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Accelerating era development by promotion of gender equality in stem research

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Conference materials

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Dear Participants,

Welcome to Lithuania for a significant and timely meeting, which brings together the great minds of Europe for an important discussion about the future of the continent. The future that can only be created by joint efforts of countries, institutions and people – men and women, alike.

ERA is a great platform for this. Providing space to share creative insights and groundbreaking ideas for science, technology and research, it opens new paths for progress. All the potential of this unique space should be used daringly, and firstly by integrating gender dimension in research programs to avoid the waste of talent. Secondly, by deepening transnational cooperation to address the grand challenges and respond to the changing world. And finally, by setting sustainable and coherent goals to facilitate the joint work of the greatest minds of Europe.

I wish you bright ideas, fruitful discussions and bold visions. Accelerate the future!

Dalia Grybauskaitė,
President of the Republic of Lithuania

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Conference is held under the patronage of the President of the Republic of Lithuania H.E. Dalia Grybauskaitė



PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
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SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS:



Organizers

The conference is organized by Vilnius University, BASNET Forumas association, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) and Horizon 2020 project GENERA, coordinated by Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY, Germany)



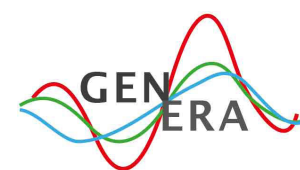
Vilnius Universitetas is the most renowned and prestigious university in Lithuania. Founded in 1579 it is the oldest university in the Eastern part of Europe. The University of Vilnius has 14 faculties, 3 research institutes, and 5 study and research centres including “Gender Studies Centre”. These include specialists with vast and varied experience in many fields of science, economics and technology development at the international, national and regional levels having the capability of planning and management, development of programmes, technical and financial assistance, inter-regional cooperation, the organization of seminars, workshops and conferences. Researchers at Vilnius University are increasingly engaged in the Lithuanian, EU, NATO and other international scientific programmes. It is also actively participating in the creation of EU RRI policy in the field of gender equality issues in research through coordination and participation in such projects as FP6 project BASNET, FP7 project SAPGERIC as well as GEIRICA funded by EEA and Norway Funds and other activities.



BASNET Forumas is an international association based on the member institutions of the unique network linking women scientists working in STEM fields and science policy makers for insurance of equal gender opportunities in sciences in the Baltic States region. BASNET Forumas was established in 2009 on the basis of institutions former partners of FP6 project “Baltic States Network: women in sciences and High Technology” (BASNET). BASNET Forumas mission is to mobilize the efforts of members to support the implementation of gender equality in science in the Baltic States region. BASNET Forumas is working for achieving towards its goals by the participation in international women scientists networks; strengthening national and regional women scientists networks; initiation and participation in the projects targeted to change science policy in the Baltic States by making it more favourable for women performing their research in sciences. BASNET Forumas has strongly contributed to the implementation of gender mainstreaming policy in the Baltic States region. Since 2009 BASNET has been an active member of prestigious European women scientist’s organization -European Platform for Women Scientists (EPWS).



The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) is an autonomous body of the European Union, established to contribute to and strengthen the promotion of gender equality, including gender mainstreaming in all EU policies and the resulting national policies, and the fight against discrimination based on sex, as well as to raise EU citizens’ awareness of gender equality. EIGE operates within the framework of European Union policies and initiatives. To enhance gender equality in the area of research and innovation, the European Commission and the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) have developed a new online tool — Gender Equality in Academic and Research Organisations, or ‘GEAR’. The tool is part of EIGE’s broader programme on gender mainstreaming and offers information and guidance to research institutions who want to bring more gender balance to this sector.



GENERA is the Horizon 2020 project “Gender Equality Network in the European Research Area” aiming at continuing, monitoring and improving the Gender Equality Plans of Research Institutions and Organizations specifically in the physics research field. These three actions will be performed by a Consortium of 13 beneficiary partner Research Performing and Research Funding Organizations and a number of associate partners and observers. Vilnius University is among them. One of the major goals of GENERA is to contribute to overcoming the under-representation of women in physics research which is long-standing and persistent even if the prevailing cultures adopt the assumption of being ‘gender neutral’. The end goal is to propose and create organizational structures allowing physics research in Europe to benefit from the higher presence of talented women at all levels, and which can open up more opportunities for women to create successful careers in physics research and related fields.

