

Program "Women in Law Conference" (subject to change)

March 1-3, 2019 / Senatssaal (Senate's Chamber) / University of Vienna / Vienna, Austria



Thursday, February 28th, 2019

all day Individual arrival of participants
19:00 Heurigen Dinner at a Viennese Vineyard (Tickets € 49.-)

Friday, March 1st, 2019

08:00 - 08:45 Conference registration and refreshments

09:00 - 09:15 Conference opening remarks by the organizer Dr. Alix Frank-Thomasser and introduction of keynote speakers
Words of welcome:
European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality **Věra Jourová** (video message)
Austrian Federal Minister for Women, Families and Youth **Mag. Dr. Juliane Bogner-Strauß** (video message)
Dean of the Law Faculty, University of Vienna **Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Dr.h.c. Paul Oberhammer**

09:15 - 10:30 **Part I) Female Pioneers in Law: where did our journey(s) start?**
Keynote address "the first women in law – pioneers then and now"
Speaker: **Ao. Univ.Prof.in Dr.in iur. Ilse Reiter-Zatloukal**, Department for Legal and Constitutional History, Law Faculty, University of Vienna

Part II) Women in Law today - where are we now?
Keynote address "Who Cares? The Perennial Challenge for Gender Equity"
Speaker: **Professor Margaret Thornton (FASSA, FAAL)**, ANU College of Law, The Australian National University

10:30 - 11:00 **Networking coffee break**

11:00 - 12:30 Plenary panel discussion: "The gender gap in legal professions – a global perspective"
Discutants:
Prof. Margaret Thornton (FASSA, FAAL), ANU College of Law, The Australian National University
Prof. Dr. Maria Berger, Judge at the European Court of Justice, former Austrian Minister of Justice
Dr. Geertje Tutschka, CLP – Consulting for Legal Professionals, chairwoman ICF (International Coach Federation) Germany
Alex Storer, Diversity & Inclusion Adviser (Gender Equality), The Law Society (UK)
Nathalie Leroy, EWLA (European Women Lawyer Association), AFFJ (French Women Lawyer Association)
Erika Solomon Vasser, LL.M., CEO at the Tel Aviv District of the Israel Bar Association

12:30 - 13:30 **Networking lunch**

13:30 - 15:00 **Part III) The next generation - where do we want to be and how do we get there?**

Breakout Sessions

Breakout A) Legal tech and women – will the disruption of the workplace by AI, machine learning and robotics open up new opportunities for women in law | with **Marie L'Hermite**, Lawyer and Vice President of the Association Française des Femmes Juristes

Breakout B) Millennials – which special challenges does the new generation of women in law face/pose? | with **Constanze Eich, M.A.**, eich-communications; **Cherine Foty, LL.M., J.D.**, Associate - Global Disputes, Jones Day; **Erika Solomon Vasser**, LL.M., CEO at the Tel Aviv District of the Israel Bar Association; **Dr. Marta Glowacka, LL.M.**, Asst. Prof. Institute for Austrian and European Labour Law and Social Security Law, Vienna University of Economics and Business

Breakout C) Work-life balance – Can we have it all? | with **Asst.Prof. Dr. Birgit Forgó-Feldner**, University of Vienna; **Dr. Geertje Tutschka, CLP** – Consulting for Legal Professionals; **Mag. Laura Sanjath**, Vienna Economic Chamber (WKO Wien)

Breakout D) Diversity, inclusivity & intersectionality – Going beyond gender: How building a culture of inclusion is essential for a holistic and successful way of addressing the dilemma of diversity in the legal profession today! | with **Alex Storer**, Diversity & Inclusion Adviser (Gender Equality), The Law Society (UK); **Prof. Dr. Sonja Bydlinski**, MBA; Head of the Department of Commercial and Corporate Law, Austrian Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice

Breakout E) The power of role models – Mentorship, networking, role models ... cornerstones of success for future generations. How building ladders for younger women will also boost your own career | with **Prof. Dr. Sita Mazumder**, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts; **Dr. Alexandra Pifl**, Director Corporate Communications, L'Oréal Österreich; **Mag. Petra Pracher-Ratnik, LL.M.**, Head of Legal, LeasePlan Österreich Fuhrparkmanagement GmbH; **Dr. Melanie Eckl-Kerber**, Federation of Austrian Industries (Industriellenvereinigung)

15:00 - 15:30 **Networking coffee break**

15:30 - 17:00 **Part III) Breakouts continued**

17:00 - 17:45 **Plenary: Harvesting the results of the afternoon breakouts**

17:45 - 18:00 **Closing remarks by Christina Blacklaws**, President of The Law Society (UK)
Conference closing remarks by the organizer Dr. Alix Frank-Thomasser

18:00 - 19:00 **Farewell cocktail at the University of Vienna (included in registration fee)**

19:30 - 22:30 **Dinner Reception of the Mayor and Governor of Vienna, Dr. Michael Ludwig (Tickets € 49.-)**

Saturday, March 2nd, 2019

10:30 - 12:30 **Sightseeing tour of Vienna with traditional Viennese coffee (€29.-)**

Afternoon For those who have signed up for the "Ball of Legal Professionals" - get ready for the grand evening!

20:00 - the early morning hours **Ball of Legal Professionals** (Doors Open: 8pm • Ball Opening: 9.30pm)