Men, Masculinities & Climate Change: Deconstructing concepts of Ecological Masculinities

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From “engaging men in development” (MID) to “men/masculinities in feminist activism” (MIFA)

MenEngage Alliance’s Mission
MenEngage Global Alliance works to transform unequal power relations and patriarchal systems by:

• addressing masculinities,
• building inclusive alliances from local to regional to global,
• working with men and boys through an intersectional feminist approach, and
• fostering joint actions in partnership with women’s rights, gender & other social justice movements

About MenEngage Alliance
Over 700 CSO members in over 74 countries: organized in 42 country networks and 6 regional networks.
Men, Masculinities and Climate Change: A Discussion Paper

- “Climate justice is feminist because it’s visionary.” Reina Gattuso

- "Environmental disasters brought about by climate change also negatively affect boys and men in gendered ways that are, in general, different from girls and women."

- "From a climate justice perspective, addressing the root causes of the climate crisis also requires tackling social inequalities and eradicating forms of oppression that movements can also reproduce, include gender inequalities." Maria Alejandra Rodriguez
Men, Masculinities and Climate Change: A Discussion Paper

This paper ended by posing a series of questions and areas for future action on research, programming and advocacy.

1. How can organizations that are engaging men and boys more intentionally share spaces with feminist advocacy groups and add further strengths to the call for climate justice?
2. How can we engage men in position of power?
3. What about a child-centered approach to promoting sustainable development?
4. Research Gap: What are the linkages between masculinities and environmental degradation?
5. How can we build on existing innovative areas of research?
Consider:

● **Gender Mainstreaming in Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation**
  ○ No Climate Justice Without Gender Justice
  ○ Summarising perspectives from feminist theory and activism

● **An Intersectional approach to Opportunities and Threats of Climate Change**
  ○ Contending with Access, Opportunity, Voice, Choice
  ○ A Variable Experience of Inequality
● A feminist perspectives on climate change and climate justice

● The significance of viewing climate change and climate justice through a gendered lens

● Reflecting on recurring issues and necessary actions to achieve climate and gender justice
EGO-LOGICAL

Industrial /bread winner masculinities
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Eco-modern masculinities
ECO-LOGICAL
EGO-logical

Industrial / Bread winner

EGO-logical

Eco-modern

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Eco-logical
Streams of academic knowledges brought together

- Four streams
- One estuary
- Building a shelter with drift wood from the four streams and with help from previous settlements on the shore of the watershed open to the ocean
- Meating place – gathering energy
- ADAMn
First stream of academic knowledge: Masculinities studies

● Acknowledge men’s experience of not feeling complete while being critical of their privileging

● Men’s sense of powerlessness and pain are, paradoxically, caused by their own socially sanctioned power

● Male norms are bestowed upon all people at a personal price.
Second stream of academic knowledge: Deep ecology

● Uneasy relationship between celebrating the magnificent wilds juxtaposed against the knowledge of natures degradation

● Deepening relationship with nature so that all come to know, feel, trust and identify with that relationship.
Third stream: Ecological Feminisms

- Patterns of inequality
- Not only Mother Earth – men as well
Fourth stream: Feminist Care theory

- Men when caregivers feel good; how could that be expanded to care for glocal commons, humans as well as non-human others?
The shelter: Ecologicalization towards Ecological Masculinities

- **Awareness**: Education
- **Deconstruct**: Mechanisms of domination
- **Amend**: Costs that others and you yourself incur, make amends for them (either directly or indirectly)
- **Modify**: Thoughts, words and deeds to support greater care for all others and yourself - simultaneously
- **Nourish**: Denormalising of unhelpful masculinities, seeking new forms of masculinities that celebrate broader, deeper and wider care
How can we move from EGO to ECO From Patriarchy to Partnership?

How can we engage more men in the transition?
Now pilot testing in groups and online

Swedish
English
Russian

8 sessions

Listen, Share, Reflect, Act
1. Something I love is....

2. When I hear about the Climate crisis I feel....

3. I am longing for...

4. My next step is...
Two-three persons

One person talk and the other person listen

Set an alarm 1.5 min. each (1 min. each if you are 3)
То, что я люблю, это ...

SOMETHING I LOVE IS...
Что я чувствую, когда слышу о том кризисе, в котором мы находимся?

WHAT DO I FEEL WHEN I HEAR ABOUT THE CLIMATE CRISIS WE ARE IN?
WHAT AM I LONGING FOR?

How can I include care for the environment and climate justice into my work?

Low hanging fruits. My next step.
HOW WAS IT TO LISTEN AND SHARE IN THIS WAY?
Next Steps and Follow-ups

- Evaluation of this webinar (forms for written evaluations available for everybody to fill-in: a request)
- Series of online workshops and meetings on this topic building up to the global symposium.
- Carve out space at the Global Symposium on “Critical dialogues on Climate Justice”.
- Plan next steps based on what the members are interested in and how to (based on the evaluations and maybe based on a new online workshop focusing on that)
- Possibility to pilot test the prototype from MÄN and Chalmers online.
- Workshop recording will be made available (but not breakout rooms).
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