



International Conference

GENDER AND JUSTICE: THEORY AND PRACTICE ACROSS CONTEXTS

OCTOBER 28-30, 2019

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM



DAY 1. MONDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

Theme: Gender bias and the law

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-9:45 Opening and introduction: Atlantic Initiative

9:45-10:00 Ambassador of Sweden H.E. Johanna Strömquist

10:00-10:45 Keynote speaker:

Prof. dr. Ulrike Schultz (*FernUniversität Hagen, Germany*)

Striving for objectivity – Does gender really matter? Judicial decision-making: impartiality versus biases

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

10:45 Press conference

11:15–12:30 Panel 1

Gender bias

Chair: Dr Majda Halilović

- **Dr. Tetyana Fuley** (*National School of Judges of Ukraine, Head of Research Department*) – Does a gender-balanced judiciary guarantee a bias-free approach?
- **Elin Sandegård** (*University of Gothenburg, Department of Law*) – Professional decision-making: impartiality versus bias
- **Prof. dr. Haris Halilović & Dr. Arben Murtezić** (*University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Criminal Justice, Criminology and Security Studies & the Centre for Judicial and Prosecutorial Training of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina*) – Criminal procedure and witness credibility

12:30–13:30 Lunch

13:30–14:45 Panel 2

Perspectives on gender and criminology

Chair: Judge Amela Skrobo-Kadrić

- **Mirza Buljubašić & Prof. dr. Barbora Hola** (*Faculty of Criminal Justice, Criminology and Security Studies, University of Sarajevo and VU University Amsterdam/Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement*) – Women can do it, too! An inquiry into war crimes in BiH
- **Prof. dr. Lisa R. Muftić** (*Department of Criminal Justice & Sociology, Western New England University, USA*) – Lessons from a problem-solving court for prostituted individuals in Texas
- **Prof. dr. Irma Kovčo Vukadin** (*University of Zagreb*) – Women and criminality in Croatia

14:45–15:00 Coffee Break

15:00–16:30 Panel 3

Theory and Practice coming together

Chair: Maida Ćehajić-Čampara

(BiH judges and prosecutors present research, trainings, and impact)

- **Svetozar Bajić** (*Judge, Basic Court in Banja Luka*) – Changing judicial practice in domestic violence cases in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Muhamed Tulumović** (*Judge, Municipal Court Tuzla*) – Rewriting domestic violence judgements
- **Svjetlana Milišić Veličkovski** (*Judge, Supreme Court of the Federation of BiH*) – Sexual harassment in BiH judicial practice
- **Lejla Konjić** (*Judge, Court of BiH*) – Towards eliminating gender bias in rape cases in BiH

16:30 First day closing

DAY 2. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

Theme: Violence against women

9:00–9:15 Recap of the previous day and organisational reminders

9:15-10:00 Keynote speaker:

Adisa Zahiragić (Judge, Cantonal Court Sarajevo)

Violence against women in Bosnia and Herzegovina

10:00–11:30 Panel 4

Gender, Power and the State

Chair: Judge Mel Flanagan

- **Gunilla S. Ekberg** (Human rights lawyer, *Institute for Feminism and Human Rights*) –A feminist analysis of Swedish legislation
- **Dr. Afiya Shehrbano Zia** (*University of Toronto & Habib University, Pakistan*) – Lessons from the #MeToo and Anti-Sexual Harassment Movements in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- **Prof. dr. Nicoleta Policek** (*Centre of Excellence for Policing Studies, University of Cumbria, UK*) – Globalisation, stateless women, and gender-based violence
- **Kristina Hultegård** (*University of Gothenburg, Department of Law*) – What is justice for women in the historical present? Lessons learned from the Swedish case of the Roma Register

