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ONLINE WEBINAR

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30 SEPTEMBER 2021 | 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM CEST

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Anja Seiler, ESG Engagement Analyst, Ethos Foundation

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Who’s your feminism for?
Gender & discrimination in the global fashion industry

21 OCTOBER 2021 | 17:00 - 19:00 CEST

Newly produced clothes and shoes have passed the hands of many women before consumers find them in stores. Most of these women face exploitation and a hostile working environment due to discrimination, disrespect and abuse within garment factories.

While brands try to convince consumers and society at large with costly public relations campaigns that they produce and sell ‘sustainably’, some even started to use the buzzword ‘feminism’ as a slogan on their shirts. However, working women’s reality in garment factories around the world does not correspond to this image at all. We invite you to hear from women themselves what it means to work in the garment sector, what it means to face discrimination and harassment in the factories but also how women organize themselves to change the situation.

Throughout the event, artists and dedicated people working on the issue of fashion and gender will present their work to support our call for a change – join us!

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