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Dear Friends, we'd like to invite you to participate in the third edition of the Women Videoletters.

The Project:

The idea for the project Women Videoletters – a Second Text on War came up at a meeting of women video activists in October 2001 in Berlin, to contrast the media reporting after September 11th with a feminist perspective. The second edition of the Women Videoletters in January 2004 was extended by a critical stance towards globalization in general.

Why Women Videoletters?

We see the Women Videoletters as an opportunity
| to further an exchange about the various causes and effects of wars and globalization,
| to report about movements which otherwise get no or inadequate coverage,
| to show the interdependence of different struggles.

The media let many things vanish. When they look at war venues, the effects on people's everyday lives remain invisible. Violence against women is seen as a minor detail. They fail to show that "peace" and wealth for some exist at the expense of wars and destruction for many others. Globalization in the Global North takes on different looks than in the Global South.

The new edition of the Women Videoletters wants to bring these connections into view. This other publicity we consider as part of a political commitment against globalization and neoliberalism.

How do women, feminists, LGBTs* oppose neoliberal hegemonies, power and the war logic? Which part does the struggle against gender hierarchies and patriarchal structures take in this? Which concepts and ideas empower us? Which visions do we have for living together?

How to participate:

Your videoletters should have a length between one and a maximum of ten minutes. They can document actions, make statements, examine everyday life. The films can be of various formal design and use different stylistic means. In the first two editions of the Women Videoletters there were entries from women in Argentina, Germany, India, Iraq, Israel, Mexico, the Netherlands, Palestine, Turkey, Uruguay, the United States. If you have not come across the Women Videoletters yet, we can send you these editions.

We will collect your entries for a third edition, sample and send the new issue to all participating women. Thus the videoletters belong to all women contributing to the new edition, not in the sense of a copyright, but rather as information or a kind of flyer. You can then decide where to screen the Women Videoletters or which of them to show at political actions, events or festivals. This project is open to all women and initiatives. You are welcome to pass this invitation on.

Date for entries:

We wish the third edition to be a contribution to the International Women's Day on March 8th 2008 in different parts of the world. Let us know by mail to info@womenvideoletters.com that you want to participate, and send your videoletters (as mini DV or VHS) before November 15th 2007. We need a tape of your contributions with English subtitles and a transcription.

Best regards from Berlin
Christine, Goli and Tania

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