

GENDER, EQUALITY AND POLITICS – EUROPEAN FUTURES



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The European Year of Equal Opportunities for All (2007) will soon bring its activities to a close. Inevitably, consideration will be given to the overall impact of this campaign and other European activities on promoting equality in the Union. Scholars and policy makers are slowly starting to recognise the transitory nature of gender relations, as a result increasing focus is being given to the construction of gender norms and hierarchies.

Over the last three decades the body of feminist scholarship theorising and evaluating the impact of gender norms on the position of women in Europe has grown exponentially. This conference will explore current trends in scholarly debates and policy action in Europe and the international system more widely. The papers presented here will provide a framework for the analysis of current and future trends in the field of gender equality. Taking stock of current achievements in the field, the conference brings together scholars interested in uncovering the complexities that underpin gender hierarchies in Europe.

Keynote Speakers

Prof. Joni Lovenduski (Birkbeck College)

Prof. Catherine Hoskyns (University of Coventry)

Prof. Vicky Randall (University of Essex)

Conference Programme and Details available at:

<http://www.surrey.ac.uk/politics/gender-conference/index.htm>

Closing Date for Registration: 20 December 2007

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PARALLEL PANELS 1

1. Representation 1

- Prade, F. “La loi de Parité: the Push for Equality in French Politics”
- Pennsylvania State University
- Kenny, M. “The ‘Story’ of a Selection: Gender and the institutions of Political Recruitment in Post-Devolution Scotland”
- Martsenyuk, T “Gender Quotas – a Way to Equality? (Swedish Experience and Ukrainian Reality)”
- Annesley, C. and Gains, F. ‘Did Hewitt succeed and Harmann Fail? Explaining Feminist Advocacy in New Labour’s Core Executive’

2. Equality

- Threlfall, M. “Is the EU still gender-blind? Revisioning ‘activity’ beyond the work-life balance”
- Peterson, E “Gender equality in feminist theory and policy debates on care and domestic work”
- Kyohairwe, S “Understanding the Concept of Equality in the Gender Perspective: Paradoxes and Dilemmas”
- Zajacova, K. “The role of gender behind the migration experience of Eastern European immigrants to the UK”

3. Engendering EU Politics

- Chiva, C. “Equal Opportunities Policies in the New EU Member States: Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria in Comparative Perspective”
- Debusscher, P. “Gender Equality in EU Development Policy: causes for concern & future developments”
- Guerrina, R. and David, M. The EU as a Value Actor: Gender Norms and the European External Dimension

4. Gender Mainstreaming

- Hankivsky, O. “Gender Mainstreaming in Post-Soviet Ukraine: Progress and Challenges”
- Meier, P. and Celis, K. “What kind of equality do we offer? Belgian gender mainstreaming initiatives and the underlying concept of equality”
- Clifton, A. “Embedding Equality Mainstreaming in Scotland: A Case Study of the Scottish Executive, the Scottish Parliament and the European Structural Funds Partnerships”
- Tolsokorova, A. “National Machinery for Gender Equality Promotion in Ukraine: Between Declarations and Reality”

PARALLEL PANELS 2

5. Representation 2

- Ayata, A. and Gölgeliöglu, Ö. “New Conservatism New Representatives: Limits of Women’s Representations”
- Marthaler, S.; Childs, S. and Webb, P. “Gender, Party and Representation & Centre-right European Political Parties”
- Jalalzai, F. “Women Rule-Shattering the Executive Glass Ceiling”.

6. Gender and Participation in Europe

- Noémi, K. “Help from Above? How Gender and Ethnic Minority Groups in Hungary Use EU Institutions”
- Galligan, Y. and Clavero, S. “Conceptualising gender democracy in the study of the European Union”
- Brooks, R. “Borderspaces’ and the EU: engaging with young women’s politics”
- Shears, M. Equal Opportunities and Equality of Representation for Women in Europe”

7. Sexuality, Politics and the Transnational Arena

Chair: Professor Terrell Carver

- Bedford, K. “Sexuality and Informal Institutions in International Political Economy: What the World Bank wants in a Partnership”.
- Wilson, A. “Why is Europe more 'gay friendly' than the US?”
- Kollman, K. “European Institutions, Transnational Networks and National Same-sex Union Policy: When Soft Law Hits Harder”