



Gender in the Crisis – The Impact and the Way Forward in Europe

International Expert Conference, 5-6 April 2013, Athens, Greece

Many things have happened since the financial crisis broke out in fall 2008. Developing from a financial into an economic and public debt crisis, almost every industrialized country currently suffers from these crises. Greed, testosterone and a system of failed incentives rewarding risky – supposedly male – behavior were widely discussed in the public as the reasons for this worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. Would this crisis have happened if more women were in the driving seats of financial institutions and economic governance? This was one of the questions arising in this first phase of the financial meltdown, bringing gender aspects, however in a rather plain and shallow way, into the discussion.

Yet, quickly the gender aspects of the financial crisis moved out of the public and political focus. The gendered impacts of the policies that followed when the crisis developed into an economic and subsequently into a public debt crisis were even less discussed. While governments, especially in Europe, were quickly inclined to design economic stimulus programs for male jobs, the impact of social adjustment programs in the public sector, especially hard on women, were deemed inevitable and necessary.

In our international expert conference we are aiming at bringing together international experts and policy makers, committed to putting gender back on the political and economic agenda. The objectives of the conference are threefold: contributing to bringing gender on the European and especially Greek political agenda, providing a platform for international gender experts to meet and network and shaping a European agenda for gender justice and sustainable economic recovery.



Day I: 5 April 2013

- 11.15 am Arrival and registration
- 12.00 pm Lunch buffet
- 1.00 pm Conference Opening
- Nicole Katsioulis**, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation Athens
- Angela Luci-Greulich**, Assistant Professor in Economics, Université Sorbonne
- 1.15 pm **Maria Repousi**, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, representative of DIMAR
- Monika Ekström**, Head of sector, Political Reporting and Policy Analysis,
European Commission Representation in Greece
- Fofi Gennimata**, Spokesperson for PASOK (TBC)
- 1.45 pm Analysis I
- A short recapitulation: What can feminist economics teach us about the
current financial and economic crisis?**
- Professor Stephanie Seguino**, Department of Economics, University of
Vermont, Burlington, USA
- 2.15 pm Comments
- **Antigone Lyberaki**, Professor of Economics, Panteion University,
Member of ENEGE core group
 - **Hélène Périvier**, Senior Economist, Observatoire Français des
Conjonctures Economiques, France
- 2.30 pm Discussion
- Moderator: **George Pagoulatos**, Professor of European Politics and Economy,
Athens University of Economics and Business
- 3.00 pm Coffee Break



3.30 pm

Analysis II

A closer look on Europe's struggle with the crises and what it means to women and men in terms of employment and social policies

Dr. Angelica Salvi del Pero, Policy Analyst, Social Policy Division - OECD

4.00 pm

Comments

- **Marilena Koppa**, Member of the European Parliament (S&D - PASOK), S&D Coordinator for Security and Defence
- **Evelyn Astor**, Policy Officer: Europe 2020, Social policies, Innovation and Governance Unit, DG EMPL, European Commission
- **Cécile Greboval**, Secretary General, European Women's Lobby
- **Sarah King**, Advisor Gender equality, European Trade Union Confederation

4.15 pm

Discussion

Moderator: **Friederike Kamm**, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation Brussels

4.45 pm

Coffee Break

5.15 pm

Analysis III

Greece in the midst of the crises: If everyone suffers, does gender make a difference?

Professor Maria Karamessini, Director, Center of Gender Studies, Department of Social Policy, Panteion University, Athens

5.45 pm

Comments

Antigoni Karali-Dimitriadi, Vice President, Socialist International Women

Christina Aggeli, representative of Greek Ombudsman, Department of Gender Equality

6.00 pm

Discussion



Moderator: **Maria Stratigaki**, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Policy, Panteion University, Athens, former Secretary General for Gender Equality, Ministry of Interior, Greece

6.30 pm End of Day I

8.00 pm Dinner with **Keynote Speech**

"Unleashing women's potential towards sustainable economic recovery in Europe"

Naoko Otobe, Coordinator, Gender and Employment, Employment Policy Department, International Labour Organization

Day II: 6 April 2013

9.30 am **Summing-up** of the previous day and introduction to day II

Luise Ruerup, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation Berlin

10.00 am **Regional Workshops**

I – Turning to the East: A gender perspective on the crises' consequences in East-Central Europe

Linda Sokačová, Sociologist, Director of the NGO "Alternativa 50+", Prague

Ewa Rumińska-Zimny, Economist, international expert on economic aspects of gender, instructor at the global network on gender and macroeconomics (GEM-IWG)

Moderator: **Eszter Kováts**, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Budapest

II –The "Southern Malaise": Gender in the times of crises in Portugal, Spain, Greece and Italy



Dr. Alicia Martínez Poza, Sociologist and Researcher, specialized in gender and employment, Fundación 1º de Mayo, Madrid

Ms. Heloísa Perista, Centro de Estudos para a Intervenção Social, Lisbon

Dr. Nelli Kambouri, Research fellow, Centre for Gender Studies, Panteion University

Annamaria Simonazzi, Professor of Economics, Scientific Director of Fondazione Brodolini, Rome

Moderator: **Sofia Koukoulis-Spiliotopoulos**, Attorney at law, Gender and Human Rights Expert

III – Untouched by the crises? Germany, Austria and France and the state of gender equality

Angela Luci-Greulich, Assistant Professor in Economics, Université Sorbonne

Hélène Périvier, Senior Economist, Observatoire Français des Conjonctures Économiques, France

Barbara Hofmann, Renner Institute, Wien

Moderator: **Petra Ahrens**, Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

12.00 pm

Lunch Break

1.00 pm

Thematic Workshops

I – Recognizing reproductive work as labour and a modern public infrastructure as essential to gender equality: The Care Economy and its potential to boost employment for a sustainable economy

Barbara Stiegler, Gender Expert, Bonn, Germany

Ulrika Lorentzi, Gender expert, Kommunal, Sweden

Moderator: **Linda Larsson**, FES Stockholm

II – Gender as an engine to modernization: Advancing gender equality stimulates growth and furthers social progress

Paola Villa, Professor of Economics, University of Trento, Italy



Anita Nyberg, Professor in Gender Perspectives in Work and Economics,
Centre for Gender Studies, Stockholm University

Moderator: **Beate Martin**, Division for International Dialogue, Department of
Western Europe/North America, Friedrich Ebert Foundation Berlin

2.30 pm

**Presentation and Summary of Workshop findings by the Workshop
moderators with subsequent Discussion**

3.30 pm

Coffee Break

4.00 pm

**The Way Forward: Shaping a European agenda for gender justice and
sustainable economic recovery**

Stimulating Growth: Designing gender-just policies

Maria Stratigaki, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Policy, Panteion
University, Athens, former Secretary General for Gender Equality, Ministry of
Interior, Greece

**Putting gender equality and social justice at the core of structural
adjustment**

PD Dr. **Dorothee de Nève**, Institute for Political Science, FernUniversität in
Hagen (Germany)

Input 3: **Moving gender from the periphery of European policies to the
center**

Renate Wielpuetz, Managing Director of FrauenComputerZentrumBerlin,
Gender expert for the Agency for Gender Equality within the ESF

Moderator: **Angela Luci-Greulich**, Assistant Professor in Economics,
Universite Sorbonne

5.30 pm

End of conference