Women's Mobilization for Gender-Egalitarian Policy Change in the 20 Years since Beijing

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Women’s advocacy tends to focus on certain issues while paying less attention to others. And some issues seem more amenable to change than others. But why? Women’s rights advocates need to know the answer to this question to successfully push for better laws and policies on gender equality.

In this side event, researchers and policy makers discuss how women’s movements can effectively mobilize for policy change:

- What mechanisms ensure that issues get on policy agendas?  
- Why are certain issues left out, while others become priorities?  
- What factors ensure that non-state actors can effectively trigger and influence policy change?  
- How do women’s movements articulate their claims?

The event is based on findings from the UNRISD research project When and Why Do States Respond to Women’s Claims?

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