In recent discussions on gender justice, there has been increasing focus on transnational feminist networks as facilitating “solidarity across borders”. In the face of growing global interdependence, the hope is that a transnational citizen’s movement could potentially galvanize global co-operation in overcoming gender violence and promoting gender equality. In this lecture, I argue that while new modes of collective agency can emerge by drawing on gendered vulnerability as a site of political agency, “global sisterhood” can inadvertently also function as a technology of neoliberal governmentality. Against this background, my talk will critically engage with the prospects and limits of global gender justice from a postcolonial perspective.
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