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Biographies

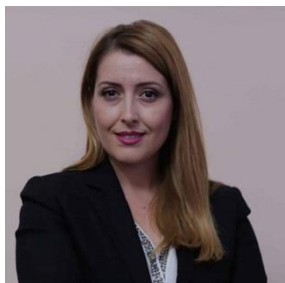
High Level Opening

Sauli Niinistö, President of Finland



Sauli Niinistö is the 12th President of the Republic of Finland. He was appointed on 1 March 2012 and was re-elected for another six-year term in January 2018. Sauli Niinistö began his political career in 1977 when he was elected to the Town Council of Salo. He continued to hold elected posts in local government until the 1990s. Sauli Niinistö was first elected to Parliament in 1987. His elected posts while in Parliament included chairing the Constitutional Law Committee. In 1995, he was appointed Minister of Justice and Deputy Prime Minister. Reshuffled to the Ministry of Finance in 1996, he eventually became Finland's longest-serving Minister of Finance to date. In addition to his political activities in Finland, he was the Chairman of the European Democrat Union (EDU) from 1998 to 2002. In 2003, Sauli Niinistö took up the post of Vice President of the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg. His purview included R&D funding and funding activities in the Nordic countries and Russia, and he was also chairman of the Northern Dimension Partnership Programme. He has also been a Member and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and a Member of the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC).

Ogerta Manastirliu, Minister of Health and Social Welfare of Albania



Ms. Ogerta Manastirliu is the Minister of Health and Social Welfare of Albania since 2017. She was elected as Deputy/Member of the Albanian Parliament in 2017. Prior to this, she has directed the "Mother Theresa" University Hospital Center in Tirana from September 2013 to March 2017. In the period of 2011-2013, she has been engaged as an expert in managing and coordinating social and human resources policies for various national and international organizations, such as UNFPA and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. During 2005-2011, she headed the Housing and Social Services Directorate. In this assignment, Ms. Manastirliu has been one of the main contributors to the design and implementation of the "Local Housing Strategy". She started her professional career in 2004 in the Municipality of Tirana, initially in the Project Coordination Directorate. Since 2009, she has been engaged as an external pedagogue at the Faculty of Natural Sciences. Mrs. Manastirliu holds the title of "Doctor of Science" in "Analytical Chemistry and Environment". She studied at the University of Tirana, at the Faculty of Natural Science (department of General Chemistry) where she was graduated and received the title "Master in Science". Born in Tirana on December 31, 1978, she is married and is a mother of two daughters.

Ambassador Kelley Currie, Ambassador at-Large of the United States for Global Women's Issues



Ambassador Currie was appointed Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues by President Donald Trump in December 2019. She serves simultaneously as the U.S. Representative at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Prior to her appointment, she led the Department of State's Office of Global Criminal Justice (2019) and served under Ambassador Nikki Haley as the United States' Representative to the UN Economic and Social Council and Alternative Representative to the UN General Assembly (2017-2018). Throughout her career in foreign policy, Ambassador Currie has specialized in human rights, political reform, development and humanitarian issues, with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region. From 2009 until her appointment to the USUN leadership, she served as a Senior Fellow with the Project 2049 Institute. She has held senior policy positions with the Department of State, the U.S. Congress, and several international and non-governmental human rights and humanitarian organizations. Ambassador Currie received a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center, and an undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Georgia's School of Public and International Affairs.

