

THE JUDGE IS A WOMAN

The desire to organise a symposium on the theme 'gender and judging' stems from two premises.

First, it has been noted that there are gender-related legal requirements for the appointment of judges to some national and international courts. But while the importance and legitimacy of a gender diverse judiciary has been the subject of research and debate in the common law world since the late 1970s, it has not been explored in the Romano-Germanic world, at least in the French-speaking countries. The symposium therefore proposes to address the reality of, the impact of and justifications for gender diversity on the Bench from the perspectives of the common law, the Romano-Germanic systems, and international courts.



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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

REALITY, IMPACT AND JUSTIFICATION

FOR GENDER DIVERSITY ON THE BENCH

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7.11

OPENING SESSION

9.00 : Registration and coffee

9.30 : **Annemie Schaus** (Vice-Rector of the ULB)

› Mot de bienvenue

9.40 : **Adélaïde Remiche** (ULB)

› Introduction générale

SESSION 1 : TAKING STOCK OF GENDER IN THE JUDICIARY

- WHERE ARE THE WOMEN?

10.15 : **Anne Boigeol** (Institut des sciences sociales et du politique/Ecole normale supérieure de Cachan)

› D'un déséquilibre à l'autre: la balance des sexes dans la magistrature française et ses enjeux

10.40 : **Pascale Vielle** (Université catholique de Louvain)

› La présence des femmes dans la magistrature belge

11.05 : Coffee

11.30 : **Kate Malleson** (Queen Mary, University of London)

› The presence of women in the British judiciary

11.55 : **Arvind Agrawal** (Central University of Himachal Pradesh)

› The presence of women in the Indian judiciary

12.20 : Lunch

13.50 : **Judith Resnik** (Yale Law School)

› Representing justice: women, judging, and justice in the United States

14.15 : **Nienke Grossman** (University of Baltimore)

› The paucity of women judges on international courts

14.40 : Coffee

15.05 : Roundtable chaired by

David Paternotte (ULB), With **Danièle Meulders** (Ulb),

Michel Pasteel (Institut pour l'égalité des femmes et des hommes), **Alison Woodward** (Vrije Universiteit Brussel),

Bérengère Marques-Pereira (ULB)

16.05 : Discussion with the audience

8.11

SESSION 2 : GENDER EQUALITY, GENDER DIVERSITY

- A CONDITION OF LEGITIMACY FOR THE JUDICIARY?

9.00 : **Anne Lagerwall** (ULB)

› Résumé de la première journée

9.20 : **Ulrike Schultz** (Fern Universität in Hagen)

› Equal opportunities and women's advancement in the judiciary – the example of Germany (as a country with a civil law tradition)

9.45 : **Sally Kenney** (Tulane University)

› Making the case for women judges: which arguments work best

10.10 : **Françoise Tulkens** (former Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights, President of the King Baudouin Foundation)

› The argument of gender diversity as a condition of legitimacy of international courts

10.35 : Coffee

11.05 : Roundtable chaired by **Julie Allard** (ULB),

With **Julien Pieret** (Université du Québec à Montréal),

Jacques Commaille (Institut des sciences sociales et du politique/Ecole normale supérieure de Cachan),

Sabine de Béthune (President of the Belgian Senate)

12.05 : Discussion with the audience

12.45 : Lunch

SESSION 3 : THE IMPACT OF GENDER ON THE BENCH.

DO WOMEN JUDGES MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

14.05 : **Laura Hilly** (University of Oxford)

› 'Experienced justice': gendered experiential knowledge and judging

14.30 : **Marie-Claire Belleau** (Université Laval) & **Rebecca Johnson** (University of Victoria)

› Jugeonsle genre à la Cour suprême du Canada: Les femmes juges feront-elles une différence?

I Judging gender at the Supreme Court of Canada: Have women judges made a difference?

14.55 : **Caroline Simon** (ULB)

› Le juge belge est une femme: Et alors?

15.20 : Coffee

15.50 : **Thomas Léonard** (Université Lille II)

› Les jugements devant le tribunal correctionnel en France selon le sexe des magistrats

16.15 : Table ronde présidée par **Barbara Truffin** (ULB),

avec **Erika Rackley** (Durham University),

Paul Martens (former President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium),

Nicole Gallus (ULB)

17.15 : Discussion with the audience

CLOSING SESSION

18.00 : **Baroness Hale of Richmond** (Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom)

& **Susanne Baer** (Justice of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany)

› General conclusions