Description of the Conference

The concept of the conference is based on the understanding that development of human resources is the main component in the science producing process. Among all ERA priorities the most closely related to this issue is gender equality in research, concerned with the improvement of work and life conditions for researchers and leading to more gender balanced, productive and innovative science. Regardless of the efforts taken by the European Commission the ERA Report 2016 shows that advancements in this priority still remain relatively slow. It presupposes the need of wider involvement of stakeholders in ensuring mutual harmonization of ERA priorities development.

The aim of the event is to advance the goals of ERA creation by consolidating the efforts of ERA stakeholders, EU scientific networks and established knowledge from past initiatives in order to promote systemic cultural change in research performing and funding organizations. The high level conference will assist in better understanding of the EU policy and accelerate the structural change promoting gender equality in the Baltic States universities and research centers.

The invited speakers, guests and participants of the conference represent all ERA stakeholders, starting from the highest levels of policy makers from the European Commission, the Baltic Sea Region countries including Baltic States, to EU scientific networks in STEM related fields as well as scientists involved in currently active Horizon 2020 projects receiving support for implementation of systemic institutional change by promoting gender equality in research performing and funding organizations.

Conference Programme Committee

- Assoc. Prof. Dalia Satkovskiene, Vilnius University, Lithuania-Chair
- Ms. Živilė Macijauskienė, European Institute for Gender Equality
- Dr. Alicija Kupliauskienė, BASNET Forumas
- Dr. Thomas Berghöfer, Horizon 2020 GENERA Project

Conference Programme

Day 1: November 20, 2017

Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania, Katedros sq. 4, Vilnius

09:00-09:30 WELCOME COFFEE, REGISTRATION

09:30 - 10:00 OPENING AND KEY NOTE REMARKS

Chair:

Dr. Thomas Berghöfer, Deutsches Elektronen Synchrotron DESY, coordinator of GENERA project

- Welcome of **H.E. Dalia Grybauskaitė**, President of Lithuanian Republic
- Keynote Welcome of **Mrs. Jurgita Petrauskienė**, Lithuanian Minister of Education and Science
- Welcome of **Mr. Linas Kukuraitis**, Lithuanian Minister of Social Security and Labor Welcome of Prof. Artūras Žukauskas, Rector of Vilnius University

10:00 – 11:00 PLENARY SESSION 1: THE ROLE OF GENDER EQUALITY IN ERA DEVELOPMENT

Chair:

Assoc. Prof. Dalia Šatkovskienė, Vilnius University Institute of Theoretical Physics and Astronomy (VU ITFA)

- Keynote talk of **Mr. Jean-David Malo**, Director of Open Science and Open Innovation, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission.
- **Ms. Lina Salanauskaitė**, Researcher / Analyst, EIGE. Study on Gender Segregation in Education, Training and the Labour Market.
- **Ambassador Maira Mora**, Director General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS). Role of Gender Parity in Supporting Prosperity in the Baltic Sea Region and Beyond

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 13:00 PLENARY DISCUSSION: COMPATIBILITY OF ERA PRIORITIES FROM VIEW OF GENDER EQUALITY PERSPECTIVE

Moderator:

Dr. Marcela Linková, Chair of Standing Working Group on Gender in Research and Innovation under the Council of EU

