About the Lecture: “Intersectionality” has emerged as an influential perspective in feminist analysis. While the concept has multiple, and sometimes contested, points of origin, it is widely understood as an approach that links women's and gender oppression to issues of race, class and power. Significantly, ‘intersectionality’ moved from being an approach grounded in critical race theory in the US to a global concept associated with human rights. This talk traces this important turning point. The 2001 UN World Conference Against Racism held in post-apartheid Durban, South Africa served as a pivotal arena. Based on results drawn from SSHRC-funded research, including interviews with civil society delegates and original documents, we trace how intersectionality went ‘global’ in the context of a world conference not commonly noted for its impact on feminist theory and practice.