Seminar Combating Sexist Hate Speech

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Short Biographies of Speakers

Maria Edström is a Senior Lecturer in journalism at the University of Gothenburg, in Sweden. She has a background as a journalist and she is also a co-founder of the Swedish Media Watch Group Everything is Possible. She is currently involved in three research projects: (1) Market- and democracy-driven Freedom of Expression, (2) Comparing Gender and Media Equality across the Globe, and (3) AgeCAp- Studies on Capabilities in ageing.

Between 2007- 2015, Maria was a member of the Swedish Broadcasting Commission and in 2013-2014 she was the project manager of Nordic Gender & Media Forum at Nordicom.

Pamela Morinière joined the International/European Federations of Journalists in 2002 and has been responsible for running campaigns on authors' rights, gender, ethics, press freedom and labour rights. She has written several publications on gender and media, including the Council of Europe's Handbook on the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)1 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on gender equality and media.

Iris Luarasi is a pedagogue at the Department of Journalism and Communication in Tirana University. She directs the Counseling Line for Women and Girls, one of the pioneer women organisations in Albania to fight gender-based violence in the country. She has also established the first Counseling Line for Men and Boys in the country, which deals with the rehabilitation of perpetrators and the education of fathers and young boys so that they are involved in combating domestic violence. Mrs. Luarasi has also been a trainer for Albanian journalists on human rights.

Carly Nyst is a human rights lawyer advising NGOs, think tanks, foundations and campaign groups on issues related to technology and human rights. She is a member of the Amnesty International Advisory Council on Technology and Human Rights, and the UN Global Pulse Data Privacy Advisory Group. Previously, Carly spent three years as the Legal Director of Privacy International, a London-based NGO fighting unlawful surveillance and promoting the right to privacy around the world.

Eva Fehringer is Deputy Director of the Department of International and EU Labour Law, Equality and Anti-Discrimination in the Federal, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection of Austria. She is a member of the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe and has over 20 years of experience in the field of gender equality. Dr Fehringer holds a doctorate in Law and has vast experience in the area of labour and human rights, policy making and negotiations within the EU, the Council of Europe, ILO, UN and OECD. She is also a member of the European Pensions Forum, of the EU High Level Group on Social Responsibility, and is the Chair of the Working Group on Fighting Human Trafficking for Labour Exploitation.

Bjorn Hvidtfeldt Larsen is head of section at the Department of Gender Equality in the Ministry for Children, Education and Gender Equality of Denmark. He was also the project co-ordinator during the Danish Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers for Gender Equality in 2015.

Valentina Pellizzer is the president of OneWorld Platform, an organisation that tackles and researches the intersection between internet rights, women's rights and the transformative power of technology. As an activist, she connects women's rights, sexual rights, and the Internet politically and practically, and advocates for the feminist principles of the Internet. She is also a facilitator on the strategic use of ICTs, in particular free and open source software, citizen journalism, digital security and privacy, as well as a facilitator of visual methodology for social change (digital storytelling, and participatory video, methodologies that combine feminist solidarity with digital technology and its powerful peer-to-peer co-production, distribution and outreach).