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European Framework of gender issues integrated constitutionalism

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EU Framework

Article 2 Treaty on European Union (2008)

• The Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. These values are common to the Member States in a society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men prevail.
Art. 1 Protocol No 12 (2000)

1. The enjoyment of any right set forth by law shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status.
UN framework

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women Adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by General Assembly resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979 entry into force 3 September 1981, in accordance with article 27(1)

Article 5 CEDAW

- States Parties shall take all appropriate measures: (a) To modify the social and cultural patterns of conduct of men and women, with a view to achieving the elimination of prejudices and customary and all other practices which are based on the idea of the inferiority or the superiority of either of the sexes or on stereotyped roles for men and women;
Issue of Gender
Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence; Istanbul 11.V.2011 (2014) CETS210

Art. 3 Definition; c. CETS210

“gender” shall mean the socially constructed roles, behaviors, activities and attributes that a given society considers appropriate for women and men.
Council of Europe framework – gender

Art. 12 CETS 210

Parties shall take the necessary measures to promote changes in the social and cultural patterns of behaviour of women and men with a view to eradicating prejudices, customs, traditions and all other practices which are based on the idea of the inferiority of women or on stereotyped roles for women and men.
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Stereotypes:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8gz-jxjCmg
If women wrote the Constitution?

• What would be in it?
• How would division of powers looked like?
• How quality of life would be defined?
• How relation including international would be organized?
• Did it matter that “mind the lady” was neglected?
Justice Themis or Justina?
Constitution of Poland

Article 32

1. All persons shall be equal before the law. All persons shall have the right to equal treatment by public authorities.
2. No one shall be discriminated against in political, social or economic life for any reason whatsoever.

Article 33

1. Men and women shall have equal rights in family, political, social and economic life in the Republic of Poland.
2. Men and women shall have equal rights, in particular, regarding education, employment and promotion, and shall have the right to equal compensation for work of similar value, to social security, to hold offices, and to receive public honours and decorations.
The difference – PLN Const. of 1952

• Art. 78

(1) **Women in the Republic of Poland shall have equal rights with men** in all fields of public, political, economic, social and cultural life.

(2) The equality of the rights of women shall be guaranteed by: 1. equal rights with men to work and to be paid according to the principle "equal pay for equal work", the right to rest and leisure, to social insurance, to education, to honors and decorations, and to hold public offices.
Domains of the Gender Equality Index

**Work**
The domain of work relates to the position of women and men in the European labour market. It measures gender gaps in participation in the labour market, duration of working life, sectoral segregation patterns and quality of work such as flexibility of working time, training at work and health and safety.

**Money**
The domain of money examines inequalities in the financial resources and economic situation of women and men. It measures gaps in earnings and income, as well as not being at risk of poverty and income distribution.

**Knowledge**
The domain of knowledge shows differences between women and men in terms of education and training. This domain measures gaps in participation in tertiary education, segregation and lifelong learning.

**Time**
The domain of time focuses on the trade-off between economic, care and other social activities including cultural, civic, etc. It measures time spent on unpaid activities, including gender gaps in time spent in childcare and domestic activities, but also in other aspects of life such as cultural, leisure or charitable activities.

**Power**
The domain of power examines how gender equality can be greatly affected by women’s lack of participation in decision-making. It measures the gaps between women’s and men’s representation in the political and economic spheres.

**Health**
The domain of health focuses on gaps between women and men in terms of health status and access to health structures. It measures key-based differences in self-perceived health, life expectancy and healthy life years and differences in the fulfilment of medical and dental needs.

**Violence**
Violence is the second satellite domain. Conceptually, it considers gender-based violence against women and also focuses on the attitudes, norms and stereotypes that underpin the lack of progress in terms of gender equality. As a satellite domain, it is not combined into the score of the Gender Equality Index. It remains empty due to the lack of data. Violence is, nevertheless, a critical area of gender equality, and as such this blank domain should be seen as an urgent call to address the gaps in data collection.

**Intersecting Inequalities**
Intersecting inequalities is the first of the two satellite domains. The values of this domain are not taken into account when calculating the final score of the index. Since women and men cannot be considered as homogeneous groups, the domain looks at other characteristics that may affect gender equality such as non-gender groups and young people born in a foreign country, older workers and lone parents or carers, as illustrative groups.
Gender Inequality Index 2013

The index measures equality between men and women. It is composed of indicators on reproductive health (maternal mortality and adolescent fertility rate), empowerment (women's secondary school attendance and parliamentary seats), and labour market (women's share in labour force). A value of 0 means maximum equality and 1 means maximum inequality.

Data sources: United Nations Development Programme
Constitution: Quo Vadis Femina?

"Gender equality is not a woman’s issue, it is a human issue. It affects us all."

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