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XXK Collective: Feminisms, thinking and action



Exploring with others the notion that we make the road by walking, and how to put into practice—in a sustainable and livable way—those other worlds we dream of, starting now.

DETAILS

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EDUCATION

Degree in Sociology. Faculty of Social and Communication Sciences, UPV-EHU, 2000.

Master in Development and International Cooperation. Hegoa – Institute for International Cooperation and Development Studies, 2001.

Master in Equality between Men and Women: Equality Agents). Faculty of Psychology UPV-EHU, 2005.

LANGUAGES

Basque: Perfil C1 (E.O.I.)
English: First Certificate
Italian: Intermediate

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

[*Emancipation without feminism? Moving from the margin into the center in mixed-gender organizations*](#), Silvia Piris, Biblioteca Básica de formación, Fundación Manu Robles Arangiz, (2015).

[*Spreading sovereignties for alternative life styles in Euskal Herria. Proposals for the elaboration of food sovereignty local public policies*](#), Bizilur & Etxalde, Silvia Piris (coord.) (2015)

[*Cooperación internacional y movimientos sociales emancipadores: bases para un encuentro necesario*](#), Gonzalo Fernández, Silvia Piris and Pedro Ramiro, Bilbao

RESEARCH

International Solidarity and Cooperation Policies

- Research on policy coherence and the inclusion of Sustainable Human Development perspectives in the three Provincial Governments of the Basque Autonomous Region: construction of a framework for analysis (2017-2018) for the Basque NGO Coordination Board.
- [Evaluation of the II Master Plan of Sustainable Human Development Cooperation](#) and Education, Local Council of Donostia, 2012-2015.
- Coordination of the research area ["Social movements and critical cooperation"](#) (2011-2014) for the Hegoa Institute (UPV/EHU). Facilitation of research group and preparation of [diagnostic studies](#) on public cooperation policies and social movements.

Food Sovereignty

Facilitation and coordination of research process (2014-2015) for Bizilur and Etxalde on local public policies for food sovereignty and creation of the [Guide to Planting Sovereignties: Working Towards Other Ways of Living in the Basque Country. Proposals for the Construction of Local Public Policies from a Food Sovereignty Perspective](#).

Alternative Development Models

Facilitation of collective mapping sessions with organizations and local people, Urdaibai Region (Gernika and Bermeo), Gernika Gogoratuz (2018).

Equality and Gender Perspective

Elaboration of assessments of the existing reconciliation measures at the local level (Basauri City Council) and of the situation of women carers, Urola Garaia (Equality Area, Urola Garaia Local Council). Work in collaboration with Oreka Sarea 2010-2011.

TRAINING**Face-to-face and online training for various universities on International Solidarity, Critical Aid Policies and Social Movements**

- Class “Policies and Agents in Cooperation” within the online MMasters program on International Cooperation and Emancipatory Education (Hegoa Institute, UPV-EHU), 2016-present
- “Social movements and critical cooperation” and “Discourses of Post-Development” in the Masters program on Development and International Cooperation (Hegoa Institute, UPV-EHU), 2013-present.

Non-degree seeking education

- Online, semi-online and in-person programs offered by public institutions (empowerment schools in Bizkaia, Gipuzkoa and Araba, local councils, etc.) and civil society organizations (NGOs, DNGOs, feminist and women’s organizations, etc.) on critical perspectives on international cooperation, feminisms, organization culture from a gender and feminist perspective, feminist economics, etc.

POLITICAL AND CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORKS**Feminist methodology**

- Consulting on methodologies and tools for feminist research for CEAR Euskadi (2017-2018) in the project “Protecting those who defend: the right to asylum and temporary protection as tools for social transformation”
- Coordination and mentoring in methodologies for the Donostia Foundation (2015-2016) in the project [“Herri zahar, andre berri”](#), a project that reflects on the participation of women in local traditions and cultural practices in the Basque Country: project design, mentoring and group facilitation, creation of summary document and website architecture.

Public Policies

- Support and mentoring in the development of strategic actions within the Office for Equality of the Regional Government of Gipuzkoa (2015) in the 2nd Regional Plan for the Equality of Men and Women. Work on making the Plan’s approach transversal, including different departments, and on proposing guidelines for ongoing work in the field of “Broadening our View”.

POLITICAL INCIDENCE**Globalization and Development Models**

- Accompanying the elaboration of a Basque Agenda to confront Trade and Investment Agreements, as part of the project “The Boomerang Effect in Free Trade Agreements: feminist perspectives on the TTIP and perspectives from the Global South” (Peace with Dignity 2017-2018): facilitation of working sessions and writing of the policy brief.

International Solidarity

- Participation in the research project [“Processes of Advocacy and Mobilization and the Tools They Use: Analysis of the Experience of Various Basque NGOs”](#) (2015-2016 Basque Agency for Development Cooperation//UNA Comunicación y Gestión)

MENTORING

Processes of organizational change

- Evaluation process of the first Gender Equity Strategic Action Plan, 2013-2016. 2018, Setem Hego Haizea.
- Mentoring of [Bizigarri](#), in its process of organizational change towards greater gender equity: Diagnostic stage and Action Plan. 2015-2018, REAS, Euskadi (Basque Country)
- Mentoring of capacity building process for technical and administrative teams, including training sessions, debates, development of priority issues and revision and improvement of internal working processes. 2016, Basque Agency for International Development Cooperation.
- Facilitation of internal working sessions for various organizations (evaluation, planning...) such as Degrowth and Good Living Network, Gender Group of the NGDO's Coordination Network, etc.

Equality Policies

- Elaboration of the Equality between Women and Men first Plan, Urola-Garaia Region (Zumárraga, Urretxu, Legazpi and Ezkio-Itsaso). Training workshops on gender and equality policies (2006)

Development Cooperation Policies

- Accompanying the Local Council (Renteria, Gipuzkoa) to establish a rating scale to be used in the open call for development cooperation and education projects. 2017.
- Accompanying the Regional Government of Gipuzkoa in the rating of development cooperation and education projects and elaboration of the report of the call results. 2016

OTHER SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE

- Development Cooperation Directorate, Basque Government (March 2007-March 2009). Expert for Central America, Mexico and Caribbean Region and Gender Unit.
- Direct responsibility on the approval, monitoring and evaluation of all the projects approved by the FOCAD call for the area of Central America, Mexico and Caribbean. Development of planning tools and instruments, such as the Decree on organization change for gender equality. Planification and implementation of the Gender Unit activities. Contact and meetings with various development cooperation agents. Coordination of the interns' team.