CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



REEM ALSALEM

United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences, since August 2021. She holds a Master's degree in International Relations from the American University in Cairo, Egypt (2001) and a Master's degree in Humanities from Oxford University, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2003). She is an independent consultant on gender issues, refugee and migrant rights, transitional justice and humanitarian aid.

DELPHINE O

"New technologies are a formidable tool for emancipation and democratization, but all too often they are turned into weapons against women".



Delphine O is ambassador-at-large and Secretary General for the Generation Equality Forum (Beijing+25). She led the organization of the largest international summit for women's rights since 1995, convened by UN Women and co-chaired by France and Mexico.

She was previously a Member of Parliament for La République en Marche, elected in Paris. A member of the Foreign Relations Committee and chairwoman of the France-Iran friendship group at the French National Assembly, she authored a report on the strategic stakes in the South China Sea.

Delphine O graduated from the Ecole Normale Supérieure and the Harvard Kennedy School. After working at the French embassy in Seoul, the Consulate General in New York and the Stimson Center in Washington, she moved to Iran and cofounded the information website "Persian Letters".

She is a French-American Young Leader 2019, Munich Young Leader 2019, member of the Council at the Council on Foreign Relations, member of the Strategic Orientation Board of the German Marshall Fund France and a board member of IRIS (Institut des Relations Internationales et Stratégiques).

EVIN INCIR



Evin Incir is a Member of the European Parliament since 2019 for the Swedish Social Democratic Party. She has been an important voice for human rights, democracy and the rule of law. As the European Parliament's lead negotiator, Evin Incir has played a key role in establishing the historic EU directive on combating violence against women and domestic violence. The law was successfully passed during the last plenary session of the parliamentary term in April 2024 and represents a historic step in combating violence and strengthening women's human rights within the Union.



MARIA NOICHL

Maria Noichl (S&D) is a German member of the European Parliament since 2014. She is a member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development as well as the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality. She was the rapporteur of the own initiative report on the different regulations of prostitution in the EU and is a strong advocate for the Nordic Model approach.



HÉLÈNE FRITZON

Heléne Fritzon is a Swedish politician of the Social Democrats. She is a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) and the Vice-President of the Socialists and Democrats, responsible for gender equality and children's rights.

Heléne Fritzon served as Minister for Migration from 2017 to 2019. Before becoming a cabinet minister, Fritzon was Mayor of Kristianstad Municipality.

ALEXANDRA LOUIS

Alexandra Louis has been the Interministerial Delegate for Victim Support since October 31, 2022.



A lawyer at the Marseille Bar until 2020, she specialized in criminal law and labor law. She was elected as a Member of Parliament in June 2017 for the 3rd constituency of Bouches-du-Rhône.

She served on the National Assembly's Committee on Constitutional Laws, Legislation, and General Administration of the Republic. She actively participated in numerous parliamentary initiatives on issues related to combating sexual and gender-based violence, child protection, and, more broadly, justice and security matters. She was notably the rapporteur for the law of August 3, 2018, strengthening the fight against sexual and gender-based violence (known as the Schiappa law) and the law of April 21, 2021, aimed at protecting minors from sexual crimes, offenses, and incest.

Alexandra Louis co-chaired the National Assembly's study group on Children's Rights and Youth Protection. She was also deeply involved in the fight against substandard housing in Marseille. Additionally, she served in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and was the General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders in the member states of the Council of Europe.



LAURENCE ROSSIGNOL

Laurence Rossignol is a feminist activist, Socialist Senator for Val-de-Marne, President of the Assemblée des Femmes and former Minister for Families, Children and Women's Rights.

ROXANA MARACINEANU



Roxana Maracineanu, born on May 7, 1975, in Bucharest, fled the Romanian dictatorship and moved to France at the age of 9, where she was granted refugee status and later obtained French citizenship. A former swimming champion (world champion in 1998, Olympic silver medalist in 2000), she became involved in social and political projects after her athletic career. Minister for Sports from 2018 to 2022, she fought against gender-based and sexual violence in sports by launching the Signal-Sports reporting system, standardizing background checks for volunteers, and requiring federations to implement protective measures. In 2023, she became the Secretary General of MIPROF, where she leads initiatives to protect women from violence and coordinate efforts against human trafficking, particularly through the third national plan for 2024-2027.



CHRISTELLE WIEDER

Christelle Wieder is the Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg, responsible for implementing the municipal policy on women's rights and gender equality since June 2020. Strasbourg has been pursuing a feminist and committed policy for women's rights for a decade.



ALIÉNOR LAURENT

President of Osez le féminisme and of the Bas-Rhin branch in Strasbourg, Aliénor has been involved in feminism since 2018, and is particularly passionate about feminist policy issues.

