

100 KOSNINGARÉTTUR  
ARA KVENNA Á ÍSLANDI

# 100 Years of Women's Civil Rights

International Conference

22-23 October 2015

Harpa Conference Hall

Iceland





**22 October**

**Democracy in the  
Nordic countries**

09:15-09:45 Registration

09:45-12:00 Conference opening by **Irma Erlingsdóttir**, Director of RIKK, Institute for Gender, Equality and Difference, and Associate Professor at the University of Iceland

Address by **Eygló Harðardóttir**, Minister of Social Affairs and Housing and Minister for Nordic Cooperation

Address by **Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka**, Executive Director of UN Women

Address by **Kira Appel**, Chairperson of the Nordic Committee of Senior Officials for Gender Equality at the Nordic Council of Ministers

**100 years of political participation**

Moderator: **Ragnheiður Kristjánsdóttir**, Associate Professor of History and Director of the Institute of History at the University of Iceland

**Gro Hagemann**, Professor of Modern History at the University of Oslo gives the Jón Sigurðsson Memorial Lecture:

***Autonomy and citizenship: perspectives on universal suffrage  
in the Nordic countries***

**Debating panel on the meaning of women's suffrage in the Nordic countries**

**Gro Hagemann**, Professor of Modern History at the University of Oslo

**Anette Borchorst**, Professor of Gender Research at Aalborg University

**Irma Sulkunen**, Professor of Finnish History at the University of Tampere

**Christina Florin**, Professor Emeritus of Women's History at Stockholm University

**Guðmundur Hálfðanarson**, Professor of History at the University of Iceland

12:00-12:45 Lunch offered by **Eygló Harðardóttir**, Minister of Social Affairs and Housing and Minister for Nordic Cooperation

12:45-15:00

## **Democracy challenged: gender, class, race and religion**

Moderator: **Drífa Snædal**, General Secretary of the Federation of General and Special Workers in Iceland

**Jón Ólafsson**, Professor of Comparative Cultural Studies at the University of Iceland:

***Democracy and inclusion***

**Heléne Lööw**, Associate Professor of History and Deputy Director of the Centre for Police-Related Science at Uppsala University:

***'We are the knights in white armour': self-perceptions of white supremacists as protectors of women***

**Ronald Craig**, Senior Adviser at the Norwegian Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud:

***Addressing 'lawful' and unlawful hate speech: gender and race***

**Zahra Mesbah**, Dentistry student and refugee:

***Saving your life and risking to live it***

## **Political panel**

**Gudrun Schyman**, Member of the Swedish Parliament and Spokesperson of the Feminist Initiative

**Martha Lund Olsen**, Minister for Family, Equality and Social Welfare in Greenland

**Stefan Wallin**, Member of the Finnish Parliament

**Sigríður Ingibjörg Ingadóttir**, Member of the Icelandic Parliament

**Gunvør Balle**, former Member of the Parliament of the Faroe Islands

15:00-15:30 Coffee

15:30-17:00

## **Celebratory seminar in honour of Ms Vigdís Finnbogadóttir**

Music: **The Women's Choir Léttuveit Reykjavíkur**

Moderator: **Jef McAllister**, Lawyer and former White House Correspondent and London Bureau Chief of TIME Magazine

Address by **Tan Lin**, Head of the Women's Studies Institute of China and Member of the Secretariat of the All-China Women's Federation (ACWF)

**Vigdís Finnbogadóttir**, former President of Iceland

**Gro Harlem Brundtland**, former Prime Minister of Norway

**Laura Ann Liswood**, Secretary General of the Council of Women World Leaders

**23 October**

**Current threats to  
women's civil rights**

09:15-09:45 Registration

09:45-12:00 Address by **Einar K. Guðfinnsson**, Speaker of Alþingi, the Parliament of Iceland

**The public space**

Moderator: **Berglind Rós Magnúsdóttir**, Assistant Professor of Education Policy at the University of Iceland

**Jo-Anne Dillabough**, Reader in Sociology of Young People and Global Cultures at Cambridge University:

*'For whom does freedom exist?': gender, education and citizenship*

Respondents: **Ingólfur Ásgeir Jóhannesson** and **Guðný Guðbjörnsdóttir**, Professors at the School of Education, University of Iceland

