

## **Which “building” for the Information Society in Latin America: a challenge in discourse and practices for gender advocates and researchers**

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The presentation will give an overview of the current scenario, actors and main tensions at stake in building the information society in latin america.

It will reflect on the different meanings ascribed to is and how they contribute to the creation of a social imaginary concerning globalization, development, inclusivity, democracy and poverty in this region.

It will outline the results of Regional Meetings (both governmental and civil society) related to the WSIS process and a review of different projects on gender and ICTs developed by NGOs and Academic Institutions.

This information, as well as the findings of a multifocal research on youth, ICTs and gender gathered in several countries in Latin America, will provide the foundations to analyze representations of gender inequalities /equality that prevail in current projects and policies, including women or gender issues in their discourses and actions.

To conclude, we will present some reflections on how to create alternatives in discourse and practices that might promote a transformative strategy for engendering the is.

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