

Women's rights, religion and refugees: European cities between welcome culture and rejection

6 – 7 September 2017

Vienna, City Hall (Wappensaal)

Tuesday 5.9

17.00 – 18.30 **Women's city tour**, (depending on number of registrations)

Wednesday: 6.9

10.00 – 10.30 **Opening: City Councillor for Women, Sandra Frauenberger**
Andrea Mautz

10.30 – 11.30 **Keynote 1: Women's rights, freedom of religion and refugees in European cities:** Between "rescue discourses", prejudice and instrumentalisation.
Elisabeth Holzeithner

11.30 – 12.30 **Keynote 2: Different phases of "arriving" by asylum seekers and different phases society may develop:** Supporting and inhibiting factors, what is the role of religion and of law?
Viola Raheb

13.30 – 15.30 **Parallel – Workshops:**

Workshop 1: This helps/this would have helped. Feminist and migrant communities in European cities: Women specific projects from communities for women who are seeking asylum or are already "recognized" refugees in European cities.
Contributions by Tanya Kayhan, Maynat Kurbanova, Rachida Toubal

Workshop 2: Religion, human rights and feminism in European cities – discussion with representatives of religions and of cities: Women rights in different religions – an incompatible coexistence? Violence in different religions? Radicalism in different religions? Feminism and religion? Religion and cities? Conclusions for cities?
Contributions by Gabriele Kienesberger, Rifa'at Lenzin, Viola Raheb

Workshop 3: Headscarf? Possibility for a discussion: This workshop offers a group-dynamically moderated room on the topic of headscarf. What are the "emotional nodes", reflection on different points of view, fears, hopes and meanings.
Contribution i.a. by Asiye Sel

Workshop 4: Women's rights, religion and refugees under the rainbow: Women-specific projects for asylum-seeking LGBTIQ persons (focus in particular on women and transgender persons) as well as recognized asylum seekers in European cities – challenges, awareness and community work.
Contribution by the association Queer Base

15.30 – 16.00 Workshop summaries

16.30 – 18.30 Panel: Women's rights, religion and refugees: European cities between welcome culture and rejection – Situation and projects of European Cities

Contributions by Nadja Asbaghi (Fonds Soziales Wien - FSW, City of Vienna), Moujan Wittmann-Roumi Rassouli (MA 17, City of Vienna), Annabelle Laborier-Saffran (City of Dudelange), Ursula Matschke (City of Stuttgart), Rossalina Latcheva (European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights - FRA, Vienna)

18.30 – 20.00 Anniversary 20 years FemCities

Thursday: 7.9

9.00 – 10.30 Input und Panel: Back to the future?

Constanze Jeitler: Populism and illiberal democracy regarding gender and women's rights and anti-immigration movements

Michaela Kauer: Women's rights and women's topics in the European Union (legislation, project funding, etc.) Antifeminism within the European Union

Sonja Lokar: Women's rights in Europe and in Slovenia

10.45 – 12.15 World Café:

- Inclusion of the women's perspective in existing and new projects with regard to asylum seekers
- Differences and similarities of projects of cities and self organizations. Inclusion of communities
- Is the antifeminist backlash noticeable in the cities? – Strategies of FemCities?
- FemCities Network – what are current topics in the cities?
- FemCities – Development of further perspectives: Briefing paper, commitment, structure, tutorials

12.15 – 12.45 Summary World Café

13.30 – 15.00 FemCities-Networking – current topics in the cities? (Presentation of cities) Follow up on topics needed?

Input: EU project funding options for cities regarding women's rights, religion and refugees as well as regarding FemCities topics.

Contribution by Susanne Böck (EuroVienna)

Preview 2018

Friday 8.9 9.00 – 12.30 (optional, if enough registrations)

Study Visit "Women's issues in the City of Vienna" (max. 25 Participants, in English) 9.00 – 12.30

