rising temperatures, more frequent natural disasters and a massive loss of biodiversity simultaneously as we are not bending the emission curve and more climate deniers are in government – both in Europe and elsewhere. Gender research and feminist theory have since the mid-1970s been well equipped, both epistemologically and methodologically, to clarify the gendered nature of overconsumption in the global North as well as to address structural inequalities in relation to the climate crisis. In other words, gender is central to the understanding of climate change as a fundamental crisis that affects environmental, economic, social and political relations. In this panel we gather editors and contributors to present the extended introduction of the issue as well as the papers. We will talk about the need for various strands of ecofeminism today, how feminist scholarship can inform research-based climate solutions as well as critique of current ecomodern techno-solutionism.