Redefining the Value of Women’s Work

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Women’s work has always been characterized as precarious, casual, informal, low-skilled, unskilled, unpaid, unrecognized, unvalued, undervalued and invisible. In a changing world that is dominated by neoliberalism and patriarchy, this characterization continues to dominate the lived reality of women.

We challenge this characterization by advocating for the realization of equality and non-discrimination and for the re-conceptualization of the value of work. In this event, we will call for a paradigm shift that redefines the worth of women’s work in global value chains, of women migrant workers, women farmers, women garment workers, women in the informal economy, women sex workers and women in care and domestic work. We will argue that without recognition of universal human rights and fundamental freedoms women’s economic empowerment cannot be achieved.

In conversation with

- Rights of the Women Domestic Workers: Ida Le Blanc, National Union of Domestic Employees, Trinidad and Tobago
- Rights of Women Workers in Garment Industry and Entertainment Sector: Channsitha Mark, United Sisterhood Alliance, Cambodia
- Social Organization of Care Work: Corina Rodriguez, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era, Argentina
- Relevance of human rights treaty regime and CEDAW in the realization of women’s rights to work: Shanthi Dairiam, IWRAW Asia Pacific
- Moderator: Maria Hermione Graterol, IWRAW Asia Pacific