

Women's Perspectives on European Citizenship

Empowerment through participation!

Chance and challenges for political education

International Conference

29. April - 2. May 2004 – Salzburg-St. Virgil/Austria

In times of political discussions of a European Union constitution and in light of the enlargement of the European Union, women's perspectives on the future of Europe and their expectations as citizens of an enlarged Europe need to get more attention.

The conference aims to analyse and discuss various concepts of European Citizenship from feminist perspectives and on the background of women's experiences in different parts of Europe.

A special focus thereby will be laid on chance and challenges within women's political educational processes and how they can and need to be enforced in order to strengthen women's agency and active political participation in a European context.

Programme

29th April 2004

19.30h

Opening

Keynote

European citizenship, a political opportunity for women?

Ute Gerhard, University of Frankfurt/Germany

30th April 2004

9.00 – 11.00h

Panel discussion:

Critical perspectives on European citizenship

Gret Haller, Bern/Switzerland

Bozena Choluj, Warshaw/Poland

Rabeya Müller and Miyesser Ildem, Koeln/Germany

Break

11.30 – 12.30

Moderated discussion groups:

Experiences of European citizenship

Lunch Break 12.30 – 15.00

15.00 – 17.00h

Continuation of the **Working groups** from the morning

17.00 – 18.30h

Plenary discussion with speakers

19.00h

Empowerment through participation

Bankett of European women's Initiatives

Web and Life Presentation

1st of May

9.00 – 12.30h **Lecture: *Empowerment through education***
The contribution of political education of women for new models of European citizenship
Reinhild Traitler/Elisabeth Raiser, EWC Institute/Switzerland

followed by:

Presentation of the EWEC-Study-Programme

Lunch break
12.30 – 15.00

15.00 – 18.30 **Workshops:**
1) Feminist Theory
2) Biography Work
3) European Institution
4) Economic Literacy
5) Social rights and Gender Democracy

19.30h Exhibition: Women in city politics. The first female members of the city council in Salzburg
20.00h Dinner in Salzburg – visit of the town

2nd of May

9.00 – 10.30h Poster presentation of workshop recommendations
followed by:
Fishpool discussion: **Women as European Citizens!**
What are the political concepts we need?
Which educational processes are needed?
Is the ewec-programme a helpful tool?

11.00 – 12.30h **ewec_café:** Networking, Evaluation, Fare well

12.30h Lunch

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