



From Reproducing Labor Power to Reproducing our Struggle: A Strategy for a Revolutionary Feminism

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BIO: Professor Silvia Federici is an Italian and American scholar, teacher, and activist from the radical feminist Marxist tradition. She is a Professor Emerita and Teaching Fellow at Hofstra University, where she was a social science professor. She was co-founder of the International Feminist Collective, and an organizer with the wages for housework campaign. In 1973, she helped start Wages for Housework groups in the US. In 1975 she published 'Wages Against Housework', the essay most commonly associated with the wages for housework movement. She is the author of various books including *Caliban and the Witch: Women, the Body and Primitive Accumulation* (2004), *Revolution at Point Zero: Housework, Reproduction, and Feminist Struggle* (2020, 2012), *Re-enchanting the World: Feminism and the Politics of the Commons* (2018), *Witches, Witch-Hunting, and Women* (2018), *The New York Wages for Housework Committee: History, Theory, Documents, 1972-1977* (edited with Arlen Austin) (2018), *Beyond the periphery of the skin: rethinking, remaking, reclaiming the body in contemporary capitalism* (2020) and *Patriarchy Of The Wage: Notes on Marx, Gender, and Feminism* (2021).

This annual lecture is part of the Laws of Social Reproduction project led by Prof. Prabha Kotiswaran, and based at King's College London and IWWAGE Delhi. Drawing on feminist legal theory and deploying methodologies ranging from doctrinal case law analysis to ethnographies of women's labour markets, this project problematises law's jurisdictional boundaries over women's reproductive labour and critiques the varied, even contradictory, legal regulation of reproductive labour. Given the current interest, nationally and internationally, in unpaid care work, our project offers a timely intervention by proposing a holistic understanding of reproductive labour and exploring prospects for an alternate regulatory matrix to further women's economic justice.

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