

INVITATION

Istanbul Convention in combatting Femicides:

Symbolic policymaking or a protective shield?

Turkey's withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention in March 2021 was followed by an uproar of discontent. However, this withdrawal is not only a major step backwards for human rights in Turkey. Other signatory states are also planning to withdraw. There are also still implementation deficits in Germany, such as a nationwide coordination office.

The Istanbul Convention is considered a protective shield in both media and politics. The Convention should protect the concerned people from violence, and therefore it is inevitably intertwined with the topic of femicides. However, what happens when this protection ceases to exist, as it is in Turkey? What other measures are needed politically, legally, socially and in the media to combat femicide?

These questions and more will be addressed in our event, which we are organizing in cooperation with **the German Women Lawyers Association (djB)** and **the Representation of the European Commission in Germany**.

In the first block, we will zoom in on the current situation in Turkey and the subsequent consequences of the withdrawal for women, refugees, and members of the

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International Online Event

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LGBTQIA+ communities. Specifically, we want to learn more about their strategies in the fight against violence against women and girls as well as discuss the possibility of solidarity and support with those negatively affected by the Turkish withdrawal from the IC.

Furthermore, the second block will address the questions of legal pitfalls regarding the implementation of the Istanbul Convention. It will also address the possibility of sanctions in the case of withdrawal or disregard of the signed agreement. We will discuss to what extent the Istanbul Convention is legally binding and enforceable in court.

The third block will look closely at the achievements of Germany's past presidency and zoom in on further measures needed to combat gender-based violence and femicides. It will also take a closer look at the role of the media and politics.

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09:30 Welcoming Speeches

Jörg Wojahn, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Germany
Prof. Dr. Maria Wersig, President, djB, Germany
Dr. Delal Atmaca, Executive Director, DaMigra e.V., Germany

10:00 The withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention and its consequences for the concerned people in Turkey

Canan Arın, Lawyer, Mor Çatı Women's Shelter, Turkey
Dr. Cavidan Soykan, Guest Researcher, Institute of Migration Studies and Intercultural Studies (IMIS), Osnabrück University, Germany/Turkey
Müzeyyen Araç, Member of the Refugee Commission, Hevi LGBTI+ Organization, Turkey

11:30 Legal pitfalls in the implementation of the Istanbul Convention

Katharina Miller, LL.M., President of the European Women Lawyers Association (EWLA), Spain/Germany
Prof. Dr. Beate Rudolf, Director, German Institute for Human Rights (DIMR), Germany
Dr. Jannika Jahn, Researcher at Max-Planck-Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (MPIL), Germany

13:00 Lunch break

13:30 Combatting femicides: Necessary measures and successful practical examples

Dr. Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, MEP in the Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, Germany
Dr. Jasna Podreka, Sociologist, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Dr. Noa W. Nogradi, PATENT (Association for legal support for women), Hungary
Evgenia Zarokosta, Research Centre of Women's Affairs, Greece
Selmin Çalışkan, Director of Institutional Relations at the Berlin office of the Open Society Foundations, Germany
Britta Häfemeier, Gender Equality Media, Germany

15:00 Concluding Remarks

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