

The Annual Conference of DaMigra am 6. September
2019

*"Stop violence against ALL women!
Implementation of the Istanbul Convention:
UNCONDITIONALLY!"*

Since February 1, 2018, the convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence—also known as the **"Istanbul Convention" (IC)**—is in force in Germany. The IC understands violence against women both as human rights violation and a form of discrimination. Additionally, it defines violence against women not only on a physical and mental basis but also focuses on the consequences which derive from sexist and sexual actions, such as economic consequences. By the understanding of gender as a social construct and the fact of equality for EVERYONE and ANYONE, the convention reveals concrete missions. The IC speaks explicitly within the voice of women's movement: "the personal is political." Moreover, vice versa: the political is personal; violence against women as well as sexual and reproductive self-determination cannot be tabooed, or even should not be sexist and racial reinterpreted and instrumentalized.



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The conference highlights the perspectives, concerns, and needs of women with a history of migration and force-displacement as a refugee. On September 6, 2019, together with representatives from politics, media, and civil society focussing on women and migration policies, we will

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discuss the Istanbul Convention's objectives, targets, and its previous actions. Additionally, we will elaborate the current status of the implementation and update the catalog of demands in 2017; "No to violence against migrant and refugee women" (*Nein zu Gewalt an Migrantinnen* und geflüchtete Frauen**, 2017).

The Istanbul Convention is a suitable basis to implement women rights and human rights in Germany for **EVERYBODY and ANYBODY comprehensively and unconditionally**. Paragraph 59 of the convention is a particular segment regarding the rights of women and girls with a history of migration and forced displacement as a refugee. However, the Federal Government of Germany has only ratified the convention with reservation of article 59 (2) and 59(3).

The core questions for us: By whom and how will the obstacles for migrant and refugee women be addressed and incorporated into the GREVIO-questionnaire? Will the consequences, especially regarding residence permit status, residence arrangements and "Ehebestandszeit" (the duration of marriage), play an appropriate role? Which stakeholders will be addressed or respectively involved in the implementation process, regarding marginalized groups, multiple-discriminated people, and topics of taboo? What about illegalized women and survivors of human trafficking? Moreover, how the concerns and protection concepts of women living in central accommodation (initial reception centers for asylum seekers, collective centers, AnKER-Zentren) will be heard?

In this framework, DaMigra is addressing central issues for policy-making at their annual conference: because the Istanbul Convention stands for human rights and thus for migrant women's rights!

When: Friday, 06 September 2019 /// 09:00 – 18:00

Where: Conference rooms Erfurt, Eislebener Str. 1, 99086 Erfurt

First aid kit: Is at the registration.

Photos: We have commissioned professional photographers, as the events are documented on our behalf. If you do not want to be photographed by them, please give us a note when registering.

Translation: The conference languages are German, English, Arabic, Farsi and Turkish.

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Program

Moderation: Anne Chebu, TV-Presenter, Hessischer and Bayerischer Rundfunk

9:00 Uhr	Registration /// Press Meeting
10:00 Uhr	Opening
	Greeting
	Kook-Nam Cho-Ruwwe Executive Board of DaMigra
	Opening Speech
	Dr. Franziska Giffey (tbc) Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth
10:45 Uhr	Katrin Christ-Eisenwinder Commissioner for the Equality of Woman and Man, Thüringen Ministry of Employment, Social Welfare, Health and Family
	Andreas Bausewein (tbc) Mayor of Erfurt
	Introduction
10:45 Uhr	Dr. Delal Atmaca Director of DaMigra
	Keynote
	Istanbul Convention - Legal view of current situation of its implementation in Germany
	Inga Schuchmann Member of Strafrechtskommission, Deutscher Juristinnenbund
12:30 Uhr	"Reservations on the Istanbul Convention: Why do states want to exclude migrant and refugee women* from protection?"
	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zeynep Kivilcim Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
	Critical comments on the keynotes
12:30 Uhr	Statement: Aleida Luján Pinelo University of Turku
	Lunch break
13:30 Uhr	Forum: <i>Istanbul Convention between Multiple Discrimination, Residence Status and Self-Determination</i>

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	<p>Focus 1 Istanbul Convention and Right of Residence: Reservation and Consequences for the Implementation of the Istanbul Convention - Residence Obligation, Marriage Period and Family Reunification</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Statement:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Esma Çakır-Ceylan, Lawyer Lourdes Martínez, Amnesty for Women e.V.</p>
	<p>Focus 2 Istanbul Convention and Human Rights: Human trafficking and "Illegality," Gender Identities and Reproductive Rights</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Statement:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pia Ritzel, KOK – Bundesweiter Koordinierungskreis gegen Menschenhandel e.V. Emilija Mitrovic, Hochschule für angewandte Wissenschaften Hamburg</p>
	<p>Focus 3 Istanbul Convention and Human Rights: Exclusions, access, and discrimination in central accommodation/community accommodation, in administrative and official bodies (counseling centers/services, support structure, law enforcement institutions) / women health / implementation at country level</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Statement:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Olga Paul, Psychologist Christiane Götze, Projektleitung IvAF Netzwerk BLEIBdran</p>
15:30 Uhr	Coffee break
16:00 Uhr	<p>Podium discussion "How do we implement the Istanbul Convention unconditionally?"</p> <p>Rosa Logar until recently part of the Council of Europe's expert body GREVIO</p> <p>Dr. Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana MdEP and Chairman of the Board DaMigra</p> <p>Representatives of the parties: Diana Lehmann (SPD – Thüringer Landtag), Gökay Akbulut (DIE LINKE - Bundestag), Sylvia Pantel (CDU - Bundestag)</p>
17:45 Uhr	Closing Remarks Inna Schulze , Executive Board of DaMigra
18:00 Uhr	Conference Closure

Catering is organized by „Bâ Badiyel“.

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