

III International Gender Workshop

**Are We Moving Forward or Backwards? Strategizing to Overcome Gender Backlash in Central and Eastern Europe**

**27.-29. September, 2014, Berlin**

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**Location: Heinrich Böll Foundation, Schumannstr. 8, 10117 Berlin**

Conference languages: English

***27 September, Saturday***

19.00 – Welcoming Dinner for the participants of the workshop,

Restaurant “Die Schule”, address Kastanienallee 140, 10435 Berlin

***28 September, Sunday***

9.45-10.00 - Registration

10.00-10.15 – Welcome by Katja Giebel, Gender Focal Point, hbs Berlin

10.15-12.15 – **Session 1: Introductory Session: Where Do We Stand?**

**Moderator: Gudrun Fischer, Berlin**

- Anna Dovgopol, Gender Democracy Program Coordinator, hbs Kyiv Office
- Irina Kosterina, Gender Democracy Program Coordinator, hbs Moscow Office
- Etuna Nagadeili, Gender Democracy Program Coordinator, hbs Tbilisi Office
- Gert Röhrborn, Democracy and Human Rights Program Coordinator, hbs Warsaw Office
- Zdeňka Lammelová, Programme Coordinator, Czech Republic
- Paola Petric, Programme Coordinator, Belgrade Office

12.15-12.30 – coffee break

12.30-14.30 – **Session 2: Backlash on the Rise (part I) – sexual and reproductive rights, anti-gender movements, LGBTQ**

**Moderator: Anna Dovgopol**

- Tamara Martsenyuk, DAAD Visiting Professor at the European University of Viadrina, Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology, National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (Ukraine), **Gender and Sexuality in Ukraine after EuroMaidan Protests: Egalitarian or Neo-traditional notions?**
- Ekaterine Aghdgomelashvili, Executive Director of Women’s Initiative’s Supporting Group (Geogria) - **The fight for public space**
- Maria Kozlovskaya, Program Manager Russian LGBT-Network (Russia) - **«Propaganda» laws: applications and effects**

14.30-15.30 – lunch

15.30-17.00 – **Session 2: Backlash on the Rise (part II) – sexual and reproductive rights, anti-gender movements, LGBTQ**

**Moderator: Gert Röhrborn**

- Magdalena Grabowska Ph.D. (Poland) - **Cultural war or “business as usual”? Recent instances of backlash against women and sexual rights in Poland and their historical origins**
- Olga Petrukovich (feminist activist and researcher Belarus) – **Notes on margins of one research: analysis of gender equality sector in Belarus**
- Zuzana Maďarová (researcher, Aspekt, Slovakia) - **Argumentation strategies against gender equality in Slovakia**

Free evening, individual catering

**29 September, Monday**

10.00-12.00 – **Session 3: Strategizing for Empowering Women (part I)**

**Moderator: Ira Kosterina**

- Tamara Zlobina, feminist philosopher and art theorist (Ukraine), **Grey Emancipation Zone**
- Ana Arganashvili, Project Manager, Partnership for Human rights (Georgia) **Empowering women through exposing the hidden discrimination patterns in labor relations in Georgia**

- Anna Nikogosyan, Executive Director, Society Without Violence (Armenia) **Tools for Change: Collective Actions of Women’s Rights Activists in Armenia**
- Janette Akhilgova, President of the Board of the local NGO Resource Center “Development” (Ingushetia, Russia) - **Do women organizations in the North Caucasus of Russia really empower women? What do we lack for that?**

12.00-12.15 – coffee break

12.15-14.15 – **Session 3: Strategizing for Empowering Women (part II)**

**Moderator: Etuna Nogaideli**

- Elżbieta Korolczuk, Ph.D. (Poland) - **War on Gender in a Transnational Perspective**
- Jana Smiggels Kavková (director, Fórum 50%, Czech Republic) **We can do it! Empowering women, challenging conservative backlash and combating gender stereotypes in the Czech Republic**
- Borbála Juhász, (chair of the Hungarian Women's Lobby, Hungary) **Inclusive dialogue versus imposed ideology: The case of Hungary**
- Jelena Visnjic (Serbia) **Feminist Policies and Practices in Contemporary Serbia**

14.15-15.00 – lunch

15.00-17.00 – **Closing Session: Recommendations and Common Plan of Action**

**Moderation: Katja Giebel**

18.00 - dinner

**19.00-21.00 – Panel discussion (public event): Progress or Backward Roll? Gender relations in the East of Europe.**

**Moderator: Gemma Pörzgen, journalist (Berlin)**

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- Zuzana Maďarová, researcher, Aspekt (Slovakia) **Gender equality in Slovakia**