



Bart Jan uit bestuur

“Dit is mijn laatste zomer als NICC bestuurslid en penningmeester, een rol die ik ruim 2 jaar met veel plezier heb vervuld. Van huis uit een Delftse ingenieur kwam ik al snel terecht in de duurzame energie binnen de OS. Na een jaar of 10 in Ethiopië, Nepal en Cambodja, doe ik dat tegenwoordig als zelfstandige vanuit Den Haag, af en toe in combinatie met onderwijs aan de Haagse Hogeschool.

Toen ik de kans kreeg een bijdrage aan het NICC te leveren, heb ik die met beide handen aangegrepen. Juist nu is het cruciaal om de NICC-collectie en vooral ook de kennis en ervaring in het NICC-netwerk in te zetten voor het verruimen van eenieders kijk op de wereld, vooral ook voor jonge mensen!

Ik zal de komende tijd natuurlijk bij NICC betrokken blijven, in ieder geval als donateur. Ik hoop dat de huidige trend in groei van (periodieke) donateurs ook door zal blijven zetten en vraag daarvoor hier ook nogmaals jullie aandacht” - Bart Jan van Beuzekom

Het NICC-bestuur wil Bart Jan hierbij enorm bedanken voor zijn betrokkenheid en inzet in tijdens zijn rol als penningmeester!

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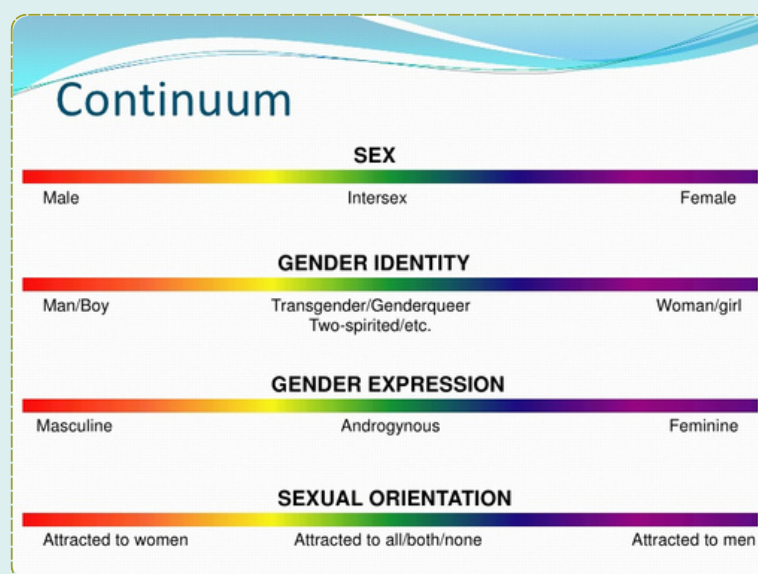
Exploring Gender Diversity in Foreign Policy: Insights from NICC's "Gender Trouble" Event

On June 13, 2024, NICC hosted an insightful online event titled "Gender Trouble" (based on the book of Judith Butler), moderated by Tate Gibbs. The event gathered experts to discuss the intersection of gender diversity and foreign affairs policy. Panelists included Marene Elgershuizen, Ella De Voogd, Paul De Nooijer, and Lois Schinkel, each bringing valuable perspectives to the conversation.

Lois Schinkel, an intern at NICC and the event's organizer, opened with a critical observation: current gender equality policies often overlook gender-diverse individuals, focusing predominantly on women and girls. Schinkel emphasized that gender should be viewed as a spectrum rather than a binary concept. She explained how societal norms and historical contexts shape our understanding of gender, often reinforcing patriarchal hierarchies. These traditional roles are not innate but constructed, leading to widespread gender discrimination. Schinkel highlighted the importance of acknowledging and supporting gender-diverse people in policy-making to ensure they have equal rights and protections. She pointed out the severe impacts of gender discrimination, such as legal inequities, poverty, stigma, and inadequate healthcare.

Marene Elgershuizen, Vice President of Rainbow Rose, emphasized the need for an intersectional approach in feminist policies. She stressed that considering various intersecting identities is crucial for effective policy-making, especially in areas like trade agreements, refugee support, and conflict resolution. Elgershuizen argued that such an approach ensures policies are equitable and comprehensive.

Paul De Nooijer, a former senior evaluator at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, discussed the limitations of traditional Dutch gender policies, which have historically focused on binary gender roles. He advocated for more inclusive policies that recognize and address the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community. De Nooijer highlighted the need for gender mainstreaming in all policy areas to create truly inclusive and effective policies.



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During the discussion, several critical issues were explored:

From Equality to Equity: The panel highlighted the difference between equality and equity. Equality involves treating everyone the same, whereas equity focuses on providing individuals with what they need to succeed. This distinction is vital for addressing the specific needs of gender-diverse individuals and dismantling oppressive systems.

Cultural Sensitivity and Political Power: The panel discussed the importance of considering cultural differences and power dynamics in policy-making. They emphasized the need to listen to local communities and understand their specific contexts, rather than imposing top-down approaches. The discussion underscored that gender justice involves addressing power differences and abuses, which vary across cultures.

Applying Best Practices: The panelists agreed on the importance of conducting gender analyses before implementing policies or programs. They emphasized the need for long-term support and dialogue at all levels to ensure the success of gender-transformative initiatives.

Future Policy Recommendations: The event concluded with recommendations for future feminist and gender policies. The panelists advocated for integrating intersectional feminism into all aspects of foreign policy, including diplomacy, defense, humanitarian aid, and development cooperation. They called for policies that empower and protect gender and sexually diverse individuals.

The "Gender Trouble" event provided a comprehensive discussion on the challenges and opportunities in creating inclusive gender policies. It highlighted the necessity of moving beyond binary frameworks and adopting an intersectional approach to feminist foreign policy. Gender Trouble underscored the need for equity, cultural sensitivity, and long-term support to achieve true gender equality.





Board change



Since 1 June this year, Rozemarijn van Grieken has succeeded Loukie Levert as chairman of the NICC board. Rozemarijn has been involved with NICC for some time already, as she has been active in communications for social media. She has a background in History and International Relations and is currently working as a project officer at PUM. We would like to thank Loukie for her enormous commitment during her time as chairman. Without her ideas and initiatives, NICC would not be where it is today. We are very pleased that she remains part of the board!

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