



Invitation

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Budapest cordially invites you to a round-table discussion within the framework of its regional programme called "Gender equality in East-Central Europe" on

Dialogue on gender equality: Motherhood in the discourse about women's roles in society

In the past months [we discussed](#) political mobilisations in France, Poland, Slovakia against what some groups call "[gender ideology](#)". During the controversial but respectful events with representatives of conservative and human rights based women's associations and religious groups the demand and the hope for a [dialogue on gender issues](#) were articulated. With our present forum we would like to continue and deepen the dialogue between different actors concerned by women's position in the democratic society.

How do we define motherhood in the context of gender roles? What does it mean from the point of view of different political and religious backgrounds, for policy or for feminist approaches? What are the different views on the societal challenges related to motherhood, including possibilities of natural birth, labour market and pay issues, specific needs of single mothers? Can we speak about motherhood without including fatherhood? Are there aspects of gender equality which are important to all of us? How can we stand up against polarisation and for dignity and dialogue?

We kindly invite you to discuss these and other related questions together with experts from the Estonia, Poland and Hungary.

2 October 2014, 4pm – 8pm

Venue: Hotel Mercure Korona

Budapest V., Kecskeméti utca 14.

Participation is free of charge but requires registration by September 28th at [this link](#). For the registration please indicate your affiliation and position.

The facebook event page of the forum is [here](#).

With regard to those who would not be able to participate in working hours we scheduled the forum for the evening. If required we can offer child-care free of charge during the event. In that case registrations are requested by 25 September.



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Programme

Chair

Andrea Pető, Associate Professor, Department of Gender Studies, CEU, Budapest

Opening remarks

Eszter Kováts, Project leader, "Gender Equality in East-Central Europe", FES

Inputs

Family values and changes in attitude towards having children

Zsuzsanna Gerberné Farkas, expert of mental hygiene, organization developer, former president of the Hungarian Women's Alliance

Changes in family models and motherhood in society

Olga Tóth, sociologist, Senior Research Fellow, Sociological Institute, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Discussion

Coffee break

Motherhood and reproductive medicine: legal and bioethical questions

Ágnes Dósa, Institute for Legal Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Natural birth, home birth – an issue outside the usual division lines? New legal changes in Estonia

Ingrid Kaoküla, Estonian Midwives' Association

The role of the state in support of motherhood

Dorottya Szikra, social policy expert, University ELTE

Reclaiming motherhood for the feminism

Renata Hryciuk, anthropologist, Warsaw University

Discussion

Finger buffet

English-Hungarian interpretation is provided.