



Invitation

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

Mobilisation against “gender ideology” in East-Central Europe – Threats and chances for the feminist movements

Even the Hungarian media has [recently reported](#) on the attacks in Poland against the struggles for gender equality, or, [how they call it](#), “gender ideology”. [Also in Slovakia](#), the last months were marked by an outrage of conservative organisations against governmental gender mainstreaming structures. In their demonstrations, public speeches, open letters and online comments absurd ideas about gender are alternating with challenging the basic ideas of equal rights for men and women.

Where do these anti-feminist movements come from and who are their actors? What are their goals, what are their actions? What is the relationship between constructing “gender ideology” by religious circles and far right gender politics? How are the actors engaged in women’s rights issues reacting? How to tackle such attacks, how to proact? Is a dialogue possible? What lessons can be drawn, what could strategies be for a longer run?

Through the discussion of these and other related questions together with gender experts from Poland, Slovakia and Hungary we would like to take a strategic move towards more co-operation and gender equality.

February 18th 2014, 5pm – 8pm

**Venue: Hotel Mercure City Centre
Budapest V., Váci utca 20.**

Programme

Chair

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

Opening remarks

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

Keynotes

Dr. Barbara Szelewa, Project Coordinator, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Warsaw

Jana Kottulová, Comenius University, gender expert, Bratislava

Rita Perintfalvi, President, Oecumenical Society of Hungarian Women in Theological Research; Member of Board, European Society of Women in Theological Research; University Vienna

Coffee break

Discussion

Finger buffet

English-Hungarian interpretation is provided.