ADAMA-SIRA LE BLAY



Adama-Sira is the co-President of the European Network of Migrant Women (ENoMW), a Europe-wide feminist migrant women led platform with membership in over 20 European state, that advocates at EU and international level for the dignity, right, and freedoms of migrant, refugee and minority ethnic women and girls in Europe. Adama is a lawyer specialising in violence against women and girls, with 15 years professional experience in this field, and the founder and manager of Olympe – an Association in France that provides comprehensive support to women victims of domestic violence and migrant women in their dealings with police, courts and social services. At Olympe, she sensitises the public on criminal, civil, immigration, and private international law, trains professionals, and runs awareness-raising campaigns. She also works at the international level providing recommendations on migrant women's rights to relevant institutions.

ALYSSA AHRABARE



"Let's stop protecting industries that confuse sexuality with violence, and freedom with domination."

Alyssa Ahrabare is the President of the French Coordination for the European Women's Lobby, a network of 80 women's rights organisations. A lawyer specialising in fundamental freedoms, she is also a consultant and trainer. She has authored several publications on access to rights for vulnerable groups, particularly migrant women, refugees, and asylum seekers, as well as on non-discrimination.

ANNE-CÉCILE MAILFERT



Anne-Cécile Mailfert is President of the Executive Board of the Fondation des Femmes, which she co-founded in 2016 and which became a Fondation reconnue d'utilité publique in 2024. With €14m redistributed to 600 projects in favor of women's rights, the Foundation has launched major campaigns such as #MaintenantOnAgit, linked to #MeToo. It publishes reports, advocates a framework law against sexual violence and supports legal action for gender equality. An activist for 15 years, she is a recognized expert on violence against women, a columnist on France Inter, author of two feminist books and Chevalière des Arts et des Lettres.

CÉLINE PIQUES



"Behind the word pornography lies an unbearable list of patriarchal violences: torture, rape, trafficking, child pornography, incitement to misogynistic and racist hatred. Pornography is both a site of male violence and the main tool of patriarchal propaganda that dehumanizes women and eroticizes violence."

Writer of the report "Pornocriminality : putting an end to impunity in the pornography industry" by the High Council for Equality, published in September 2023. The High Council of Equality

Member of the Board of Osez le Féminisme and the organisation's lead on the fight against pornocriminality and online sexual exploitation. Expert on sexist and sexual violence. Author of the feminist essay "Déviriliser le Monde."



AURORE BERGÉ

Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister, responsible for Gender Equality and Combating Discrimination



FLORIANE VOLT

Floriane Volt was a lawyer and ministerial advisor before joining the Fondation des Femmes. A volunteer since the foundation's creation in 2016, she contributed to the establishment of the Force Juridique, a network of legal professionals supporting feminist organizations. For the past five years, Floriane has been the Director of Public and Legal Affairs at the Fondation des Femmes, leading advocacy campaigns, overseeing reports, and supporting strategic litigation to advance women's rights.

FRANÇOISE BRIE



"The organizations working with victims of prostitution, through their advocacy, based on their observations and expertise, played a significant role in the development of the abolitionist law of 2016 in France. They continue to defend and promote it as it addresses the issues faced by those affected, the vast majority of whom are women; it also helps to prevent and fight against this sexist violence. Prostitution is indeed incompatible with human dignity and with the principle of equality between women and men."

Women's and human rights specialist:
Member of the High Council for Gender Equality (HCE, France) from 2013 to 2019. Member of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO) (Istanbul Convention – Council of Europe) from 2015 to 2023. Executive Director of the Fédération Nationale Solidarité Femmes and the national helpline "3919 Violences Femmes Info" from 2017 to 2024, and previously of Escale Solidarité Femmes—a reception and shelter center for women victims of violence—from 2004 to 2017. Member of the Executive Committee of the Raja Foundation. Activist with various NGOs advocating for women's rights and combating violence against women, including Amicale du Nid and CLEF.

HÉMA SIBI



Héma Sibi is the Executive Director of CAP International. Héma is a women's rights activist and jurist specialised in international human rights law. She is the author of Last Girl First! Prostitution at the Intersection of Sexist, Racist, and Class-Based Oppressions which analyses the systemic inequalities fostering the sexual and economic exploitation of the most marginalised women and girls worldwide. She also serves as the spokesperson for Mouvement du Nid, France. Her professional experience includes working with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and advocating for The ONE Campaign against extreme poverty.

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Lawyer at the Paris bar, specializing in women's rights and the fight against the prostitution and pornography system.

MARIANA BRANCO



“We perpetuate a system that profits from the hypersexualization of women, yet we don’t question why this happens.. Since this conversation must begin somewhere, I suggest focusing on OnlyFans and its history. The platform illustrates how a company generates millions annually through the exploitation of women’s bodies, with no societal scrutiny or critique.”

