Recent and today’s crisis have increased gender inequality and women discrimination throughout the world. As such, all crises are gendered. Women and minorities have been mostly affected by unemployment, labour market barriers, precarious work conditions, heavy work-family loads and caregiving responsibilities, cuts on social benefits, work and domestic violence and poverty. In Europe, South countries were the ones that suffered the most with women and minorities still experiencing the effects of the last financial crisis on their professional and personal lives. Extant research has focused on these issues and highlighted the negative effects of economic, financial, social and political crises. Nevertheless, the gender and minorities’ reality of Anglo-Saxon and North countries in times of crisis has been extensively explored when compared to the South European countries.

The current pandemic crisis is raising new concerns and challenges regarding power and inequality dynamics around gender issues. This mini-track aims to promote the production and dissemination of knowledge among researchers interested in gender issues in times of crisis, especially within the Southern Europe countries. Real case studies, policies, institutional and management strategies, as well as initiatives and tools to respond and prevent gender inequality and violence during these unprecedented times are also welcome. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- The gender of (un)employment, precariousness and violence at work in times of crises, namely in the mostly affected sectors
- Gender experiences and inequalities in the health and social care sectors during pandemic times
- Gender violence at work and in the private and family context during times of crises
- Gender experiences and inequalities in the family and non-work spheres enhanced by economic and financial crises, namely the effect of remote work following the pandemic crises
- Tools and instruments to prevent and respond to gender inequalities in crises context

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