



(Symposium "Feminism, Queer and Neoliberalism", Centre for the Study of Women and Gender, University of Warwick)

RATIONALE

- **POST-2008 INTENSIFICATION AND/OR CRISIS OF NEOLIBERALISM**
- **GROWTH OF FEMINIST CONCERN WITH CO-OPTATION – FEMINISM IS 'UNDONE' OR REMADE IN NEW NEOLIBERAL FORMS. ECLIPSING EFFORTS TO CHART FEMINIST RESISTANCE TO NEOLIBERALISM**
- **OUR PROJECT SEEKS TO BRING TOGETHER BOTH LINES OF ENQUIRY AND THEREBY RETHINK DANGERS AND POSSIBILITIES FACING FEMINISTS IN NEOLIBERAL AGE**

LITERATURE REVIEW

- **GROWING CO-OPTATION LITERATURE**
 - **'STRONG' THESIS** (E.G., FRASER 2009; EISENSTEIN 2009, 2017; MCROBBIE 2009; POWER 2009; REVIEWED IN ESCHLE AND MAIGUASHCA 2014)
 - **NUANCED VERSION** (E.G., ROBERTS 2015; PRUGL 2015; HICKEL 2014; ROTTENBERG 2013 ETC ETC)
- **EMERGENT RESISTANCE COUNTER-NARRATIVE** (EG. EVANS 2015; BASSEL AND EMEJULU 2017; HARCOURT 2017)

MAIN ARGUMENT

- **EFFECT IS TO REPRODUCE A DICHOTOMISED WAY OF THINKING ABOUT FEMINISM**
- **ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTUALISATIONS NEEDED TO GET US BEYOND THE CO-OPTATION/RESISTANCE BINARY**

BEYOND CO-OPTATION AND RESISTANCE?

- **EXPANDING THE FEMINIST SUBJECT**
- **DECONSTRUCTING THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN INSTITUTIONAL AND EXTRA INSTITUTIONAL SITES OF FEMINIST ACTIVISM**
- **DISAGGREGATING NEOLIBERALISM**