Åsa Regnér, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director UN Women



Ms. Åsa Regnér serves as Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women since May 2018. Ms. Regnér served since 2014 as Minister for Children, the Elderly and Gender Equality of Sweden, where she focused on concrete results in the implementation of Swedish gender equality policies, the prevention of violence against women and the involvement of men and boys in gender equality work. She has extensive experience in the area of gender equality and women’s empowerment, having held various leadership positions in government, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and the United Nations. She has led important processes and campaigns as a leading advocate for feminism and gender equality in Sweden and beyond. She has built and managed strong partnerships with a range of key stakeholders, including women’s movements and civil society, both at the global and in country contexts. She previously served as UN Women Country Director in Bolivia (2013-2014) and Secretary-General of Riksförbundet för sexuell upplysning, Swedish International Planned Parenthood Federation branch. She also served as Director of Planning, Ministry of Justice (2004-2006) and as Political Adviser in the Prime Minister’s Office (1999-2004). She began her career in women’s rights as a volunteer for a Swedish NGO in La Paz, Bolivia (1990-1991) and moved to the Ministry of Labour working on Gender and labour market issues for several years in the 1990s. Ms. Regnér holds a master’s degree in Democratic Development from Uppsala University. Born in 1964, she has two children.

Ambassador Tuula Yrjölä, Officer-in-Charge/Secretary General, Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Center, Deputy Head of the OSCE Secretariat



Ambassador Tuula Yrjölä is Officer-in-Charge/Secretary General of the OSCE since 18 July 2020. At the same time, she serves as Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre and Deputy Head of the OSCE Secretariat since February 2020. Before joining the OSCE Secretariat, she was Ambassador for Democratic and Effective Societies at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in Helsinki. Ambassador Yrjölä’s previous experience with the OSCE comes from Tajikistan, where she was Head of the Programme Office in Dushanbe in 2016-2018. With over 30 years of experience in the Finnish diplomatic service, thirteen of that on Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia, she has previously served as Roving Ambassador to Central Asia and Ambassador of Finland to Egypt and Sudan. Other postings include Kyiv and New York.

Katarzyna Gardapkhadze, First Deputy Director/Director's Alternate of ODIHR



Katarzyna Gardapkhadze is the First Deputy Director of ODIHR, where she oversees activities of the Election, Democratization, Human Rights, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination, and Roma and Sinti Programmes. Prior to her current appointment in August 2016, she was the Head of ODIHR's Human Rights Department. Ms. Gardapkhadze is an expert in strategic planning and change management, conflict resolution and mediation, with a thematic expertise in human and children rights and gender equality. She has more than 20 years of professional experience from Poland, the United States, Western Balkans, the South Caucasus and Central Asia. In 2003-2011, Ms. Gardapkhadze led conflict resolution, human rights and child/social welfare reform programs in the South Caucasus, also advising similar programs in Central Asia. In 2000 – 2002, she managed initiatives focused on human rights, minorities and interethnic dialogue in Western Balkans. Fluent in Polish, English and Russian, Ms. Gardapkhadze holds a Master's Degree in social sciences.

Ambassador Igli Hassani, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Albania to the OSCE



Ambassador Igli Hasani was appointed Permanent Representative of the Republic of Albania to the OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna in February 2018. On January 2020, under the Albanian OSCE Chairmanship, Ambassador Hasani assumed the position of the Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council. During 2019, as part of OSCE Troika, he was Chair of the Mediterranean Contact Group. He has extensive experience in international security and has contributed to the shaping of the security and defence policy package of the Republic of Albania. He has 17 years of experience at the Albanian Ministry of Defence in various management roles, including as Secretary General (2017-2018), Director General for Defence Policy (2015-2017), Director of NATO and Foreign Relations (2013-2014), Director of Euro-Atlantic Integrations (2013-2014) as well as director of the Press and Information, Policy and Media and Legal Affairs. Prior to his career at the Ministry of Defence, he worked as a journalist and editor for several newspapers and TV stations in Albania. Ambassador Hasani holds degrees in Law, Sociology and Philosophy from the University of Tirana, a Master in International Relations from King's College London, and is also a graduate of the Royal College of Defence Studies.