11:30–11:45 Coffee break

11:45–13:00 Panel 5

Gender based violence

Chair: Nejra Veljan

- **Prof. dr. Zlatiborka Popov Momčinović** (*University of East Sarajevo, Faculty of Philosophy*) – Violence against women journalists
- **Vera Bošković** (*NIKA, an Organization of women with disability*) – Gender based violence against people with disabilities: an analysis of the legal framework, the availability of mechanisms for protection, and possibilities for improvement
- **Vladana Vasić & Tijana Cvjetičanin** (*Sarajevo Open Centre & Association Why Not*) – Court practices in sanctioning rape crimes in Bosnia and Herzegovina

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:30 Panel 6

Intimate partner violence: research and practice

Chair: Prof. dr. Ulrike Schultz

- **Dr. Melanie O'Brien** (*University of Western Australia*) – Gender and Forced Marriage in the International Criminal Justice System
- **Prof. dr. Jennifer L. Brinkley** (*University of West Florida, USA*) – GPS Monitoring and DV Offenders: What state legislatures should know
- **Prof. dr. Marie Carlson** (*University of Gothenburg, Sweden and University of Iceland*) – Immigrant women's experiences of employment-based and intimate partner violence: On theory and practice in the Icelandic context
- **Prof. dr. Ivanka Marković** (*University of Banja Luka, Faculty of Law*) – Novelties in the legal protection of domestic violence victims in the entity of Republika Srpska (BiH)

15:30–16:00 Wrap up

16:00–18:00 Exploring Sarajevo: organised tour

DAY 3. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

Theme: Family law, family planning, and constraints on women's choices

9:00–9:15 Recap of the previous day and organisational reminders

9:15-10:00 Keynote speaker:

Prof. dr. Monique C. Cardinal (*University Laval, Quebec, Canada*)

Family born out of war: Syria and the Revolution of 2011

10:00–11:30 Panel 6

Taking back control?

Chair: Prof. dr. Marie Carlson

- **Karolina Wieckiewicz** (*Lawyer, Poland*) – Are calls for the legalization of abortion still valid from the perspective of social justice?
- **Prof. dr. Marianna Muravyeva** (*University of Helsinki*) – “One Slap is Not the End of the World”: Defining Family Violence in the Courtroom
- **Natalia Anna Broniarczyk** (*University of Warsaw*) – Supporting self-managed abortion in Poland: Feminist reponse to anti-abortion law

11:00–11:30 Coffee break

11:30–13:00 Panel 7

The effects of gender biases on children

Chair: *Dr Majda Halilović*

- **Prof. dr. Eunice Odufa Erhagbe** (*University of Benin, Nigeria*) – *Gender inequalities and discrimination in child custody battles in Nigeria (via skype)*
- **Ajna Jusić** (*Forgotten children of war*) – *Children Born of War in Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- **Olga Lola Ninković, Mirela Mujagić & Sara Brković** (*Court psychologists from BiH*) – *The best interest of the child in the process of child custody decisions in Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- **Prof. dr. Džamna Duman** (*University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Law*) – *Overcoming bias in child custody in BiH*

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:30 Panel 8

Gender in the wider context

Chair: *Prof. dr. Nicoleta Policek*

- **Dr. Dawn Sedman** (*Nottingham Law School, UK*) – *Women and International Law: Agency, Voice and Participation*
- **Kristina Wejstål** (*University of Gothenburg, Department of Law*) – *Gendered dimensions of Accessing Asylum in the EU*
- **Amer Kurtović** (*Social Science Research Centre, International Burch University, BiH*) – *The role of gender in BiH's EU integration: How does gender influence the fulfilment of obligations from the BiH application for EU membership?*

- **David Jivegard** (*Gothenburg University, Department of Law*) – Power dynamics between the conception of the legal person and the material consequences of resolving school segregation

15:30–16:30 Discussion and reflections on following:

- Domestic violence: remaining concerns in victim protection
- Rape and sexual assault: moving toward consent-based understanding
- Child custody: overcoming the reproduction of gender inequalities in courts
- Gender bias and justice: ways forward in merging theory and practice

16:30 Conference closing

19:00 Farewell dinner