

# Sexual Rights Trajectories, Concepts, Debates:

## Moving forward?

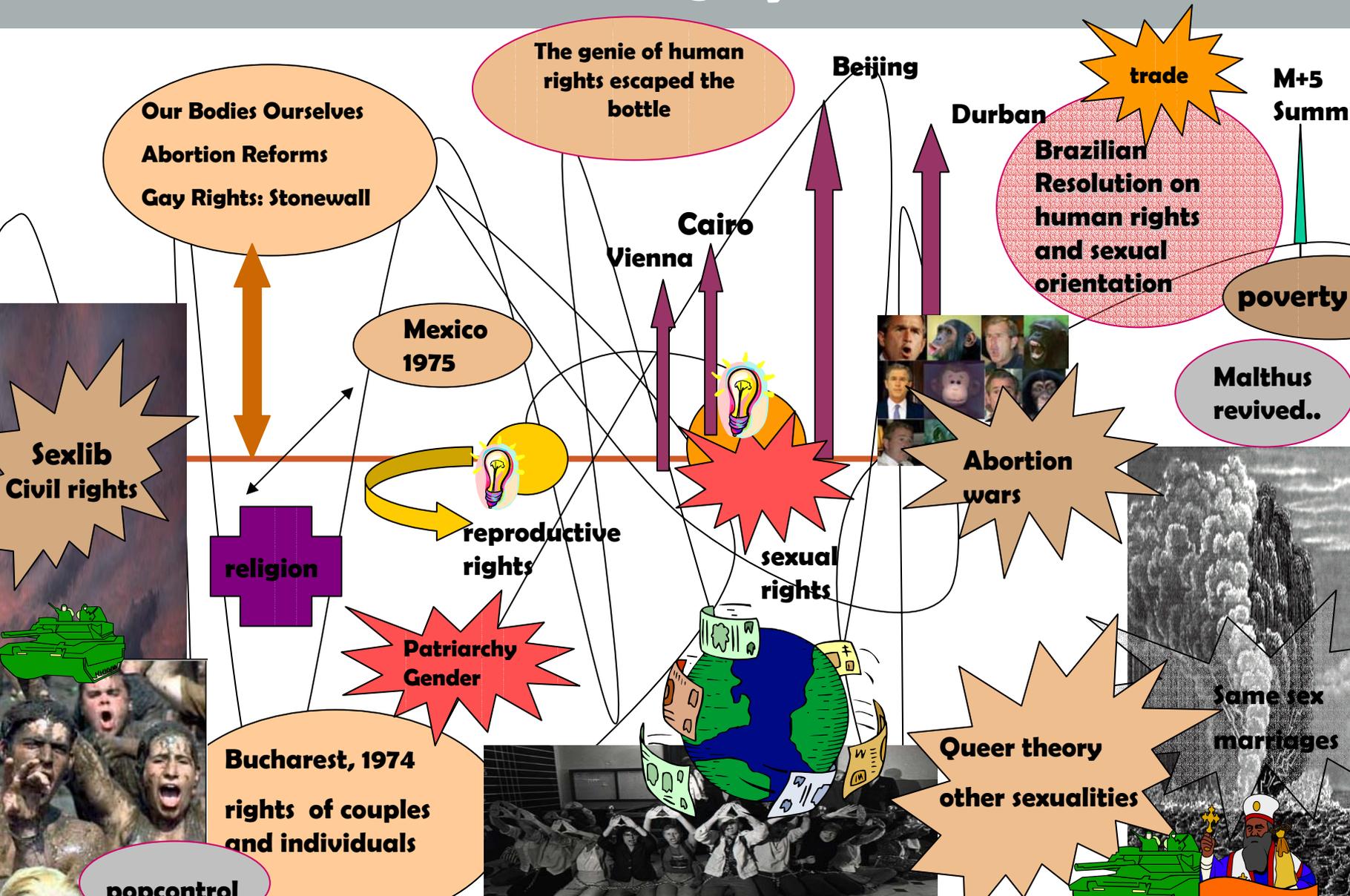
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# A TIME LINE...