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| | Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jean-David Malo, Director of Open Science and Open Innovation, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission & ERAC • Dr. Christian Naczinsky, Austrian Federal Ministry for Science, Research and Economy, ERAC • Prof. Rolf Tarrach, University of Luxembourg (President of European University Association (EUA)). • Prof. Gunnel Gustafsson, Director of NordForsk. |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | LUNCH |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | PLENARY SESSION: GENDER EQUALITY IMPLEMENTATION IN RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS: POLICIES AND TOOLS Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Pollitzer , Director, Portia Ltd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Barbara Limanowska, Programme coordinator- Gender Mainstreaming, EIGE. Gender Equality in Academia and Research - GEAR tool for promoting systemic structural change in Europe • Prof. Inés Sánchez de Madariaga, GenderSTE COST action networks as tools for implementation gender equality in research and gender dimension in research content • Dr. Saskia Klein, Fraunhofer Center for Responsible Research and Innovation, EFFORTI - Building an Evaluation Framework for Gender Equality • Jörg Müller, Fundacio per a la Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, GEDII - Gender Diversity Impact – Improving research and innovation through gender diversity |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 15:30 – 17:00 | ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: IMPLEMENTATION OF GENDER EQUALITY PLANS IN RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS: EXPERIENCE AND OUTCOMES Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Claartje J. Vinkenburg , Vrije University of Amsterdam. Overview of Gender Equality Plans as tools for implementing a systemic and systematic institutional change in science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ruth Gilligan, Athena Swan (Academia) • Lia Lang, DESY Hamburg, GENERA (Physics institutions) • Dr. Sonja Reiland, CRG Barcelona, LIBRA (Life Sciences institutions), TBC • Dr. Angela Balzano, Università Di Bologna, PLOTINA (Academia and stakeholders) • Dr. Viktorija Vaitkevičienė, Klaipeda University, Gender Baltics (Marine research institutions) • Ms. Vasiliki Moutzi, ViLabs Thessaloniki, EQUAL-IST (Information Science and Technology research institutions) • Ms. Stefania Landi, University of Pisa, TRIGGER (long lasting and widespread impacts at all levels) • Dr. Maxime Forest, Sciences Po France, EGERA (Effective Gender Equality in Research and the Academia) Summary |
| 19:00 – 21:00 | CONFERENCE DINNER |

Day 2 : November 21, 2017
 Aula Parva, Universiteto str. 3, Vilnius

GENDER IN PHYSICS DAY

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| 08:30 - 09:00 | REGISTRATION, COFFEE |
| 09:00 - 10:00 | PLENARY SESSION: IMPLEMENTATION GENDER EQUALITY IN STEM: CHALLENGES IN PHYSICS Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aurelija Novelskaite , Vilnius University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Habil. Dr. Gražina Tautvaišienė, Vice president of IUPAP, VU institute of Theoretical Physics and Astronomy • Prof. Dr. Helene Götschel, University of Applied Sciences Hannover (HsH) • Dr. Francesca Primas, European South Observatory (ESO). Gender Gap in Natural Sciences: how to measure it and how to solve it |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 10:30 - 11:30 | PLENARY SESSION: GENDER EQUALITY IMPLEMENTATION IN STEM RESEARCH IN THE BALTIC STATES Chair: Prof. Juras Banys , Chair of Committee of Natural and Technological Sciences of Lithuanian Research Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Indrikis Muiznieks, Rector of University of Latvia/ Director of Academic Center for Natural Sciences of the University of Latvia, TBC • Prof. Volli Kalm, Rector for research of Tartu University, TBC • Prof. Artūras Žukauskas, Rector of Vilnius University, TBC |
| 11:30 - 12:30 | PLENARY DISCUSSION: THE EUROPEAN NETWORK OF ORGANIZATIONS PERFORMING PHYSICS RESEARCH: A PLATFORM FOR EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND CREATION OF CONSENSUS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF GENDER EQUALITY Moderator: Prof. Claudine Hermann , Vice president of EPWS Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Agneta Nestenborg, Director for Project Support and Administration of the European Spallation Source (ESS) • Dr. Francesca Primas, European South Observatory (ESO) • Director of Academic Center for Natural Sciences of the University of Latvia, TBC • Dr. Thomas Berghöfer, German Electron Synchrotron (DESY), coordinator of GENERA project |
| 12:30 - 13:00 | CLOSING CEREMONY Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dalia Šatkovskienė , Vilnius University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Giedrius Viliūnas, Vice Minister of Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Research • Prof. Rimantas Jankauskas, Vice Rector for research of Vilnius University • Dr. Thomas Berghöfer, German Electron Synchrotron (DESY), coordinator of GENERA project |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | LUNCH |

