Call-Out Culture and the Feminist Politics of Shame

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Abstract:
What are the material and affective histories of feminist call-outs, the practice of publicly exposing individuals for their misogynistic acts, and what do they mean for feminist politics today? In this paper, I show how “call-outs” can be both life-giving and inhumane; agentic and cruel, and place them in a broader affective political history of how feminists have simultaneously politicized their experiences of shame and humiliation and used shaming and humiliation strategies to fight misogyny in its many forms.

The lecture will take place in the context of the international conference "Shame - Shaming - Shamelessness".