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PRAVOS

International Scientific Conference

EU of Gender Equality

September 24, 2026

Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Faculty of Law
Stjepana Radića 13

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

09:00 - 10:00 Registration & Coffee

10:00 - 10:15 Opening Session

1. Prof. Dunja Duić, PhD, Vice Dean for Science and International Cooperation, Faculty of Law Osijek
2. Prof. Anita Blagojević, PhD, Jean Monnet Module "EU and Gender Equality (EUGEquality)" Coordinator, Faculty of Law Osijek

10:15 - 12:00 Keynote speakers

1. Višnja Ljubičić, Ombudsperson for Gender Equality of the Republic of Croatia
2. Prof. Timea Drinoczi, PhD, Mykolas Romeris University: Vilnius, Vilnius, Lithuania
3. Prof. Anita Blagojević, PhD, Faculty of Law Osijek

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch Break

13:00 - 16:00 Conference Sessions

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SESSION 1

Stjepana Radića 13, Faculty Hall

13:00-16:00

(chair: Ivica Pavić)

1. Ana Horvat Vuković: PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE OR CONSTITUTIONALIZING THE MARKET? THE CROATIAN SURROGACY TURN
2. Matija Miloš: ADDRESSING GENDER ESSENTIALISM THROUGH THE EUROPEAN LAW OF POLITICAL PARTICIPATION
3. Antonija Petričušić: ASSESSMENT OF GENDER EQUALITY IN CROATIA: IN THE CONTEXT OF EU EFFORTS TO HARMONIZE SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS THROUGH ANALYSIS OF THE OMBUDSPERSON FOR GENDER EQUALITY ANNUAL REPORTS
4. Nina Gumzej: EQUALITY AND EU ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE GOVERNANCE: THE AI ACT IN LIGHT OF EMERGING COUNCIL OF EUROPE NORMS
5. Jakub Žurek: GENDER-BASED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MEN IN THE POLISH LEGAL FRAMEWORK
6. Jozef Kotasek: COMBATING SEXIST ADVERTISING IN EUROPE: FROM ETHIC TO LAW AND BACK
7. Anita Blagojević, Ivana Tucak, Ivica Pavić: THE RISE OF POPULISM AND THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN CROATIA: SOME CONSTITUTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

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SESSION 2

Stjepana Radića 17, Classroom 3

13:00-16:00

(chair: Barbara Herceg Pakšić)

8. Lucie Prenosilova: WHAT DOES "FACILITATING TAKE-UP OF PARENTAL LEAVE" MEAN IN EU LAW? INTERPRETING ARTICLE 8(3) WLBD
9. Ružica Šimić Banović, Ana Marija Sikirić Simčić, Natalija Babić: "MOTHERHOOD PENALTY" AND CAREER PROGRESSION IN THE CROATIAN LEGAL PROFESSION
10. Jovana Rajić Čalić: WORK-LIFE BALANCE - THE CHALLENGE OF FAMILY LIFE AND GENDER EQUALITY
11. Draga Gajić: THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR GENDER EQUALITY (EIGE) - ADVOCATING FOR GENDER EQUALITY IN THE DIGITAL AGE
12. Vesna Nagy: THE PROTECTION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ON THE GROUNDS OF HUMAN RIGHTS
13. Igor Milinković, Milijana Buha: THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY IN CRIMINAL PROCEDURE: GENDER PERSPECTIVES, ETHICAL STANDARDS AND THE CHALLENGES OF AI
14. Barbara Herceg Pakšić: ON THE POSITION AND MEANING OF GENDER IN CRIMINAL LAW - CURRENT STATE AND PERSPECTIVES IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

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SESSION 3
Stjepana Radića 17, Classroom 4
13:00-16:00

(chair: Marinela Boras)

15. Remzije Istrefi: FORMAL COMPLIANCE AND LIVED REALITIES: A CRITICAL REFLECTION ON KOSOVO'S ALIGNMENT WITH EU GENDER EQUALITY STANDARDS
16. Debora Boletini: HEALING INVISIBLE WOUNDS: ALIGNING MENTAL HEALTH IN KOSOVO WITH EUROPEAN UNION STANDARDS AND GENDER EQUALITY
17. Saiful Islam Mosumder: LOCALIZING EU GENDER EQUALITY DIRECTIVES: THE CASE OF FOREIGN WOMEN IN SERBIAN MUNICIPALITIES
18. Andreja Files-Ružić: ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF EUROPEAN POLICIES AND INSTRUMENTS AIMED AT ACHIEVING GENDER EQUALITY AND EQUAL TREATMENT TO ROMA WOMEN IN CROATIA
19. Petra Jurina: WHY 2026 WILL BE BIG FOR WOMEN ON BOARDS OF DIRECTORS?
20. Marija Karadža, Dragana Bjelić Gaćeša: THE GLASS CEILING IN SPORT: AN ANALYSIS OF WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS
21. Marinela Boras: GENDER EQUALITY IN EFL CURRICULA IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AS AN EU COUNTRY

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