Biographies of Speakers, Chairs and Moderators



Prof. Inés Sánchez de Madariaga

Inés Sánchez de Madariaga is a Professor of Urban Planning and Territorial Planning at the Polytechnic University of Madrid, Spain. She is a delegate of the Rector for Gender Affairs of Universidad Politécnica de Madrid. Prof. Inés Sánchez de Madariaga is a recognized international expert on gender in urbanism, architecture, research and innovation. She is the Chair of the Commission responsible for developing the UPM Equality Plan, and former Chair of the COST genderSTE network on Gender, Science, Technology and the Environment, which brings together more than 200 people from 40 countries on five continents. She is also the co-director of Gendered Innovations, the European Commission and Stanford University. She has been the Chair of the Committee of Experts of the European Commission responsible for drafting the Structural Change Report of the Scientific Institutions, which is the European roadmap for gender equality in research and innovation. She has directed a score of research projects and is currently a member of the advisory committees of several European projects, among others: GENOVATE, GENPORT, LIBRA, SAGERIP, RRITOOLS. She was the Spanish representative at the Helsinki Group, an advisory body to the European Commission on gender and science issues and has been Executive Advisor to the Minister of Housing and Deputy Director for Architecture at the Spanish Government.



Ms. Saskia Klein

M.A. Saskia studied gender studies, business administration and education in Oldenburg and Berlin. She works as a research assistant in the area of “diversity and change” at the Fraunhofer Centre for Responsible Research and Innovation. Her main focus lies on organizational culture and on gender and diversity subjects. She presents in the conference H2020 Research and Innovation Action project EFFORTI aimed at building an evaluation framework for gender equality measures across Europe seeking to analyse and model the influence of measures to promote gender equality on research and innovation outputs and on establishing more responsible and responsive RTDI (research, technology, development and innovation) systems.



Dr. Marcela Linková

Marcela Linková PhD is a researcher at the Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences where she directs the Centre for Gender and Science. She has a doctoral degree in sociology from the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague. Her research focuses on sociology of gendered organizations, research careers, governance of research and research assessment from a gender perspective. Marcela also examines the material-discursive practices through which gender equality policies and initiatives are adopted and implemented at the European and Czech country level. She is the chair of the ERAC Standing Working Group on Gender in Research and Innovation; before she was the co-chair of the Helsinki Group on Gender in Research and Innovation. She is active in developing policy solutions for gender equality in research at the Czech and EU level. She publishes on gender equality in research, and in together with Mary Frank Fox and Kjersten Bunker Whittington contributed to the 4th edition of the Handbook of Science and Technology Studies (2017). She is an alumna of the International Visitor Leadership Programme “Women in STEM” Studies (2017). She is an alumna of the International Visitor Leadership Programme “Women in STEM”.



Dr. Lina Salanauskaitė

Ms. Lina Salanauskaitė is a researcher at the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) in Vilnius, Lithuania - a regulatory agency of the European Union. EIGE supports the EU and its Member States in promoting gender equality, fighting discrimination based on sex and raising awareness about gender issues. Previously, Lina Salanauskaitė worked in the EU Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion. Lina Salanauskaitė holds a PhD in Social Economics and Social Sciences from Maastricht (the Netherlands) and Antwerp (Belgium) universities and has an extensive research experience in the analysis of social protection and labour market policies, employment and social inclusion trends, developing and using tax-benefit micro simulation models and other welfare, gender and socio-economic issues.



Professor Rolf Tarrach

Professor Rolf Tarrach was the rector of the trilingual University of Luxembourg since 2005 – a position that he held for ten years. He was born in 1948 in Valencia, Spain, studied Physics at the University of Valencia and obtained his PhD from the University of Barcelona. He subsequently served as a postdoctoral researcher at CERN, Geneva, and was a professor of theoretical physics at the Universities of Valencia and Barcelona. Rolf Tarrach has published more than 100 papers in theoretical high energy physics, quantum field theory, and quantum mechanics and has written two books on quantum information theory. He has been honoured with a honoris causa degree from the University of Saint Petersburg Russia, and he is the recipient of eight official prizes. He was Dean of the School of Physics and Vice-Rector of the University of Barcelona. Rolf Tarrach is the former president of CSIC Madrid (the Spanish Scientific Research Council) and a former member of the European Union Research Advisory Board, of the European Heads of Research Council group which he also chaired and of the 5-year assessment panel of experts of the European Commission. In 2008 he became the President of the Academic Cooperation Association (ACA) and was the Vice-chair of the jury of the French “Initiative d’excellence” in 2011-12, which he is again (2015-2017). Dr. Tarrach served as President of the University of Luxembourg until 2014, having assumed the position in 2005. Professor Tarrach continues to be a professor of Physics at the University of Luxembourg. He has been a Council Member of the European University Association (EUA) for ten years.



