

# From exception to expediency: Feminist perspectives on sexual rights violations during COVID-19

Online side event during the 47<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Human Rights Council  
Thursday 8 July 2021, 14:00 - 16:00 CEST

*"The smear campaign against women TikTokers [in Egypt] highlights a classist perception of and entitlement to lower-class and lower-middle-class women's bodies."* – Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights

*"The pandemic has disproportionately impacted individuals in complex immigration situations, and this experience is echoed in abortion access barriers [in Canada]."* – Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights

*"Absolutely, this revolution [in Poland] is feminist. It started with women who initiated protests and then they were joined by young people and other groups who shared their frustration; we all met in anger."*  
– Federation for Women and Family Planning

As the events related to the pandemic unfolded over 2020, the partners of the Sexual Rights Initiative sought to capture some of the key developments in sexual and reproductive rights – from restrictive measures and moral policing to the force of protests rocking many parts of the world.

Halfway through 2021, as we struggle with the increasing polarization of the world along established colonial and class lines, we would like to gather to both share information and perspectives and to collectively develop strategies for continuing to fight for sexual and reproductive rights in different regional and national contexts as well as globally.

## Speakers

- Fred Chabot, Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights
- Urszula Grycuk, Federation for Women and Family Planning
- Fernando D'Elío, Akahatá
- Amanda Hodgeson, Coalition of African Lesbians
- Emeline Dupuis, Sexual Rights Initiative Geneva

## Moderator

- Dipika Nath

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