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1. Introduction

RECON Deliverable No. 14 – *Workshop: Feminist Theories of Justice* is part of work package 4 – Justice, Democracy and Gender. The core objective of WP 4 is three-fold: (a) to explore the status of gender equality within the enlarged EU; (b) to analyse what kind of gender policies can be justified with regard to the three models; what policies do the different models give scope for, and for what reasons; and (c) to arrive at specific recommendations for how gender equality can best be fostered within Europe.

During the first 18 months, two of the main objectives of WP 4 are to clarify the normative content of gender justice and democracy and to develop criteria for assessing the three gender justice models. As part of the activities, a WP 4 workshop on gender justice and deliberative democracy was staged to bring together leading experts on democracy in the EU as well as scholars of gender politics, gender activists and officials, in addition to members from related RECON work packages.

2. Presentation of the workshop

Under the heading ‘Gender Justice and Democracy in the European Union’ the WP 4 workshop took place on 28-29 of September at the Institute of Governance and Social Research, Queen’s University Belfast. The workshop was organised by WP 4 leader Yvonne Galligan, RECON researcher Sara Clavero and CAWP administrator Victoria Montgomery, of the Centre for Advancement of Women in Politics (CAWP) at the School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy.

The workshop had *five main objectives*:

1. To present an overview of the main objectives and research plan of RECON WP 4;
2. To initiate a debate on how ‘gender justice’ and ‘gender democracy’ could be understood and investigated in the context of EU multi-level governance;
3. To clarify and discuss the gender dimensions of different RECON work packages and their implications for research. Special emphasis was placed on those parts of RECON that are particularly gender-relevant:
 - Theoretical framework (WP 1);
 - EU constitutionalisation and constitution-building (WP 2);
 - Representation and institutional make-up (WP 3);
 - Civil society and the public sphere (WP 5);
 - European identities and identity-formation (WP 8);
4. To establish a cooperative relationship between RECON WP 4 and other current FP6 projects on the field of gender equality in Europe;
5. Within the context of the RECON project, to promote a fruitful dialogue and exchange on gender justice and democracy in Europe with representatives of women’s civil society organisations, European Commission officials and Members of the European Parliament.

The workshop opened with a keynote speech on the evolution of gender equality in the EU since the Treaty of Rome. This was delivered by Agnes Hubert, a member of the Bureau of Policy Advisers of President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso and a key

actor in the development of gender equality policies by the European Commission since the 1980s. Hubert's presentation provided an excellent historical background to the variety of themes that were discussed in the workshop.

Following Hubert's keynote speech, the workshop was structured around five different themes in relation to gender justice and democracy in the European Union – i.e., those which are most gender-relevant to the contents of the RECON project (see above). A paper was presented under each of these themes, either by a RECON researcher, or by a reputed researcher in the relevant topic (see the enclosed programme).

The discussions following each paper were very productive. In order to get good quality feedback from leading experts in the field, as well as encouraging a vibrant debate among participants, each paper was responded to in detail by two invited discussants.

After some refinement, the papers presented at the workshop will soon be made available on both CAWP and the RECON websites. Three of these papers will be subsequently published as RECON working papers:

- Gender Justice in the EU: On the relevance of normative theory (Cathrine Holst)
- Gender, democracy and political representation in the EU multi-level polity (Yvonne Galligan and Sara Clavero)
- Feminist identities in the enlarged European Union (Maria Adamik)

3. Participants

1. Maria Adamik	Eötvös Loránd University
2. Lidia Amjadeen	National Academy of Science, Ukraine
3. Gillian Belben	British Council
4. Fiona Beveridge	University of Liverpool
5. Robert Bideleux	University of Swansea
6. Bairbre de Brun	European Parliament (MEP)
7. Marina Calloni	University of Milan-Bicocca
8. Sara Clavero	Queen's University, Belfast
9. Mariusz Czepczynski	University of Gdańsk , NEWW-Polska
10. Laura Finne-Elonen	International Council of Women
11. John Erik Fossum	ARENA, University of Oslo
12. Yvonne Galligan	Queen's University, Belfast
13. Roberta Guerrina	University of Surrey
14. Beatrice Halsaa	SKK, University of Oslo
15. Robert Harmsen	Queen's University, Belfast
16. Maria Heller	Eötvös Loránd University
17. Cathrine Holst	ARENA, University of Oslo
18. Agnès Hubert	European Commission
19. Johanna Kantola	University of Helsinki
20. Borbala Kriza	Eötvös Loránd University
21. Ulrike Liebert	University of Bremen
22. Christopher Lord	University of Reading
23. Chris MacCabe	British-Irish Secretariat
24. Eddie McVeigh	European Commission, Belfast
25. Elizabeth Meehan	Queen's University, Belfast

26. Gaëlle Paredes Dudek	Women Citizens of Europe
27. Thomas Pfister	Queen's University Belfast
28. Barbara Renzi	Queen's University Belfast
29. Lisa Rolandsen	University of Aalborg
30. Paloma Saavedra	Women Citizens of Europe
31. Jo Shaw	University of Edinburgh
32. Willemijn van der Meer	University Women of Europe
33. Sally Wheeler	Queen's University, Belfast

4. Programme

See attachment.



GENDER JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

International Workshop

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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

14:30 – 15:00 **Welcome coffee**

SESSION I **Chair: Elizabeth Meehan, Queen's University Belfast**

15:00 – 15:10 **Introduction**
Yvonne Galligan, Queen's University Belfast

15:10 – 15:40 **OPENING ADDRESS: The European Union and gender equality - From the Treaty of Rome to gender democracy**
Agnès Hubert, European Commission

15:40 – 16:40 **Gender justice in the EU: On the relevance of normative theory**
Cathrine Holst, University of Oslo
Discussants: Marina Calloni, University of Milan-Bicocca
 Beatrice Halsaa, University of Oslo

16:40 – 17:10 **Discussion**

17:30 – 19:00 **Wine Reception, Queen's Visitor's Centre**

19:30 **Dinner, Deane's at Queen's**

SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

SESSION II

Chair: Sally Wheeler, Queen's University Belfast

9.30 – 10.45

Gender in EU Constitution-Building

Jo Shaw, University of Edinburgh

Discussants: Fiona Beveridge, University of Liverpool
John Erik Fossum, University of Oslo

10.45 – 11.15

Coffee

11.15 – 12.30

Gender and political representation in the EU

Sara Clavero, Queen's University Belfast

Discussants: Johanna Kantola, University of Helsinki
Chris Lord, University of Reading

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch

SESSION III

Chair: Robert Harmsen, Queen's University Belfast

13.30 – 14.45

The role of civil society and the public sphere in engendering EU democracy

Ulrike Liebert, University of Bremen

Discussants: Treasa Ní Mhurchú, NWCI/EWL
Lise Rolandsen-Agustin, Aalborg University

14.45 – 15.15

Coffee

15.15 – 16.30

Feminist Identities in the Enlarged EU

Maria Adamik, Eötvös Loránd University

Discussants: Mariusz Czepczynski, University of Gdansk
Roberta Guerrina, University of Surrey

16.30 – 16.50

Concluding Remarks: Gender equality in the future of EU democracy

Yvonne Galligan, Queen's University Belfast