

Gender Issues in Contemporary Indonesia:

Women's Response, Resistance and Resilience to Covid-19 Pandemic

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When the first outbreak of Corona-19 in Wuhan, China, no one would ever imagine what it would do to our life. Now the outbreak has impacted the whole world. It creates a crisis in many aspects of life: economy, politics, social and cultural views, travel, and especially health, locally and globally. The coronavirus or Covid-19 virus has left a deep impact on the way we perceive our world and our everyday lives. This virus has left us with an imprint that we will carry on forever from now on.

Indonesia, like the rest of the world, is also hit hard by this pandemic. The introduction of the new normal is not an easy thing. Many adjustments have to be made including our relations with other people. Gender relation, especially in the domestic sphere is affected greatly. The Indonesian National Commission on Violence against Women (*Komnas Perempuan*) has reported that domestic violence against women has risen significantly since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020. The very reason is simply economic although this is not exclusive. Domestic violence impacts not only on physical scars but also psychological, social and cultural problems for everyone: the husband (mostly the perpetrator), the wife, and the children (mostly the victims), the community and the society in general. Accordingly, this panel will discuss gender issues in Indonesia in the time of the pandemic. It discusses how Indonesian women (rural and urban) respond to the pandemic that affects their life. Most women are victims of domestic violence but many of them are not simply victimized, some of them resist and create their own space away from violence. Resilience is also found common for women in the pandemic time. In short, this panel will discuss how Indonesian women deal with issues affecting them before and during the pandemic.

Double Session – panel participants

- 1) Diah Ariani Arimbi (Faculty of Humanities, Universitas Airlangga)- Convener – Look What Coronavirus Has Done to Us
- 2) Emy Susanti (Gender Studies Centre, Universitas Airlangga) - Coastal Rural Women in the New Normal
- 3) Sutinah (Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Universitas Airlangga) - Urban Women and the New Normal

- 4) Satiti Kuntari (White Ribbon Indonesia – PPI/Pita Putih Indonesia) – Women’s Health and Covid19
- 5) Yuni Woro (Gender Studies Centre – Widjaya Kusuma University, Surabaya) Policy of Covid19 on Women
- 6) Keppi Sukesi (Gender Studies Centre, Brawijaya University, Malang) - Gender Issues at Higher Education and the New Normal
- 7) Wiwik Afifah (Gender Studies Centre – Tujuh Belas August 1945 University, Surabaya) Women's Participation and Covid19 pandemic
- 8) Dewi Liliana (Jakarta State Polytechnic, Jakarta) Women and Social Media on Covid19