**Jane Connors**, Chief of the Special Procedures Branch at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR):

*UN obligations on political participation: how far have we come?*

**Freyja Haraldsdóttir**, Activist, MP and Spokesperson of Tabu:

*'You must be tired!': multiple oppression and disabled women's fight for civil rights*

Respondent: **Rannveig Traustadóttir**, Professor and Director of the Centre for Disability Studies at the University of Iceland

**Mary Anne Franks**, Associate Professor of Law at the University of Miami:  
*Women's online rights*

Respondents: **Erika Rackely**, Professor of Law at the University of Birmingham, and **Sigríður Friðjónsdóttir**, Attorney General

**Clare McGlynn**, Professor of Law at Durham University:  
*Sexual violence and the search for justice*

Respondents: **Guðrún Jónsdóttir**, Spokeswoman of Stígamót, and **Hildur Fjóra Antonsdóttir**, Doctoral Student at Lund University



12:00-12:45 Lunch offered by **Gunnar Bragi Sveinsson**, Minister for Foreign Affairs

12:45-13:00 Performance: Birta / Post

**Brynhildur Yrsa Guðmundsdóttir**, **Brynhildur Björnsdóttir**, **Pórdís Elva Þorvaldsdóttir** and 100 women

13:00-15:00 **The body**

Moderator: **Eleanor LeCain**, Author and consultant

**Catharine MacKinnon**, Professor of Law at the University of Michigan:  
*Pornography and human rights*

Respondents: **Fiona Vera-Gray**, Leverhulme Fellow at Durham University, and  
**Rachael Lorna Johnstone**, Professor of Law at the University of Akureyri

**Anne Phillips**, Professor of Political and Gender Theory  
at the London School of Economics:

*Feminism in a world of global inequality*

Respondents: **Rósa G. Erlingsdóttir**, Special Advisor at the Ministry of Welfare  
and **Annadís G. Rúðolfsdóttir**, Assistant Professor at the School of Education  
at the University of Iceland

**Nimco Ali**, Activist and Director of the Daughters of Eve, fighting to end Female  
Genital Mutilation (FGM):

*FGM by any other name is still FGM*

Respondent: **Sigrún Daniëlsdóttir**, President of the Icelandic Association  
for Body Respect and Project Manager at the Directorate of Health,  
and **Ebba Margrét Magnúsdóttir**, Gynecologist

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## **The economy**

Moderator: **Joanne Lipman**, Author, journalist and former Deputy Managing Editor of The Wall Street Journal

**Michelle K. Ryan**, Professor of Social and Organisational Psychology at the University of Exeter:

***The glass cliff: understanding the precariousness of women's leadership positions***

Respondents: **Guðbjörg Linda Rafnsdóttir**, Professor of Sociology at the University of Iceland, and **Gyða Margrét Pétursdóttir**, Assistant Professor of Gender Studies at the University of Iceland

**Þorgerður Einarsdóttir**, Professor of Gender Studies at the University of Iceland:  
***Gender relations in post-crisis Iceland***

Respondents: **Anette Borchorst**, Professor of Gender Research at Aalborg University, and **Kristín Ástgeirsdóttir**, Director of the Centre for Gender Equality in Iceland

**Ann Olivarius**, Board Member of Women Moving Millions and Senior Partner of McAllister Olivarius:

***All in for her: gender lens philanthropy and gender lens investing***

Respondents: **Katrín Anna Guðmundsdóttir**, Specialist in Gender Budgeting at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, and **Hanna Eiríksdóttir**, Acting Executive Director of the Icelandic National Committee of UN Women

17:00-18:00

## **Towards full human rights of women**

Moderator: **Kira Appel**, Chairperson of the Nordic Committee of Senior Officials for Gender Equality at the Nordic Council of Ministers

Address by **Gunnar Bragi Sveinsson**, Minister for Foreign Affairs

**Þórdís Elva Þorvaldsdóttir**, Writer, artist and public speaker  
**Drude Dahlerup**, Professor of Political Science at Stockholm University  
**Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka**, Executive Director of UN Women

Conference closure: **Auður Styrkársdóttir**, Head of Alþingi's Committee on the Centenary of Women's Suffrage

18:00

## **Reception hosted by Alþingi**



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**Organisers**

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