Review of Implementation OSCE Commitments

Ambassador Florian Rauning, Permanent Representative of Austria



Ambassador Florian Rauning is an Austrian career diplomat, well-versed in bilateral and multilateral diplomacy, inner state relations and development co-operation. He served as Head of the Task Force of the 2017 Austrian Chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). Since the end of 2018, he holds the position of Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE. He started his career in 1996 in Elbasan, Albania as a University lecturer, after which he joined the OSCE Presence in Albania for the first time in 1997. In 1998, he reopened and headed the Austrian Development Co-operation Office in Tirana and established in parallel the Austrian Co-operation Office in Skopje. From 2000 to 2002, Mr Rauning was a programme manager for local development at the Delegation of the European Commission in Tirana. In 2002, he entered the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, serving in Vienna and Ljubljana. Then, in 2004, Mr Rauning joined the newly founded Austrian Development Agency in Vienna. Closely thereafter, he served in the branch office of the Austrian Embassy Belgrade in Podgorica, which became the Austrian Embassy in Montenegro after the independence of the country. He served as Austrian Ambassador to Montenegro (2007-2009) and to Albania (2009-2013), and as the Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania (2013-2016). Rauning studied political science, philosophy and law and graduated at the University of Vienna. He speaks German, Albanian, English, French, Italian and Montenegrin.

Ambassador Melanne Vermeer, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Gender Issues



Ambassador Vermeer is the Executive Director of the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security and the Special Representative on Gender Issues for the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office. Ambassador Vermeer previously served as the first U.S. Ambassador for Global Women’s Issues, a position to which she was nominated by President Obama in 2009. She coordinated foreign policy issues and activities relating to the political, economic and social advancement of women, traveling to nearly sixty countries. She played a leadership role in the Administration’s development of the U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security. From 2000-2008, she was the Chair and Co-CEO of Vital Voices Global Partnership, an international NGO that she co-founded to invest in emerging women leaders. During the Clinton administration, she served as Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady.

Amarsanaa Darisuren, Senior Gender Advisor, OSCE Secretariat Gender Issues Programme



Ms. Amarsanaa Darisuren is the Senior Advisor on Gender Issues at the OSCE Secretariat. She has 25+ years' work experience in promoting gender equality at national and international levels. Having worked on a broad range of issues related gender equality, she focused on mainstreaming gender equality in sustainable development, law and policy reform and in developing practical strategies for the elimination of discrimination against women, combatting gender-based violence, economic and political empowerment of disadvantaged groups of women and promoting women, peace and security agenda.

Prior to joining the OSCE, Ms. Darisuren worked for the UN Women where she managed large scale programmes on the implementation of the Convention on Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), provided technical advice to governments, inter-governmental bodies, supported advocacy of civil society organizations and facilitated multi-stakeholder dialogues. As a trainer and facilitator, she specializes in capacity development of government and civil society actors.

Women's Participation in Political and Public Life

Ajla van Heel Merdanovic, Adviser on Gender Issues, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)



Ajla van Heel Merdanovic serves as Adviser on Gender Issues at the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in Warsaw. Her work focuses on advancing women to politics, working with parliaments, political parties, and women leaders across the OSCE region. Previously, she worked with the International Organisation for Migration and United Nations Development Programme in Western Balkans as well as in the consulting industry in New York. Originally a refugee girl from Sarajevo and later a Princeton University graduate, Ajla is a passionate human rights advocate whose efforts to advance peace and women's rights were awarded by the British Royal Family, Rotary International, and Zonta Women's Clubs.

Dr Hedy Fry, Special Representative on Gender Issues of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Member of Parliament of Canada



The Honourable Hedy Fry, P.C., M.P., was appointed the OSCE PA's Special Representative on Gender Issues in 2010. As Special Representative, Fry follows the gender situation in the OSCE area and within the Organization. She regularly reports to the Assembly to keep the gender issue high on the agenda of OSCE parliamentarians. Dr. Fry was first elected to the Canadian parliament from Vancouver-Centre in 1993. From 1996 to 2002, she served as Canada's Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and the Status of Women. Prior to being elected to Parliament, Fry was well known in Canada as a panellist on the long-running national CBC television programme "Doctor, Doctor." She previously practiced family medicine.

