

Speakers and Moderators

Jeannette Behringer

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Ulla Björnberg

Professor emerita in the Department of Sociology, Gothenburg University

Ulla Björnberg received her PhD in sociology in 1981 from the University of Gothenburg. In the early 1980s she was Programme Director for research on households and welfare in connection with urban and regional development in the Expert Committee for Research on Regional development. During the late 1980s she was Programme Director at the European Coordination Centre for Research and Documentation in the Social Sciences in Vienna, Austria. She has been engaged in several cross-national projects on family policy and family life in Europe and the Nordic countries.

Her research concerns family, family policy/welfare, work and family, gender, intergenerational relationships and refugees and migration. Her primary interest has been in understanding conditions for family life in relation to the role of changes in gender relations and social and economic changes in society.

Edmé Domínguez

Associate Professor in Peace and Development Studies (with Latin America and gender as specialization areas) at the School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg

Edmé Domínguez areas of study have gone from Soviet foreign policy towards Latin America to transnational women organizing and gender-labour organizations within NAFTA and central America as well as citizenship and women in Mexico and recently women as local political actors in Bolivia.

Sascha Gabizon

Executive Director, WECF - Women in Europe for a Common Future & WICF - Women International for a Common Future Netherlands/Germany/France, Co-chair of the Women's Major Group for Rio+20 to the United Nations

Sascha Gabizon took part in the Rio Earth Summit in 1992. From 1992 till 1996 she worked for the Wuppertal Institute, and already cooperated with WECF on the policy input of women from Civil Society to the 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995. Sascha

Gabizon lived and worked in Nigeria, Spain, Netherlands, France, Germany, and the USA and has long-term project experience in Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Hungary, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Poland, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. She has published a large number of studies and articles.

Daniela Gottschlich

Political scientist

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Ursula Keller

Senior Gender Policy Advisor of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) / Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

Ursula Keller provides in her function guidance and support to Headquarter and Field Offices for the implementation of SDC's gender policy and leads the global network of SDC's gender focal points. Ursula Keller is an expert in gender & women's rights in development and peacebuilding contexts and has extensive working experiences in the Middle East and Africa. In her prior assignments Ursula Keller was project director of the Center for Peacebuilding at Swisspeace and worked for cfd, a feminist peace organization working in development cooperation and peace and migration policies. She holds a Masters degree in Social Anthropology from the University of Zurich.

Elena Laporta

Lawyer and Consultant on women's human rights

Elena Laporta is the President of Otro Tiempo (Another Time), feminist NGO located in Spain, and active member of its project feminicidio.net. She works as a lawyer and consultant on women's human rights. Elena is also a researcher and member of the "Feminist Study Group" of the University Carlos III in Madrid. As a feminist activist, she is involved in different actions focused on promoting women's human rights and their empowerment.

Kinga Lohmann

Founder and Director of KARAT Coalition.

Kinga Lohmann is an activist involved in the Polish and European feminist and social movement since 1995. She contributed to the presence of Central and Eastern European perspective at the UN, EU and other international fora. She has elaborated and edited several

reports, numerous articles and papers, and worked as a researcher on institutional mechanisms for the gender equality and on economically disadvantage groups of women. Member of a number of international and Polish advisory bodies on gender equality. Historian by training she had lived in West Africa for 14 years.

Christa Luginbühl

EvB, Clean Clothes Campaign

Christa Luginbühl works since 1998 in the NGO-sector and was employed in various institutions (Service Civil International, National Youth Council of Switzerland, Incomindios). Since 2008 she works for the Berne Declaration and coordinates the Clean Clothes Campaign (CCC) in Switzerland.

Trained at a teacher training college she later graduated in management in non-profit organisations, completed the CAS ETH in development and cooperation and the CAS in Gender, Justice, Globalisation at the University of Berne.

Mascha Madörin

Economist with key expertise in feminist political economy

Short biography in German available.

Christine Michel

Christine Michel holds a major in philosophy and political science from the University of Lausanne. She is currently a member of the directorial board of the services' sector of the interprofessional trade union Unia. She works in the interests of domestic workers and care-givers of elderly persons and on matters of equal opportunities. She is a member of the Parliament of the city of Bern for the green party and a board member of Wide Switzerland.

Ulrike Minkner

Bio-Mountain Farmer and Vice-President of Uniterre

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Paula Rodríguez Modroño

Lecturer in Economics at Pablo de Olavide University, Sevilla

She earned her BSc in Business & Management by U. of Maryland, her postgraduate studies in Development Studies by U. of Essex and Cambridge and earned her PhD in Economics from U. of Seville. Member of the UN Women Roster on Macroeconomic Policy, UNDP

Group of Experts in Unpaid Work, Economic Development and Human Wellbeing, and EU Gender & Wellbeing Network. She has published widely in the areas of gender impacts of public and social policies, employment discrimination and quality of work by gender, time use and well-being.

Franziska Müller

cfid and WIDE Switzerland

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Ulrike Röhr

Civil engineer and Sociologist

Ulrike Röhr is one of the founders of LIFE e.V. and was in charge of the branch office in Frankfurt from 1994 to 2006. Being a civil engineer and sociologist, her work concentrates on gender issues of energy and climate protection and on the implementation of gender mainstreaming within organisations and institutions, which deal with environmental and sustainability issues. Currently she is additionally leading the projects related to Green Economy: gender_just and is still active in gender and climate change issues.

Nina Schneider

Nina Schneider holds a Master in Political Science, Religious Studies and Philosophy from the University of Fribourg (CH). Her specializations are: international development policy, financialisation of development cooperation, social equity, environmental justice and governance from a feminist perspective.

Heike Wach

Heike Wach is a trained nurse and studied nutrition and home economics with an MA in “Gender and Development”. She worked and lived in Bénin / Westafrica for three years. Currently she works as a freelance gender consultant with a thematic focus on fair trade and sustainable production. She is a founding member of WIDE Switzerland and coordinates the working group “Economic Literacy”. In the community where she lives, she co-manages care for two sons aged 9 and 11 years, a big garden and “Café International”, a meeting place for migrant women.

Christa Wichterich

Sociologist

Christa Wichterich is presently teaching at the centre for gender studies of the Basel University. Before she was professor for gender politics at Kassel University. Earlier she worked for many years as journalist, author of books, consultant in development politics and lecturer at various universities in Germany. She lived for several years as university lecturer in India and Iran, and as foreign correspondent in Kenya. Her key areas of work are globalisation and gender, feminist economy, feminist ecology, transnational women's movements.

Andreas Zumach

Journalist and author

Since 1988 Andreas Zumach has been based at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva (Switzerland) as UN and international affairs correspondent for the German daily newspaper "Die Tageszeitung" (TAZ), Berlin. He is free lance correspondent for a number of regional and national newspapers and magazines as well as public radio and television stations in Germany, Switzerland and Austria. He reported for the German Service of BBC World Service until that service was terminated in 2000.