Professor Gunnel Gustafsson

Professor Gunnel Gustafsson is the Director of NordForsk since 2010. NordForsk was established when she served as Deputy Director General of the Swedish Research Council. She is a professor emerita in Political Science at Umeå University where she has also served as vice rector. Her research interests are broad and include comparative governance, democracy in theory and practice, gender perspectives on politics and administration, local government reforms in the Nordic countries, and comparative political cultures.



Dr. Elizabeth Pollitzer

After graduating with a joint honors degree in Biology and Physics, Elizabeth obtained a PhD in Information Science, which led to almost 20 years teaching and researching expert system and human-computer interaction at the Department of Computing at Imperial College, London. Elizabeth has been an Academic Reviewer for the Engineering and Physical Science Research Council. She was 'bio-natural and technical' expert on the advisory panel of the EC funded meta-analysis project on gender and science research across Europe, and is currently an expert adviser on technical and policy issues for the European Commission. She co-founded and is director of Portia, a not-for-profit organization promoting gender equality in science, which led on three EC funded projects Equalitec, EU Return and genSET, and is the architect of the Gender Summit, a global platform for multi stakeholder dialogue to improve quality and equality in research.



Ms. Barbara Limanowska

Barbara Limanowska is the Senior Gender Mainstreaming Expert at the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE). Prior to this she was the Regional Gender Adviser at the Regional UNDP Office in Bratislava. In the past Barbara has served as the Director of the National Women's Information Centre in Warsaw, as a consultant on anti-trafficking for the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and as an anti-trafficking adviser to several UN and international agencies, including UNICEF, OSCE and UNDP.



Dr. Sonja Reiland

Dr. Sonja Reiland is the manager of the European coordinated project LIBRA (eu-libra.eu), unifying innovative efforts of research centers in life sciences to achieve gender equality in academia. She is a member of the international and scientific affairs team at the Centre for Genomic Regulation (CRG) Barcelona, which is committed to fostering excellence at the CRG and supporting the director through diverse institutional and strategic initiatives. Besides managing and co-coordinating LIBRA, Sonja participates in the development of institutional policies concerning Gender Equality and Open Science and promotes actively a cultural change at the CRG in these topics. She obtained her PhD in at ETH Zurich, followed by a post-doctoral experience at EMBL Heidelberg. After her career in academic research working in diverse fields of life sciences Sonja worked for BASF in Ludwigshafen as an Information Professional, supporting scientists and patent attorneys with scientific and patent information for strategic decisions.



Ambassador Maira Mora

Ambassador Maira Mora is the Director General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS Secretariat). With more than twenty years of diplomatic and foreign policy experience, Ambassador Mora is working for the 11 Member States of the CBSS alongside the European Union, coordinating the work of the organisation in line with the three CBSS long-term priorities - Regional Identity, Sustainable & Prosperous Region and Safe & Secure Region and managing the CBSS Secretariat in Stockholm. Prior to joining the CBSS, she was the Head of the EU Delegation in Belarus. As the representative of the EU, she coordinated and pursued EU policies in all areas, promoting EU principles and values, ensuring EU visibility and developing cooperation projects. Within the Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs she has held the position of Ambassador to Lithuania, to Belarus, as well as Ambassador at Large, Head of the Policy Planning Unit and Deputy Head of the Latvian Delegation to the OSCE in Vienna. She has also been Counsellor within the State Secretary's Bureau, the European Correspondent, as well as a member of the crisis control expert commission at the Latvian Prime Minister's Bureau.