Senator Tanzila Narbaeva, Chairperson of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan



Ms. Narbaeva is the Chairperson of the Senate of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Head of the National Anti-Trafficking Commission, National Commission on Gender Equality, and National Anti-corruption Council. She previously served as the Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan and the Chairperson of the Women's Committee from 2016 to 2019. Prior to this, Ms. Narbaeva held various high-level positions within the Department for Education, Health and Social Protection of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Additionally, Ms. Narbaeva chaired the Council of the Federation of Trade Unions from 2010 to 2016. Ms. Narbaeva led the National Coordination Council for the Elimination of Child and Forced Labor. Under Ms. Narbaeva's leadership, a number of laws have been adopted to toughen the punishment for forced labor, and Uzbekistan joined the ILO conventions on freedom of association and tripartite consultation, etc. In 2019, Tanzila Narbaeva was recognized as the most active statesperson of Uzbekistan. Ms. Narbaeva has acquired more than 40 years' experience in the fields of education and social protection.

Dr Damir Arnaut, Member of the House of Representatives of the Bosnia and Herzegovina's Parliamentary Assembly and member of parliamentary Gender Equality Committee



Damir Arnaut (Sarajevo, 1975), B.A., M.A., and Juris Doctor (2002) from the University of California, Berkeley, where he held various Teaching Assistant and Editor positions. Having passed the New York State Bar, he worked as an attorney in Washington between 2002 and 2006. Upon returning to Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) at the end of 2006, he served as an Adviser to a Member of the BiH Presidency and as Ambassador of BiH to Australia and New Zealand. He also was a university lecturer and legal practitioner in front of the European Court of Human Rights. Since 2014, he is a Member of the House of Representatives of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly, among others, currently serving as a member of the Gender Equality Committee.

Women's Participation in the Security Sector

Lena Kvarving, Lt Col/Norwegian Armed Forces, OSCE Gender Adviser



Kvarving is currently seconded from Norway as a gender adviser to OSCE until next year. She previously worked as Head teacher for UN Operations at the NDUC and military Senior Staff Officer at the Norwegian Defence Staff on equality, diversity and gender perspectives (WPS agenda), Leader of the Gender Project, and various military positions in Norway, USA and Afghanistan. In addition to her military higher education and training, she holds a Master degree from London MET, comparing the work for equal opportunities in the EU and the Council of Europe, and a PhD in political Science from University of Oslo. Her doctoral thesis revealed cultural, structural and functional factors that prevent or promote implementation of UNSCR 1325 in the Norwegian Armed Forces and NATO. She has lead a refugee centre for Norwegian People's Aid, and published and lectured widely internationally in cooperation with NGOs, IGOs and international security organizations. Kvarving has supported the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs with her expertise i.e. China, Lithuania, and in the Human Rights Dialogue with Indonesia. She has been a Steering Committee member of the Nordic Centre for Gender in Military Operations (NCGM) and Norwegian delegate to NATO Committee on Gender Perspectives for several years.

Callum Watson, Project Coordinator, DCAF Gender and Security Division



Callum Watson is a project coordinator for the Gender and Security Division at DCAF – Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance. In this role, he works with security and justice actors on the integration of a gender perspective into their activities, with a view to promoting good security sector governance. Most recently, he has been working on the development and implementation of a methodology to identify barriers to the deployment of women in peace operations in eight pilot countries, within the framework of the Elsie Initiative for Women in Peace Operations. In the past, Callum has worked extensively with judges and prosecutors in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ukraine on addressing gender bias, specifically in relation to domestic violence and sexual and gender-based harassment. He also collaborates with NATO and national armed forces on teaching gender in the military, by both delivering workshops and developing educational resources. He regularly receives requests to deliver SSR-related training sessions for national and international civil servants, for example through the UK Stabilisation Unit, UNODC and the EU Delegation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. His research at DCAF has a particular focus on men and masculinities. Callum has a master's degree in international affairs from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva and an undergraduate degree in international relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Nino Lomjaria, the Public Defender (Ombudsperson) of Georgia



