



Rethinking eco-feminism in the context of critical systems thinking

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Critical Systems Thinking (CST) is a branch of systems thinking that theorises and aligns methodological practice to the idea of emergence, based on contingency, interrelatedness and boundary critique. CST engages with questions of difference, inclusion and exclusion. Feminists, having had a long association with questions of difference and identity, and a certain tension generated by post-structuralist considerations of meaning-making, can use systemic practices to embrace the dynamic and shifting nature of knowledge production with an eco-feminist curiosity. Such as curiosity is an experimental and playful approach to systemic practices with implications for the theorization and methodological design of interdisciplinary sociological and environmental politics research. We need effective ways to work with communities of people in intra-disciplinary ways to engage with the range of socio-environmental phenomena that are reshaping the way we live. A ecofeminist curiosity bought to bear with systemic intervention practices recognise the complex, interlinked and co-contingent relationships between humans and other-thanhumans - a journey that has no clear way forward and is emergent in character. To act in this way is a political act – one we must take to move beyond instrumentalist neo-liberalism.