Ambassador Maira Mora holds a degree from the University of Latvia, Department of Foreign Languages, and has been educated at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva and the International Security Studies College in Germany. Her expertise is linked to security policy, development and economic cooperation, as well as neighborhood policy.



Mr. Jean-David Malo

Jean-David Malo studied in the Institut National Supérieur des Sciences Economiques et Commerciales (Paris) and the University of California (Berkeley). He started his career as Head of internal control management in the Comité Professionnel de la Distribution de Carburants in France before joining ARMINES, a body managing contractual research and innovation for French engineering schools (Ecoles des Mines, Ecole Polytechnique, ENSTA, ...), where he created, developed and managed the European Affairs Directorate. He joined the European Commission in January 2001. In the Directorate General for Research, he participated actively to a number of developments on the design of funding instruments, rules for participation, funding schemes, etc., both for FP6 and FP7. From 2003 to 2006, he was the assistant of Director Robert-Jan SMITS. After heading the unit in charge of the regional aspects of FP7, i.e. the "Regions of Knowledge" and "Research Potential" programmes, from 2006 to 2010, he was managing from 2011 to 2013 a newly created unit in DG Research and Innovation, the main objective of which was to contribute to increase private finance and close market gaps in investing in research and innovation by expanding the scope and scale of existing EU innovative financial instruments (like the Risk-Sharing Finance Facility) and by developing new ones in the fields of debt (including guarantees) and equity financing, notably in the context of Horizon 2020 ("InnovFin"). The EU state aid framework, tax incentive schemes and philanthropic funding were also areas covered by the work of the unit. From 2014, this unit was also covering the SMEs dimension of Horizon 2020, including in particular EUROSTARS II and the design and coordination of the SME Instrument and the Fast Track to Innovation pilot. On February 2017 he has been appointed as Director of the Directorate in charge of "Open Innovation and Open Science". The European Innovation Council, the Pan-European Venture Capital Fund(s)-of-Funds Programme, the RDI dimension under the European Fund for Strategic Investments, the European Open Science Cloud, the long-term sustainable investments for Research Infrastructures, the monitoring of the ERA Roadmaps, etc. are among the various files he is in charge of or contributing to.



Dr. Ruth Gilligan

Ruth Gilligan is the Athena SWAN Manager at Equality Challenge Unit (ECU). Prior to joining ECU, and having completed a PhD in Chemistry at the University of Cambridge, Ruth worked in Science Foundation Ireland (SFI), working with both the policy and pre-award teams. The Athena SWAN Charter is a scheme established in 2005 to recognise excellence in women's employment in science, technology, engineering, maths and medicine (STEMM) in higher education and research. As Athena SWAN Manager, Ruth is responsible for the strategic development and operation of the Athena SWAN Charter in the UK, Republic of Ireland and Australia. She is also leading on the proposed expansion of Athena SWAN to India and Canada. Within ECU, the charter team works closely with colleagues to develop materials and guidance and to support applicants to achieve their equality and diversity objectives. In addition to engaging directly with applicants, Ruth regularly represents ECU in liaising and collaborating with professional bodies, learned societies, funders and governmental departments to further the equality and diversity agenda.



Ms. Vasiliki Moutzi

Ms. Vasiliki Moutzi is an Informatics and Communications engineer with an MSc degree at the faculty of Computing, Information Systems & Mathematics of Kingston University from London. She has been working for more than 9 years as a Project Manager for EU research projects in ViLabs (Thessaloniki, Greece) in the field of ICT. She has technically and administratively supported and also coordinated a series of projects in relation to ICT, for the provision of innovative services and products. Her experience also includes the development of competitive and market analysis, dissemination, business and deployment plans, for the actual exploitation of research results. She acquired highly specialized expertise in new information technologies, as well as managerial and communication skills by working in power management projects requiring concentrated co-operation between multiple organizations and coordinating dynamic working groups. She is coordinating H2020 CSA project EQUAL-IST aiming at introducing structural changes to enhance gender equality within Information Systems and Technology (IST) Research institutions by creating a basis for increasing the share of women on all levels in this field.