Ms. Nino Lomjaria has been the Public Defender of Georgia since 2017. She previously served as the First Deputy Auditor General in the State Audit Office of Georgia and as the Secretary-General of the European Network of Election Observer Organizations. Ms. Lomjaria also held the position of Executive Director of the International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED). She was awarded the title of the Human Rights Activist of 2014 for her activism and advocacy campaign to promote and protect human rights with a focus on electoral rights, women’s rights, fight against femicide, women’s political participation, etc. In addition, Ms. Lomjaria was named ‘Woman Leader of the Year in Government’ in 2019 at the Annual Conference on Women's Role in Economic Growth and Development of Reforms.

Mimi Kodheli, Chairperson of the Committee for Foreign Policy, Albanian Parliament



Ms. Mimi Kodheli is Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee at the Parliament of the Republic of Albania since September 2017. She was Minister of Defence of the Republic of Albania between 2013 and 2017. Ms. Kodheli entered politics in 2002, when she became Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Tirana. In 2005, she was appointed Prefect of the Tirana County and was elected Member of Parliament in 2009, holding the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Economy and Finance Committee during the whole legislation. Since 2007, she is a member of the Headship of the Socialist Party. She has participated in a program of the U.S. State Department, “Women in Politics”, and in the “National Security Policy” of the European Security Centre, Marshall. Mrs. Kodheli is a Doctorate in Economic Science at the University of Verona (Italy) in cooperation with the University of Tirana since 2007. She has a master degree in Public Administration from the Lincoln

University (Nebraska, USA) in cooperation with the University of Tirana, and graduated in Finance from the University of Tirana in 1986. She has studied in various fields such as, international markets, bond and assets, work and investment markets, trainings on small and medium enterprises and banking management. Ms. Mimi Kodheli was born in Tirana, on September 11, 1964. She is married with Leka and they have a son, Mikel. Mrs. Kodheli speaks fluently English and Italian, and knows French and Spanish language.

Women's Economic Empowerment

Ambassador John MacGregor, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan



John MacGregor, originally from Vancouver and Canadian former naval officer, was appointed OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan by the OSCE German Chairmanship in May 2016. Prior to this, he served as Deputy Head of the OSCE Centre in Bishkek from 2013, and spent two years as acting Deputy Head of the OSCE Office in Baku. Having served more than three years, Ambassador MacGregor is the longest serving Canadian Head of Field Operation in the history of the OSCE. In connection with the Nation Day celebrations on 1st September 2019, he was personally awarded with the State Award for “Friendship” (Do’stlik) by the President of Uzbekistan. MacGregor is married, with two children and two grandchildren. He speaks French and is able to deliver speeches in Azerbaijani, Kyrgyz, and Uzbek languages.

Carlien Scheele, Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality



Carlien Scheele is the Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) in Vilnius, Lithuania. EIGE is the only European Union agency focusing exclusively on gender equality. By providing reliable and policy-oriented research, it supports the EU and its Member States to strengthen the promotion of gender equality. At EIGE’s helm since February 2020, she oversees the Institute’s strategic programmes of activities and budgets. Ms Scheele aims to cement EIGE’s position as the EU’s knowledge centre on gender equality and deepen collaboration within and beyond Europe. Before taking up her post at EIGE, Ms Scheele worked as a Senior Gender Equality Adviser/Senior Human Resources Adviser in the Council of Europe, seconded from the Dutch government. Previously, she worked as the Director for Gender and LGBT Equality for the Dutch government, where she coordinated the national gender and LGBT equality policies.

