





CSW69 - Side-event

Threats and opportunities of digital technologies: Women in the public eye

A side-event to the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, co-organised by the Council of Europe and the Permanent Mission of Luxembourg to the United Nations, during the <u>Luxembourg Presidency of the Committee of Ministers.</u>

Date: 10 March 2025, 3:00 PM 4:15 PM

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber - General Assembly Building,

United Nations, New York

Biographies of Speakers



Yuriko Backes is Minister for Gender Equality and Diversity, Minister of Defence, and Minister for Mobility and Public Works of Luxembourg since October 2023. She has previously served as Minister of Finance and as a diplomatic adviser to Prime Ministers Jean-Claude Juncker and Xavier Bettel. Prior to that she worked for the diplomatic service of Luxembourg in various positions. She is a graduate of the London School of Economics and the Collège de Bruges.

She is a staunch defender of gender equality and diversity and has worked on the Luxembourg national plan on Gender-Based Violence.



Rachel Gilmore is an award-winning journalist with extensive experience reporting on federal politics. human rights, disinformation. extremism -- reporting that has seen her face extensive threats and harassment both online and in person. She recently launched her own media company, Bubble Pop Media, which offers a She weeklv podcast. also publishes her independent reporting on Substack, Patreon and across social media platforms, where she's

accumulated a collective audience of over 375,000 followers.



Maria Andriani Kostopoulou has been a member of the GREVIO team at the Council of Europe since April 2019, and was elected President of GREVIO in June 2023. This team of independent experts is responsible for supervising the implementation of the Istanbul Convention by state Parties. She works as a legal consultant, providing legal services on human rights issues with emphasis on women's and children's rights.

Dr Kostopoulou has previously served as Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the Council of Europe for the Rights of the Child, Chairperson of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Council of Europe for the Rights of the Child and Chairperson of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Responses to Violence against Children.



John-Orr Hanna has over two decades experience in the design and delivery of public safety and security solutions, having worked with UK, US, EU and AUS governments and law enforcement entities.

Unusually he has also worked with the majority of the Tier 1 Social Media companies delivering

strategic intelligence, alerting and risk advisory services - in over 30 languages and cultures.

Key areas of focus in terms of identifying and countering: Harassment, CSAM, Hate Speech, Incel Communities, Mis/ Dis Information, with additional experience in Modern Slavery Human Trafficking (MSHT) and Organised Immigration Crime (OIC) - all of which have strong aspects of Tech Facility Violence Against Women & Girls (TFVAWG).



Irena Moozová is Deputy Director-General at the European Commission's Directorate General for Justice and Consumers (DG JUST). She is responsible for the International Dimension of Justice Policies, Rule of Law and Equality. Previously, she held the position of Director for Equality and Non Discrimination in

DG JUST. She is a Czech national and joined the Commission in 2006 as Head of EU Representation in Prague. Prior to that, she worked for the diplomatic service of the Czech Republic in various positions.



refugee protection in humanitarian settings.

Kalliopi Mingeirou is currently the Chief of the Ending Violence against Women Section at UN-Women in New York. Prior to joining UN-Women, she worked as a lawyer in Greece, and at international level, she worked for UN agencies, as well as INGOs, in the areas of human rights, women's human rights and several countries both in development and



Portaluppi Director José Campi is of Communications and Advocacy with Equimundo. He his amplifying leads team. research programming on masculinities and gender justice to inspire action and drive impact in personal opinion, community norms, and public policy. Prior to joining Equimundo, José previously worked with different

international organizations in educommunications, capacity strengthening, political incidence, research, and learning experience design. José has an MA in gender and media from the University of Sussex.

Moderator: Marja Ruotanen, Director General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe



Over 30 years of professional experience in several intergovernmental sectors of the Council of Europe, involving co-operation, monitoring and standard-setting, as well as in the Parliamentary Assembly. She has worked as Director in the field of legal co-operation, judicial reform and efficiency of

justice. During her career she provided political advice to the Council of Europe leadership (Director of SG Private Office), led intergovernmental co-operation, developed and implemented multi-disciplinary and multi-annual strategies. Presently Director General of Democracy and Human Dignity (DG2), her areas of responsibility include children's rights, trafficking in human beings, gender equality, violence against women, addressing intolerance and discrimination, freedom of expression, media, civil society and youth participation, education, culture and cultural heritage, and sport values. Finnish nationality. Studied at McGill University (Canada).