Dr. Francesca Primas

Ms. Francesca Primas is a professional astronomer at the European Southern Observatory (Munich area, Germany), the leading intergovernmental science and technology organization in astronomy. She obtained her university degree in Italy and then spent most of her PhD and first post-doctoral appointment in the USA, working at the University of Chicago. She joined ESO in 1997 as a Fellow, and then moved to a staff position in the Operations and Data Management Division. Between 2006 and 2015 she was the Head of the User Support Department; now she is Full Astronomer in the Observing Programme Office and she is the Chair of ESO Faculty. For 15 years, Francesca Primas has been involved in several initiatives (inside and outside her institute) and international working groups on gender equality, diversity and the promotion of women in astronomy. She has been a member of the American Astronomical Society Committee on the Status of Women in Astronomy, then a member and now Chair of the International Astronomical Union Working Group on Women in Astronomy. Currently, she covers various representative roles for her institute and/or for the IAU on international projects dealing with gender equality issues. This year, she was awarded the ICRAR Visiting Fellowship for Senior Women in Astronomy, in Perth (Australia).



Dr. Claartje Vinkenburg

Claartje Vinkenburg, PhD 1997, is affiliated with VU University Amsterdam as an associate professor of organizational behavior and works as an independent consultant. She studied Social Psychology at the University of Groningen. In 2000-2001, she was a visiting scholar and adjunct lecturer at Northwestern University (USA). In 2011, Claartje spent a sabbatical leave as a visiting professor at ESADE Business School in Barcelona. As managing director of the Amsterdam Center for Career Research (ACCR) at VU University Amsterdam from 2006 to 2014 Claartje was instrumental in co-creating various externally funded research projects on professional careers. Her research, partly funded by the European Research Council, deals with gender and ethnic diversity in professional and academic careers. She critically explores the impact of implicit bias, normative beliefs, and discursive practices on career systems, patterns, and outcomes to promote diversity and inclusion. Claartje teaches Diversity in Organizations (MSc HRM) and supervises PhD, MSc and BSc thesis candidates. She has written various book chapters and has published in the Academy of Management Review, the Journal of Social Issues, and the Leadership Quarterly.



Prof. Claudine Hermann

Claudine Hermann was a Professor of Physics at the Ecole Polytechnique, the most renowned French engineering school. Her research domain is Optics of solids. She is an alumna of Ecole Normale Supérieure de Jeunes Filles and her PhD (1976) is in Solid state physics. She was the first woman ever appointed Professor at Ecole Polytechnique in 1992. Since then, in addition to her activities in physics, she has been studying the situation of women scientists in Western Europe and promoting science for girls, through papers and conferences, in France and abroad. She has worked for many years in a team with the late Huguette Delavault, a retired Mathematics Professor at Paris University. Claudine Hermann was a member of the expert group that produced the so called 'ETAN report' ('Science policies in the European Union: Promoting excellence through mainstreaming gender equality') of the Directorate General Research of the European Commission on women in research in academia in Western Europe (2000). She has been one of the two French members of the group of civil servants on Women and Science at DG Research (Helsinki group) from 1999 until 2006. She is a co-founder and the first president of the association Femmes & Sciences (French Women and Science association), was vice president of European Platform of Women Scientists (EPWS) (2009-2017) and since 2017 is elected president of this prestigious European women scientist's organization. Prof. Claudine Hermann will moderate the Plenary Discussion "European Network of Organizations Performing Physics Research: a Platform for Exchange of Experience and Creation of Consensus on Implementation of Gender Equality".



Prof. Dr. Helene Götschel

From 1983 to 1990, Götschel studied physics in Hamburg and Tübingen and promoted as a social and economic historian. She also studied science, university idiocy and gender research in Tübingen and Hamburg. She held guest professorships at the Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, the Technical University Kaiserslautern and the Technical University Darmstadt. In 2015, she was appointed Maria-Goeppert-Mayer- professor for "Gender in Engineering and Computer Science" to the Hanover University of Applied Sciences. Götschel primarily deals with gender research in natural sciences and with the history of physics.



