

Call for papers

Workshop on the implementation of the Convention against Violence against Women in Bosnia and Herzegovina

June 2019 - University of Sarajevo

This workshop is organized by the University of Sarajevo Law Faculty and Institute for Research of Crimes Against Humanity and International Law, Bosnia and Herzegovina with the participation of research members of the Paris Human Rights Center (CRDH) of the Panthéon-Assas University in France. The main objective is to study Bosnia and Herzegovina's implementation of the Council of Europe Convention against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (hereinafter referred to as the Istanbul Convention), through collective, interdisciplinary research, bringing together senior and junior, national and international researchers, as well as field actors.

On the landmark date of 8 March 2013, Bosnia and Herzegovina signed the Istanbul Convention. It then entered into force on 1 August 2014. The Istanbul Convention is a human rights convention designed to strengthen the obligations of States parties to combat gender violence.

Five years from its entry into force and in view of the forthcoming evaluation procedure by the Group of Experts on Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (hereinafter GREVIO) that is responsible for monitoring the successful implementation by States Parties of the Convention and will start in September 2019, this workshop aims to bring together senior junior, national and international researchers from a variety of disciplines (legal, political, social sciences, etc.), as well as field actors (public services, non-governmental organizations, local associations, etc.), around the implementation of both the material and procedural obligations of the Istanbul Convention by Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The proposals for papers will be based on one of the following axes:

Axis 1: Global perspective - Integration of the Istanbul Convention in Bosnia and Herzegovina legal system

After a reminder of the foundations and objectives of the Istanbul Convention, it will first be necessary to clarify the context surrounding its adoption by Bosnia and Herzegovina. Secondly, it will be a question of drawing up an overview of the situation of violence against women in Bosnia and Herzegovina (prevalence, typology, causes, etc.) and drawing up an assessment of the implementation of the Convention, based on the triptych of obligations to combat violence against women: preventing violence; protecting victims; prosecuting the perpetrators, through a range of instruments and tools: criminal and/or social policy, action plans, awareness plans, funding, partnerships with the Council of Europe and other international organizations etc.

Axis 2: Past and present: Implementation of the Convention and the experience of dealing with sexual violence during the Yugoslav conflict

The conduct of research on gender violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina necessarily leads to an examination of the specific historical context of the State. While identifying and assessing the measures implemented by Bosnia and Herzegovina around prevention, protection and repression in the fight against gender violence it will be necessary to answer the following question in a holistic manner.

Given the history of Bosnia and Herzegovina, linked to the conflict in the former Yugoslavia, and its experience in dealing with more than 20,000 cases of war time sexual violence, does the implementation of the Istanbul Convention have certain specificities or originalities compared to the practices of other States Parties? If so, which ones?

The answer to this underlying question of the research conducted implies an extensive and critical presentation of the measures and mechanisms dedicated to the treatment of sexual violence during the conflict as well as the methodologies that have been established for this purpose.

Axis 3: Comparative perspective – Bosnian and Herzegovinian experience of implementation and implementation experiences of other State Parties to the Istanbul Convention.

Finally, can Bosnia and Herzegovina's experience in implementing the Istanbul Convention serve as a reference point for other States Parties with a common history with Bosnia and Herzegovina, and more broadly for all States Parties to the Istanbul Convention? Can experiences of other State Parties in Istanbul Convention implementation serve as a reference point for Bosnia and Herzegovina?

The papers presented during the study day will be subject to publication subsequently.

Process:

- Location: University of Sarajevo, Law Faculty, Obala Kulina bana 7 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina - Date: June 19th 2019.

Terms of participation:

Submission and study day languages: English, French, Bosnian

This call for papers is open to both senior and junior researchers (doctoral students, post-doctoral fellows, etc.) and field actors (IO members, NGOs, etc.).

The proposals for communication should not exceed 3000 characters including bibliographical references.

They will be accompanied by a brief CV of the author.

They should be sent to the following address: conventionistanbul2019@gmail.com

Before April 07, 2019.

The selected papers will be announced on April 22, 2019.

N.B.: The organization does not cover travel nor accommodation costs. Confirmed participants should contact their own home organizations.

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