How the Information Society Recasts Women’s Citizenship
- Stories from the CITIGEN Research Programme

Open Session
Room: Conference E
Date and time: Monday, 12 March 2012 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
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This session will bring insights and questions from the ‘Gender and Citizenship in the Information Society’ (CITIGEN), research programme. Scholars from the programme will flag key conceptual issues framing gender and citizenship in the network society, reflecting upon how grounded theory may be constructed through a feminist lens.

10:00 to 10:15 am: Introduction to CITIGEN

10:15 to 10:45 am: Story 1 - Freedoms and capabilities
This presentation will explore how freedom of expression needs to be problematised, and the wider notion of communication rights invoked, to argue the case for mobile phone access by migrant, women domestic workers in Asia.

10:45 to 11:15 am: Story 2 - The good, the ambiguous and the ugly
The interplay of women’s citizenship in digital spaces with macro and meso level structures will be examined through threads from different CITIGEN researches.

11:45 to 12:15 am: Story 3 - Open and shut
The idea of digital space and the public sphere will be teased out from the standpoint of marginalised women who were interviewed in different research sites of CITIGEN.

12:15 to 12:45 am: Story 4 - Innovation and sub-cultures
How the digital could present subversive spaces for localised action, will be presented through a case study from CITIGEN.

12:45 am to 01:00 pm: Conclusion
A brief synthesis of the themes will be attempted along with some methodological issues for ICTD research.