



Symposium Programme

Saturday 21 April 2012 – Háskólatorg HT105

08:30-09:00: Registration.

09:00-11:00: Opening Session:

Chair: **Póra Kristín Þórsdóttir**, Researcher, EDDA – Center of Excellence.

- 09:15-09:30: Welcome address: **Irma Erlingsdóttir**, Director of EDDA – Center of Excellence.
- 09:30-10:15: Keynote: **Francesca Bettio**, Professor, University of Siena: *Crisis and recovery in Europe. The labour market impact on men and women.*
- 10:15-11:00: Keynote: **Jacqueline O'Reilly**, Professor, Brighton Business School: *Challenging the gender contract: Interdependency, conflict and control.*

11:00-11:15: *Coffee break*

11:15-12:15: Policies and Alternatives:

Chair: **Colette Fagan**, Professor, University of Manchester.

- **Diane Perrons**, Professor, London School of Economics: *Gender, inequality and the crisis: Restoring the balance between state and market.*
- **Paola Villa**, Professor, University of Trento, and **Mark Smith**, Associate Professor, École de Management, Grenoble: *European employment strategy and gender equality in times of recession.*

12:15-13:30: *Lunch*

13:30-15:00: Country Experiences 1:

Chair: **Maria Karamessini**, Associate Professor, Panteion University.

- **Jill Rubery** Professor and **Anthony Rafferty**, Lecturer, Manchester Business School: *Gender, recession and austerity: Recent labour market developments in the UK.*
- **Randy Albelda**, Professor, University of Massachusetts, Boston: *Gender impacts of the "Great Recession" in the United States.*
- **Ursula Barry** Senior Lecturer, School of Social Justice and **Pauline Conroy**, Ph.D., University College, Dublin: *Ireland: The untold story of the crisis – gender, equality and new inequalities.*

15:00-15:15: *Coffee break*

15:15-16:45: Iceland in Recession 1:

Chair: **Stefán Ólafsson**, Professor, University of Iceland.

- **Anna Karlsdóttir**, Assistant Professor, University of Iceland: *Facing perplexity! Gender and visions of the future in coastal communities in Iceland before and after the financial collapse.*
- **Stefán Einar Stefánsson**, President of the Commercial and Office Workers' Union (VR): *Recession and equal pay.*
- **Ingólfur V. Gíslason**, Associate Professor, University of Iceland: *Changes in parental leave.*
- **Guðrún Hannesdóttir**, Independent Researcher: *Welfare and quality of life: Gender and disability pensioners in Iceland.*

16:45-17:45: Round Table Discussions: The Recession in Iceland and its Effects on Women:

Chair: **Annadís G. Rúdólfssdóttir**, Studies Director of the GEST Programme.

- **Eva Bjarnadóttir**, Coauthor of the Well-being Watch's Report on Women and Recession in Iceland, *Konur í Kreppu*.
- **Ingibjörg Broddadóttir**, Senior Advisor at the Ministry of Welfare and the Well-being Watch.
- **Steinunn Gyðu- og Guðjónsdóttir**, Project Manager, Stígamót, Education and Counseling Center for Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Violence.
- **Guðlaug Kristjánsdóttir**, President of BHM – Association of Academics.
- **Sabine Leskopf**, Board member of Women of Multicultural Ethnicity Network – W.O.M.E.N. in Iceland.

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10:00-12:00: Country Experiences 2:

Chair: **Jill Rubery**, Professor, Manchester Business School.

- **Virginia Ferreira**, Assistant Professor, University of Coimbra: *Crisis and employment, welfare and gender regime changes in Portugal*.
- **Elvira Gonzalez Gago**, Production Director, Centro de Estudios Económicos Tomillo, Madrid: *The gender impact of the economic crisis and of the ongoing policies*.
- **Alina Verashchagina**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow and **Marina Capparucci**, Professor, Sapienza University of Rome: *Living through the crisis in Italy. Labour market experience of men and women*.
- **Maria Karamessini**, Associate Professor, Panteion University: *Structural crisis and adjustment in Greece: Labour market effects by gender and changes in the gendered division of paid work*.

12:00-13:15: *Lunch*

13:15-14:15: Iceland in Recession 2:

Chair: **Anna Karlsdóttir**, Assistant Professor, University of Iceland.

- **Arnaldur Sölvi Kristjánsson**, Researcher, Social Research Center, University of Iceland: *Gender pay gap in Iceland: Development and European comparisons*.
- **Póra Kristín Þórsdóttir**, Ph.D. Student, University of Manchester, Researcher, EDDA – Center of Excellence: *Women, men and the Icelandic labour market in recession and recovery*.
- **Ásta Snorradóttir**, Ph.D. Student, University of Iceland: *The distress of bankers during economic recession*.

14:15-15:00: Keynote: Jill Rubery, Professor, Manchester Business School: From women and recession to women and austerity: Some reflections on the conference contributions.

15:00-15:30: Closing Remarks

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