

WAR, NEOLIBERAL STATE POLICY AND GENDER IN UKRAINE

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With the outbreak of the full-scale invasion by Russia, Ukrainian society is going through yet another crisis. Its scale is, however, incomparable to those of the previous decades: occupation, destruction of the whole cities and thousands of casualties, millions of displaced and refugees, sharp economic downturn. While influencing the whole fabric of the Ukrainian society, war and current policies have their distinct direct and indirect gender-differentiated effects and potential long-term influences on the structures of gender inequality. They radically alter the conditions for social reproduction, reconfigure the distribution of reproductive labor, devalue it on the labor market and diminish support for families. Along with the immediate war threats, these put the lives of many women, especially from under-privileged groups, in socio-economic jeopardy and ossifies the existing structural inequality. Also, the war, neoliberal policies and resulting dynamics force both adaptive and political mobilization around social reproduction.

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