

## 8<sup>th</sup> AEEII INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**Rooted in Nature, Branching into Justice: Exploring Ecofeminism in India**  
**6th-7th November 2023 | Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria**

**Deadline: 15 June 2023**

**Notification of acceptance: 15 July 2023**

Coined in 1974 by French feminist Françoise d'Eaubonne in her book *Le Féminisme ou la Mort* (*Feminism or Death*), the term ecofeminism has undergone important changes throughout history, expanding its focus beyond its initial emphasis on the interconnectedness of gender and ecology to include race, class, caste, indigeneity, and other forms of social oppression. In India, the origins of ecofeminism can be traced back to various movements that emerged in the 1960s and 70s, such as the Chipko Movement, the Save Silent Valley Movement or the Forest Rights Movements, among others. It combines feminist and ecological principles to address the interconnected issues of gender inequality and ecological degradation and has been significantly led by tribal and other oppressed communities. Vandana Shiva's work *Staying Alive: Women, Ecology, and Development* (1988) has been instrumental in shaping ecofeminism in India. Other significant names include Maria Mies, who collaborated with Shiva in the writing of *Ecofeminism* (1993) or Sunita Narain, Madhu Sarin and Bina Agarwal who have written extensively on and contributed to the frame of ecofeminism in the Indian context.

The conference is intended to be interdisciplinary, so papers from ecologists, historians, anthropologists, philosophers, economists, artists and environmental and cultural studies scholars are welcome. All topics should be related to India and its diaspora. Below you will find a list of suggested but not limited topics:

- Convergence of postcolonial and ecofeminism studies in India
- Environment and the literature of Indian women in the diaspora
- Intersections of environmental justice with class, caste, religion and sexual and gender issues
- Human and non-human interconnections and their relationship to the environment
- Relations between gender, food, and the environment in India
- Women's adaptation to climate change and the environmental strategies they are employing
- Politics of care, the environment and the natural world
- Sustainability and local knowledge. Rural practices
- Women's role in resource management and conservation
- New approaches and paradigms in the study of human and non-human interconnections
- Ecofeminist activism. Intersections of environmental and feminist activism in India
- Ecofeminism in India and Affect Studies
- Gendered impacts of environmental degradation
- Tribal knowledge and traditional practices
- Ecology and feminism in India
- Ecofeminism and capitalism

The Conference will be hosted by the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Department of Filología Moderna, Traducción e Interpretación), Canary Islands, Spain, on 6 and 7 November 2023. Please send 250-word abstracts, together with a 50-word bio-note to M<sup>a</sup> Luz González (malugon@ull.edu.es) and M<sup>a</sup> Concepción Brito (cobrito@ull.edu.es) by **15 June 2023**. The Conference Academic Committee will evaluate abstracts. Authors will be notified of acceptance by **July 15, 2023**. A selection of papers will be published in volume 12 of *Indialogs Spanish Journal of Indian Studies* (April 2025) after a blind review by external assessors.