Dr. Aurelija Novelskaitė

Aurelija Novelskaitė graduated from Kaunas University of Technology with BSS in business management (1995), MSS in sociology (1997) and PhD in sociology (2003). Since then she has been studying and working as KONE fellow at Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies and as post-doctoral researcher at Swedish School of Social Sciences (University of Helsinki, Finland), as independent researcher at Institute of Sociology and Social Policy (Tartu University, Estonia) and in market research company CEMASE (Lisbon, Portugal), etc. Currently dr. A. Novelskaitė is an associate professor of Kaunas Faculty and of Gender Studies Centre of Vilnius University dr. A. Novelskaitė is a senior researcher at Institute of Sociology of Lithuanian Social Research Centre (since 2002) where she concentrates exclusively on empirical research. Since 2005 she has been initiating and leading such research projects as “Women physicians in post-soviet medicine” (2005, in cooperation with Prof. E. Riska, funded by Finnish Academy), “Lithuanian female pupils and students in exact and technological sciences” (2007-2008, funded by Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania), “Entering ERA: Social peculiarities of scientific careers in Lithuania” (2008, funded by Lithuanian State Science and Studies Foundation), “Scientific Research Ethics in Lithuania: the status analysis” (2010-2011, funded by Lithuanian Research Council), etc. Since 2002 A. Novelskaite acted as a researcher and (later) as an expert in such projects as FP6 project “Baltic states network: Women in science and high technology” (BASNET). “Young women’s empowerment for professional career during university studies in physical and technological sciences in Lithuania” (2007, funded by Lithuanian State Science and Studies Foundation), “Gender Equality Implementation in Research Institutions: Collaborative Approach – GEIRICA, funded by EEA and Norwegian grant, FP7 project “Structural change promoting gender equality in research organizations – SAPGERIC, etc.



Dr. Thomas Berghöfer

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Viktorija Vaitkevičienė graduated from Kaunas University of Technology with a master degree in industrial engineering and received her PhD degree in Materials Engineering from Kaunas University of Technology in 2004. In 2011 after two years of lecturing at Kaunas University of Technology and five years of maternity leave, she moved to Klaipėda University and started to work as a scientific manager at Coastal Research and Planning Institute. In 2015, she was appointed as director of Open Access Centre for Marine Research of Klaipėda University. As a director, she is responsible for the management of the Centre that is main developer of Marine Valley, Integrated Science, Studies and Business Centre for the Development of Lithuanian Maritime Sector. Currently, she is the Lithuanian coordinator of EU-funded BALTIC GENDER project aimed at reducing gender segregation and gender inequalities in Marine Science and Technology.



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Assoc. Prof. Dalia Satkovskiene

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Dr. Maxime Forest

Dr. Maxime Forest is a senior researcher and lecturer at Sciences Po Paris, and scientific coordinator of the EU-funded EGERA project (egera.eu). His research interests include the making and implementation of gender equality policies and strategies at the EU, national, sub-national and organizational level. He authored and co-edited books, chapters and articles and international peer-reviewed journals and publishers. Among his most recent publications, The Politics of Feminist Knowledge Transfer. Gender Training and Gender Expertise, co-edited with Maria Bustelo and Lucy Ferguson (Palgrave, 2016), and the chapter devoted with Lut Mergaert to “Integrating Gender Equality and Diversity”, in Dingwall & MacDonnell’s SAGE Handbook of Research Management (SAGE, 2015). Maxime Forest was appointed as an executive member of the French High Gender Equality Council in 2013 and 2016, and his regularly consulted by EIGE and the Council of Europe on issues relevant to the institutionalization of gender equality policies



Ms. Stefania Landi

Since 2012 Stefania Landi has been developing research activities in the field of architectural conservation, publishing scientific articles, participating in international conferences and spending research periods abroad (Los Angeles, Getty Conservation Institute). In 2017, she obtained her doctoral degree in Architectural Restoration at the University of Pisa, School of Engineering. Currently, she is involved in the TRIGGER project because she has obtained a research grant aimed to focus on the rehabilitation and humanization of the historic hospitals in a gender-sensitive perspective.



Dr. Agneta Nestenborg

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