# 1968-2005 The Long Cycle



# cold war

1970's

Our bodies ourselves

Sexlib  
abortion

CARASA

We thought revolution

We spoke subordination and liberation

Development = economic growth

Critique of modernization

Denounce of abuses

But not yet a strong rights discourse

No engagement with institutions

Patriarchy

Women and Class

Gender Systems

CEDAW

Women's h

Mexico 1975

Bodily integrity

# dictatorships

Last sparks of decolonization

Gay Rights

The end of Vietnam War,

Pop control



- Nigeria
- S. Africa
- Kenya
- Uganda
- Phiippin
- Brazil
- Argentina
- Chile
- Uruguay
- Bolivia...
- Greece
- Portugal
- Spain

1980

# transitions

**Democratization, Reaganomics, the first wave of SAPs , new theoretical frames, first wave of rights discourses...institutional engagements (?), other wars, Fall of the Wall...**



**fundamentalisms**

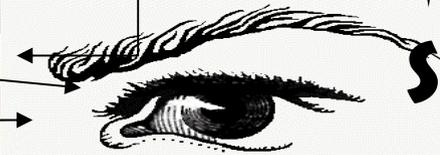
**AIDS**

**1985**

**NAIROBI**

**Empowerment**

**Visibility of FGM**



**Weaving Links**

**1984**

**IWHM**

**Amsterdam**

**Global feminist**

**Consensus on**

**Reproductive Rights**

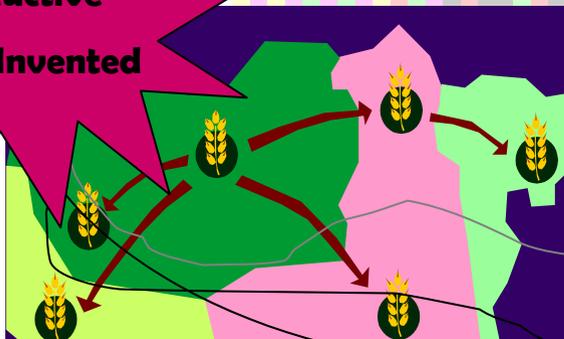
**1984 Mexico**

**Population**

**Conference. US Mexico**

**Policy on Abortion**

**reproductive rights invented**



the genie of human rights  
escaped from its bottle

VAW = broad  
consensus

Vienna

Sexual  
Rights

Beijing

Women vs AUS

Durban

New  
abortion  
wars

CEDAW got muscle

Brazilian

Resoluti

CH

Repe

on Heal

Other  
sexualities

Sex  
work!

Class,  
Race, cast  
ethnicity

Greater  
inequalities

Patriarchy?  
Gender?

Identity politics?

Identities of  
resistance?

Identities of  
project?

Cairo

reproductive  
rights  
legitimized"

Same sex  
marriage





**WHAT DOES THE TIME LINE TELL US?**

**THIS HAS BEEN A LONG AND WINDING ROAD**

**CONTEXTS HAVE NEVER BEEN EASY**

**THEMES DO NOT VANISH. THEY RE-SURFACE AND ARE RE-SIGNIFIED**

**THERE IS BACK AND FORTH....AND "ACCUMULATION"**

**1990's 2000's**

**INTENSIFICATION AND ACCELERATION (back to globalization),**

**GREATER INEQUALITIES, UNCERTAINTIES, RISK**

**NEW CONCEPTUAL FRAMES**

**GREATER INTELLECTUAL AND POLITICAL CONNECTIVITY**

**RELIGION >> RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM**

**MULTICULTURALISM, HYBRIDISM <<< >>>>HOMOGENEIZATION**



## **REFINING CONCEPTS**

### **DISTINGUISH AND ARTICULATE**

- ✓ **GENDER AND SEXUALITY**
- ✓ **HEALTH AND RIGHTS**
- ✓ **REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL**

### **AS TO AVOID**

- ✓ **FUSIONS AND CONFUSIONS**
- ✓ **THE TENDENCY TO EMPHASIZE THE NEGATIVE MERITS OF SEXUAL RIGHTS (DISEASE, VIOLENCE AND ABUSE)**

# refining the concepts



## PURSUE FURTHER CLARITY IN RESPECT TO:

- ✓ **THE LIMITS AND POSSIBILITIES OF HUMAN RIGHTS DISCURSIVE REGIMES**
- ✓ **BALANCE IN RESPECT TO PROTECTION AND FREEDOM, STATE RESTRAINT AND OR INTERVENTION**
- ✓ **THE CROSS IMPLICATIONS OF SEXUALITY AND CRIMINAL LAW**
- ✓ **THE ARTICULATION OF SEXUALITY, POVERTY, INEQUALITY**

## MOST PRINCIPALLY: WE MUST CONTINUE TO EXPOSE THIS NEW RIGHTS DISCOURSE TO THE TEST OF CONTEXTUALIZATIONS:

**CULTURE AND RELIGION**

**KINSHIP**

**CLASS, RACE, CAST , ETHNICITY**



## **SEXUAL RIGHTS AS A PRIVILEGED PATH TO GO BEYOND NARROW POLITICS OF IDENTITY**

**REFRAMING PARAGRAPH 96 OF BEIJING TO SAY:**

**THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS ENCOMPASS THEIR ABILITY TO DECIDE ON  
MATTERS PERTAINING TO THEIR SEXUALITY, FREE FROM COERCION,  
DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE” .**