



Invitation

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

Gender Equality – a “competitive advantage”?

“Labour market participation of women boosts the GDP”, “we need to better use human resources of women”, “equality pays off.” Such statements are often used in order to “sell” gender equality to business and politics. However, should feminists argue in the framework of economic thinking? At the same time, the individual responsibility of women is often overemphasised, and the systemic relations that women’s possibilities are embedded in and constrained by are not discussed or understood, except in the framework of stereotypes and discrimination. Also, economics pervade all other spheres of life, the language of efficiency and consumption interfere with our dreams and relationships.

On the occasion of the publication of our volume [Solidarity in Struggle – Feminist Perspectives on Neoliberalism in East-Central Europe](#), we would like to discuss these and other related questions with some of the authors, and with experts and activists from Hungary.

29 September 2016, 3.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Venue: Budapest, Hotel Benczúr

VI., Benczúr u. 35.

English-Hungarian interpretation is provided.

Participation is free of charge but requires registration by September 25 [at this link](#).

For the registration please indicate your affiliation and position.

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

If required, we can offer child-care free of charge during the event. In that case registrations are requested by September 22.



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Programme

Chair

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

3.30 pm – 4.00 pm: Registration

4.00 – 4.30 pm: Opening remarks:

Current challenges for leftist and feminist politics

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

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

4.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Connections of neoliberalism and feminism in East-Central Europe

Anikó Gregor, Faculty of Social Sciences, ELTE

Feminist economics and the ethics of care

Zofia Łapniewska, Scotland's Economy Research Centre, Glasgow Caledonian University

Women’s movements and the need for solidarity

Elżbieta Korolczuk, Södertörn University in Stockholm

Discussion

6.00 pm – 6.30 pm / Coffee break

6.30 – 8.30 pm

Individual social problem – Psychology as the technology of individualism

Melinda Kovai, Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church

Structural inequalities in the Christian theological traditions

György Mészáros, Faculty of Education and Psychology, ELTE

Feminist strategizing: breaking out of the deadlock of neoliberalism and right-wing populism

Weronika Grzebalska, PhD student at the Graduate School for Social Research, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw

Discussion

8.30 pm / Finger buffet