

INVITATION

to a THREE- DAY ONLINE SEMINAR

“Women in Politics”

DATES

Tuesday 25/01/2022

Wednesday 26/01/2022

Thursday 27/01/2022

TIME

18.00- 20.00 Greece

17.00- 19.00 Norway

16.00- 18.00 Iceland

THEME

Women are the ones that are mostly affected during COVID-19 by gender-based violence, lockdowns, unemployment and with risk of being exposed to the virus, as the vast majority of healthcare workers are women. Even though, feminist critics have pointed out the negative consequences of excluding women from decision making positions in policy making about COVID-19, only 25% are female global leaders. The absence of gender balanced decision-making bodies at a global level is likely to affect how gender issues are included or marginalized in policy agendas. The exclusion or marginalization of women from relevant decision-making committees is usually legitimized during crises, such as the lockdown, by arguments that stress the urgency of policy measures and requirements for high level expertise.

However, lack of consideration for gender balance in decision making may also have adverse longer-term impacts as institutional practices become consolidated. In post-coronavirus societies, the state of emergency is likely to continue for health or financial reasons pushing for further marginalization of gender issues. Conversely, states in which women have managed to overcome sexist constraints and rise to the top of decision-making hierarchies are more likely to respond in gender sensitive ways to the COVID-19 challenge.

PROGRAMME

- Tuesday 25/1/2022:** “Political Rights for Women. An historical perspective
(Maria Stratigaki)
- Wednesday 26/1/2022:** “Women in politics. Theories and Policies”
(Maria Stratigaki)
- Thursday 27/1/2022:** “Women political leaders during the Covid-19 Pandemic”
(Fenia Giannakopoulou)

SEMINAR COORDINATORS

Maria Stratigaki is an Associate Professor at the Department of Social Policy of Panteion University and Director of the Interdepartmental Postgraduate Programme “Gender, Society, Politics” at Panteion University. She teaches on gender, social policy and gender equality policies.

She has worked at the European Commission (Unit: Equal opportunities between women and men) (1991-1999) and she was appointed Secretary General for Gender Equality in Greece (2009–2012). She was elected Councilor at the City of Athens and appointed Vice-Mayor of Social Solidarity, Welfare and Equality from 2014-2019. She is the author of the

books: *The Gender of Social Policy* (2007) and *Gender Equality Policies: UN, EU, Greece* (2021).

Fenia Giannakopoulou has bachelor degree in Sociology. She is volunteer in the non-governmental organization “*METAdrasi – Action for Migration and Development*” doing creative activities with refugee children in the Mother-Child Area in the Asylum Service of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum. She is also volunteer in the ProGender Project doing literature review and she is actively involved in gender issues, having attended numerous seminars on violence and discrimination issues.

To **apply** please visit the following link: <https://progender.panteion.gr/discussion/women-in-politics/>

You will need to upload a short CV and motivation note. If the number of applications exceeds the available places, applicants will be selected based on their CV.

Good knowledge of English is required. The seminar is free of charge.

Deadline for applications: Thursday 20th of January 2021

Certificates of attendance will be given to participants after attending all three days of the seminar and submitting a final summary paper (max 500 words)

For more information about the ProGender project please visit our website <https://progender.panteion.gr>

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