Žydrūnė Vitaitė, Co-founder of „Women Go Tech” (Lithuania)



Žydrūnė Vitaitė’s work experiences include business development and operations in technological companies and leadership roles in both business and NGOs. She is currently working as Head of Sales at ELDES (engineering company in security industry) and is the Co-founder of Women Go Tech initiative – first mentorship program in Lithuania to encourage women to choose their career in ICT and engineering. The program is supervised by the President of Lithuania Dalia Grybauskaitė and supported by international corporations such as Google. Žydrūnė Vitaitė is also experienced in concept development and agenda building for local and international conferences, and has participated as speaker in local and global events on topics of women empowerment, gender equality, women in tech, men’s role in gender equality, community building and youth engagement. To find out more about „Women Go Tech”, please check out: www.womengotech.lt

Lazzat Ramzanova, Chair of the National Commission for Women, Family and Demographic Policy under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan



Ms Ramzanova is the Chairperson of the National Commission for Women, Family and Demographic Policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and Chairperson of the Council of Business Women of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan "Atameken". Overall, she has 26 years-length of service.

Closing Session

Ambassador Luca Fratini, Director, Office of the OSCE Secretary General



Ambassador Luca Fratini is a diplomat from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy. He started his diplomatic career in 1992 and served in many countries on many continents, and the international multilateral environment. Since February 2020, Ambassador Fratini holds the position of Director of the Office of the Secretary General of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Secretariat in Vienna. He has held, *inter alia*, the position of Consul in Locarno (Switzerland); Deputy Ambassador in Harare (Zimbabwe) and Rabat (Morocco); Deputy Head of the Near East Department at the MFA; Head of the Political and Press Office in Paris (France); Ambassador of Italy to Ghana and Togo. From 2013 to 2016, he served as Deputy Permanent Representative to Rome-based UN Agencies. From 2017 to 2019, Ambassador Fratini was Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE in Vienna and Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee during the Italian Chairmanship in 2018. In 2019, he was appointed by the Slovak Chairmanship as Chair of the Informal Working Group on Civil Society Participation to OSCE events. He holds a degree in Economics (cum laude) from the LUISS University of Rome. He has been speaker and moderator in a number of international conferences.

Ambassador Ulrika Funered, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the OSCE



Ambassador Ulrika Funered has been Sweden's Head of Delegation to the OSCE in Vienna since September 2017. Previously, Ambassador Funered served as Deputy Head of Mission at the Swedish Embassy in London. She has also served as Counsellor at Sweden's Permanent Representation to the European Union in Brussels as well as Senior Adviser at the International Department of the Swedish Riksdag.

İlayda Eskitaşcioğlu, Member of the UN Women's Generation Equality Youth task force



İlayda Eskitaşcioğlu is a human rights lawyer and a PhD student researching on international human rights law at Koç University in İstanbul, Turkey. She is an attorney at Ankara Bar Association, and currently a fellow at the UNESCO Chair for Gender Equality and Sustainable Development. She founded an NGO named We Need to Talk in 2016, which aims to fight against period poverty and period stigma in Turkey. We Need to Talk team provides sanitary products to three vulnerable target groups: seasonal agricultural workers, refugees and pre-teens who are going to school in remote rural areas and tries to start an honest and open conversation around menstruation in the Middle East. İlayda is a proud G(irls)20 Ambassador. She represented Turkey at the G(irls)20 Summit 2016 in Beijing. She was selected as one of Turkey's Change makers in 2020, as a member of the Beijing +25 Global Youth Task Force led by UN Women, and most recently as one of the 17 Young Leaders for Sustainable Development Goals, endorsed by the United Nations. She is academically interested in gender equality, business and human rights, women's sexual and reproductive rights, international human rights law, climate justice and child labour.

Bernhard Gollob, founder, HeForShe Graz (Austria)



Bernhard Gollob is the founder of HeForShe Graz and member of UN Women Austria. He is the co-founder of the Orange the World campaign in Austria, which started 2017 in Graz. In 2019, more than 130 institutions all over Austria supported the campaign. Bernhard studied law in Graz and is currently post-graduate student at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna. He considers himself as feminist.