

7th Barbara-Prammer-Symposium

Gender-equitable Crisis Policies

For a feminist awakening in the Pandemic

18th January 2021 (Online)

On the occasion of the 7th edition of the Barbara Prammer Symposium, FEPS together with the Karl Renner Institute, the SPÖ-Bundesfrauen and the Parliamentary Group of the SPÖ will focus on the political stakes brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic from a gender perspective. As women's rights had already been confronted with a previous backlash prior to the current crisis, the current situation has only further exacerbated this reality. At the same time, the crisis demonstrated that public social infrastructures are essential for a well-functioning society. This event will therefore focus on work programs to fight rising female unemployment, precariousness and how they interplay with the unequal distribution of care work. If we want to prevent the already predicted scenario that COVID-19 will erase years of progress towards women's rights and gender equality, it is high time for strong gender-responsive measures not only to guarantee women's rights but also to foster resilience and regenerative societies and economies at large.

Programme

Overall Event Moderation: **SONJA KATO**, Unikato Communications, Director

10.00 Welcome remarks

PAMELA RENDI-WAGNER, SPÖ federal party chairperson & SPÖ club chairwoman

10.10 Opening remarks

DORIS BURES, President of the Karl-Renner-Institute, Deputy President of the National Council

GABRIELE HEINISCH-HOSEK, Federal Women's chairperson of the SPÖ Council

LÁSZLÓ ANDOR, Secretary General, Foundation for European Progressive Studies

10.30 Keynote speeches

ESTHER LYNCH, Deputy General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation
Focus: "For a strong European gender-responsive recovery in times of pandemic "

EMMA DOWLING, Professor for the Sociology of Social Change (University of Vienna) and author of "The Care-Crisis : What caused it and how can we end it? "

Followed by moderated Q&A with keynote speakers

11.45-12.45 Break

12.45 Digital Breakout sessions

Networking and exchange in informal digital breakout sessions, including one session on the FEPS-TASC Report "Cherishing all equally - inequality and the care economy"

12.45 Panel-discussion

"How to build just societies through fairer care work overcoming persisting social inequalities?"

KATHARINA MADER, Assistenzprofessorin für Ökonomie im Department für Volkswirtschaftslehre an der WU Wien

EVELYN REGNER, Committee Chair on Women's Rights and Gender Equality in the European Parliament

EMMA DOWLING, Professor for the Sociology of Social Change

13.45 Concluding remarks

GABRIELE HEINISCH-HOSEK, Federal Women's chairperson of the SPÖ

14.00 END