



Governing Difference

International Conference

»Governing Difference« is a project within the University of Vienna's research priority area »European Integration and Southeastern/Eastern Europe«.

The project has been initiated by the Department of Political Science and the Department of Legal Philosophy, Law of Religion and Culture. It analyses the regulation and governance of religious, cultural, and ethnic differences at the intersection with gender.

Monday, 15 June 2009

Venue:

Aula at the Campus, court 1.11
Spitalgasse 2
1090 Vienna, Austria

Four countries in different relations with the European Union are investigated and compared: Slovenia, Bulgaria, Croatia, and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

It is assumed that issues of culture constitute important frames and resources in nation-building processes as well as in the political efforts to become a member of the European Union. The project has focused on societally contested core issues characterised by an interaction of gender, culture, ethnicity, and religion: inter alia, domestic violence, early/forced marriage, and the wearing of headscarves in the public sphere.

At this concluding conference the team of »Governing Difference« will present the main research findings. Papers will be presented by the team as well as by renowned international scholars, key activists and politicians.

Attendance is free.

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A Challenge for New Democracies in
Central and South Eastern European Countries

**An
International
Conference**

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Conference Programme

Opening	09.00–09.15	Welcome Address Christa Schnabl, Vice Rector of the University of Vienna Birgit Sauer, Co-Director of Governing Difference	Panel 2	Gaining Legitimacy through “Europeanization” of Civic Action in the Field of Domestic Violence: The Case of Bulgaria Tatyana Kmetova, Center of Women’s Studies and Policies, Bulgaria	
Keynote	09.15–10.00	Governing Difference: Issues and Challenges Birgit Sauer and Jürgen Wallner (presenting), Sieglinde Rosenberger and Elisabeth Holzleithner		Treaties and Conventions as Leverage for Changes of National Legislation and Practices of Combating Domestic Violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina Duska Andric-Ruzicic, Medica Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina	
	10.00–10.15	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
Panel 1	10.15–12.15	The Role of State Protagonists in Combating Domestic Violence Against Women Research Results Focusing on Croatia and Bulgaria Manja Nickel, Governing Difference State Protagonists: Laws and Measures in Austria Albin Dearing Federal Chancellery of the Austrian Republic Who Is Responsible? Violence Against Women and the Croatian State Rada Boric, Center for Women’s Studies Zagreb, Croatia Accountability of the Bulgarian Government for the Implementation of the Law on Protection Against Domestic Violence Genoveva Tisheva, Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation	15.00–15.15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
			Panel 3	15.15–16.45	The Role of Civil Society: Practices, Intersections, and Transitions Research Results Focusing on Slovenia and Croatia Maja Sticker, Governing Difference Is Violence Against Women Still a Feminist Issue? Changes in the Public Discourse on Violence Against Women in Croatia in the Period 1989–2009 Aida Bagic, Centre Transnational Association of Free Feminists, Zagreb The Role of Slovenian Women’s NGOs in Policy and Law Making and Their Development in the Field of VAW Spela Veselic, Association SOS Help Line for Women and Children, Slovenia
	12.15–13.30	<i>Lunch Break</i>		16.45–17.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
Panel 2	13.30–15.00	International Impact on State Policy Action: Mechanisms, Actors, and Effects Research Results Focusing on Bosnia-Herzegovina and Bulgaria Sanin Hasibovic, Governing Difference	Keynote	17.00–18.00	Religious Freedoms versus Gender Equality: Secularism, State Activism, and Individual Choice in the Islamic Headscarf Debate Kristen Ghodsee, Bowdoin College, USA