



On the occasion of the

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

The Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Vienna and partners
invite you to the

SYMPOSIUM

“Forced Marriages and Violence against Women in the Migrant Community

The Istanbul Convention: A Model Treaty to Stop Violence Against Women”

25 November 2013, 9 am - 4 pm

Vienna International Center (VIC), Wagramer Strasse 5, 1220 Vienna
Multi Media Room, G 0545

PROGRAMME

- 8.30 - 9.00 **Arrival of participants**
- 9.15 - 9.45 **Welcome remarks**
Gilka MELENDEZ, Alternate Ambassador of the Dominican Republic,
Permanent Representative to UN in Vienna
Barbara PRAMMER, President of the National Council of Austria (video
message)
- Keynote speeches**
Ines STILLING, Head of Section Women and Equality, Austrian Ministry for
Women and the Civil Service

9.45 – 11.00: Child Marriages – Key Findings and Implications for Policy

Chair: Ayoob M. ERFANI, Ambassador of Afghanistan, Permanent Representative to UN in Vienna

Video shown on child/forced marriages

- Edilberto LOAIZA, UNFPA
- Adwoa KUFUOR, Women Human Rights and Gender Section Research, OHCHR
- Francesca MONETI, UNICEF (video message)
- Serin DUZDAR, Orient Express
- Somah IBRAHIMI, Journalist from Afghanistan
- Massouda JALAL, Jalal Foundation (video message)

11.00 – 11.30: Discussion

11.30 – 11.45: Coffee Break

11.45 – 13.00: Violence against Migrant Women – Dimensions in Europe

Chair: Barbara HOFMANN, Renner-Institute

- Alev KORUN, Member of the Austrian Parliament, Green Party
- Barbara STELMASZEK, WAVE Vienna
- Sylvia LÖW, Frauenhäuser Wien
- Evelyn PROBST, LEFÖ
- Sue Le MESURIER, International Federation for Red Cross, Geneva

13.00 – 13.30: Discussion

13.30 – 14.30: Lunch break

14.30 – 15.45: The Istanbul Convention – Objectives and Implementation:

Chair: Dubravka SIMONOVIC, Ambassador of Croatia, Permanent Representative to UN in Vienna

- Feride ACAR, CEDAW Committee Member, Dep. of Political Science
- Vanja MACANOVIC, Autonomous Women's Center Belgrade
- Mendes BOTA, Council of Europe (video message)

15.45 – 16.15: Discussion

16.15 – 16.30: Coffee break

16.30 – 17.45: The Dissemination of the Istanbul Convention among Members of the Council of Europe and Beyond

Chair: Her Royal Highness, Princess Bajrakitiyabha MAHIDOL of Thailand

- Gisela WURM, Council of Europe Parl. Ass., Rep. in National Council
- Christine STIX-HACKL, Ambassador of Austria, Permanent Representative to UN in Vienna (tbc)
- Claudia BARONI, UNODC
- Lilly SUCHARIPA, President of Austrian National Committee for UN Women
- Liri Kopaçi-Di MICHELE, Head of Gender Equality and Violence against Women Division, Council of Europe

17.45 – 18.15: Discussion