Graduated in History and currently completing her Master’s in Women’s Studies – Women in Society and Culture at NOVA-FCSH. She is a research fellow on the project Portuguese Language Writers during the Military Dictatorship and the Estado Novo in Portugal, Africa, Asia, and Countries of Emigration. She has presented her research on OnlyFans and online sexual violence at conferences and colloquiums. Additionally, she volunteers for the Portuguese Platform for Women’s Rights (PpDM).

MIÉ KOHIYAMA



“Behind every child pornography image or video, there is an actual sexual crime.”

Trained as a journalist, she has been a children’s rights activist for over 10 years. A survivor of child sexual abuse, she was the first to raise the issue of traumatic amnesia in relation to the criminal statute of limitations before the French Supreme Court. Under the pseudonym Cécile B, she is the author of Le Petit Vélo Blanc (Calman Lévy, 2015).

MIREIA CRESPO



Mireia Crespo has been director of isala since 2020. After studying international relations, she worked in Brussels as a communications officer, first for Protection International and then for the Centre d’Action Laïque. A feminist and activist, she joined isala, which supports prostitutes by offering them concrete alternatives towards a new life. She runs the association with a team of volunteers in the field, and plays an active part in the fight against the prostitution system.

MARÍA HERNÁNDEZ-MORA



A clinical psychologist and psychotherapist, she specialises in behavioural addictions, particularly sexual and pornography addiction. She is the founder of the Pornography Addiction Unit at CSAPA Imagine (95) and the Réseau de Cliniciens de l’Addiction Pornographique et Sexuelle (CAPS) in France. Holding a doctorate in psychology, she authored the first thesis in France on pornography addiction. In both France and Spain, she is actively developing her clinical and research work on the impact of pornography on health and human relationships.

MARIA JOÃO FAUSTINO



“AI-Facilitated sexual violence (“Deepfake”)”

Maria João Faustino is a researcher at CES-UC, University of Coimbra. She holds a PhD in Psychology from the University of Auckland, New Zealand. Her doctoral research focused on sexual violence and its gendered patterns. She has published about representations of sexual violence in the media, women’s experiences of consent and coercion, and new interlinks between sexuality and technology. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the European Women’s Lobby, representing the Portuguese Platform for Women’s Rights.

NATASHA MALVIYA



“In Belgium, the recent creation of an employee status does not establish any new rights for victims of prostitution and fails to address their actual needs, the overwhelming majority of whom are migrant women. On the contrary, the new legislation reinforces the social and psychological isolation they already live in, and does not respond to the wish expressed by the majority of them: to exit prostitution and to do so with dignity. By making prostitution a form of work, this legislation makes it possible to establish a contractual subordinate relationship between a victim of prostitution and their pimp, who now holds the status of ’employer’ under common labor law. This amounts to normalizing the exploitation of women’s bodies and sexuality: legitimizing the practice of men buying women from a third-party pimp who will be paid legally.”

A lawyer by training, she has been a volunteer with Isala for two years, actively contributing both in the field and as part of Isala’s advocacy team.

RUTH BRESLIN



“Our research focuses in particular on the central role played by prostitution advertising websites in facilitating and amplifying trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation by seamlessly connecting victims to a very broad ‘customer base’ of sex buyers. Sites such as these – also known as ‘sexual exploitation advertising’ websites (SEAs) – have proliferated across the globe and serve as a primary venue for commercial sexual exploitation.”

Ruth has over 25 years of research experience with NGOs and universities in Dublin, London, and New York. She holds a Master’s degree in Social Research Methods (Social Policy) from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Her work focuses on the prevention of violence against women and girls, with a particular emphasis on commercial sexual exploitation. Frequently consulted on the development of evidence-based policy and practice, she joined the SERP research program at University College Dublin in 2018, where she co-authored all studies. She currently leads the development of the new independent SERP Institute, creating innovative solutions to bridge the gap between research and frontline practice.

STÉPHANIE CARADEC



Feminist activist Stéphanie Caradec has been the director of Mouvement du Nid-France for eight years, a grassroots organization supporting prostituted persons and fighting against the prostitution system.

She is a member of the advisory committee of MIPROF and was previously a member of the High Council for Gender Equality. Before that, she worked at the National Assembly alongside Maud Olivier to advocate for the adoption of the April 13, 2016 law strengthening the fight against the prostitution system.

MURIEL FABRE MAGNAN



The author of several books, primarily published by Presses Universitaires de France, on topics such as introduction to law, contract law, tort law, and surrogate motherhood. Her most recent work is entitled L’institution de la liberté, PUF, 2nd edition, Quadrige, 2023.