

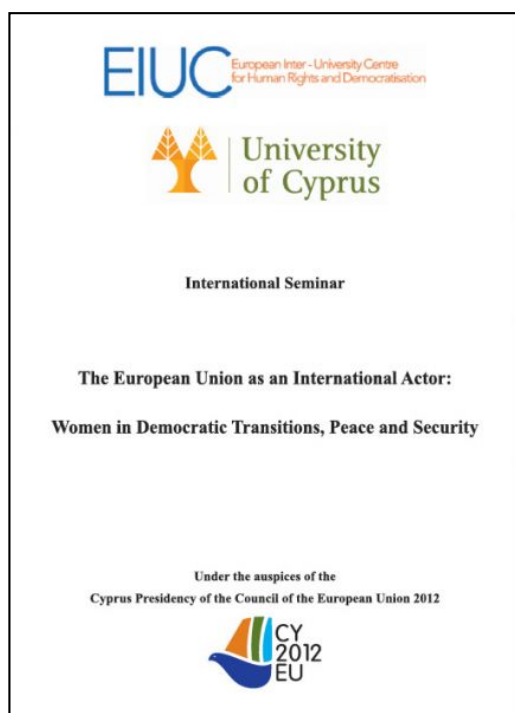
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14/XII/2012: The EU as an International Actor: Women in Democratic Transitions, Peace and Security



An international seminar titled "*The EU as an International Actor: Women in Democratic Transitions*"

Peace and Security" took place this 14 December 2012 in Nicosia (Cyprus). The aim of this seminar was to explore and analyse the gender dimension in the context of democratic transitions, peace and security and the role of the European Union as an international actor in enhancing international standards for women's rights. Theory and practice were equally favored.

This event was jointly organised by EIUC and the University of Cyprus under the auspices of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2012. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus **Dr Erato Kozakou-Markoullis** who was the key note speaker.

Prof. **Kalliope Agapiou-Josephides**, EIUC Deputy-President, opened the seminar. The Rector of the University of Cyprus Prof. **Costas Christophides**, the Head of the European Parliament Office in Cyprus Mr **Tasos Georgiou** and the Head of the Delegation of the European Commission in Cyprus **Mr. Georgios Markopoulitis** addressed the seminar.

The international expert panel consisted of **Dr Leila Jordens-Cotran**, Arab Dutch Law, **Prof. Maria Teresa Pizarro Beleza**, Dean of the Law Faculty of the New University of Lisbon, **Christina Kaili**, PhD Student, and **Prof. Kalliope Agapiou-Josephides**, Assistant Professor and Jean Monnet Chair (2001) at the University of Cyprus.

The seminar addressed questions such as family law, the gender dimension of democracy, violence against women as well as challenges and policy options for the European Union.

"I would like to conclude by thanking the authors of this excellent study for providing decision makers in the European Union and beyond with a coherent, readable, practical and thought-provoking tool. With the help of this study, I believe that the role of women in the Arab Spring may be easily understood, and their significance for a successful transition toward more free and equitable societies may be better appreciated. Moreover, this study offers ways through which many of the EU programs and efforts in assisting this transition in the direction of safeguarding and guaranteeing women's rights may be more efficient and effective. In this respect, I fully subscribe to the recommendations of the study and as Cyprus, we will do what we can for their promotion."

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus Dr Erato Kozakou – Markoullis
'*The European Union as an International Actor: Women in Democratic Transitions, Peace and Security*'
Nicosia, 14 December 2012



From right to left: Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Erato Kozakou-Markoullis, Prof. Tereza Beleza Pizarro,

Prof. Kalliope Agapiou-Josephides, Dr. Leila Jordens-Cotran and PhD Candidate Christina Kaili.



From right to left: Head of European Parliament Office in Cyprus Tasos Gergiou, Prof. Tereza Beleza Pizarro, Prof. Kalliope Agapiou-Josephides, Dr. Leila Jordens-Cotran and PhD Candidate Christina Kaili.

Download:

- the programme of the seminar [here](#).
- the European Parliament study "[Women's Rights During Democratic Transitions](#)".

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