

INVITATION

Panel discussion

Overcoming the Backlash – Strategies Against Anti-Equality Movements in the EU

Date Thursday, 3 October 2019
Time 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.
Venue L42, Rue de la Loi 42, 1040 Brussels

The [Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union](#) and the [Gunda Werner Institute](#) are pleased to invite you to a discussion on the backlash against gender equality movements in the EU. The gender and equality policies of the EU have been a success story for several decades. The gender mainstreaming strategy and many anti-discrimination directives set the framework for human rights-based and participatory policies. Undeniably, a lot of progress has been made, but this progress is far from being a reason for complacency.

Not a single EU country is even close to achieving full gender equality. Moreover, right-wing populist movements have developed throughout Europe and have been mobilising against gender politics and sexual self-determination in recent years. The increase in hostility towards gender, gender equality and feminism is closely correlated to the rise of far-right and right-wing populist forces. We would like to discuss why feminism and gender serve as negative projection screens within society and how feminist movements in the EU can fight the right-wing backlash.

Agenda

- 6.30 - 6.45 p.m.** Registration
- 6.45 – 7.00 p.m.** Welcome and opening remarks by
Ines Kappert, Head of Gunda Werner Institute
- 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.** Discussion with
- **Terry Reintke**, Member of the European Parliament for the Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
 - **Neil Datta**, European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual & Reproductive Rights, Brussels
 - **Judith Goetz**, Political Scientist and Activist, University Vienna
 - **Andrea Pető**, Department of Gender Studies, Central European University, Budapest
- Moderation by **Eva van de Rakt**, Head of Office Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union
- 8.00 – 08.30 p.m.** Light networking dinner

Working language: English

We hope you will be able to join us and kindly ask you to register before Wednesday, 2nd October 2019 via this [link](#).

We look forward to welcoming you!

For further questions, please refer to

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