



Call for Papers

2024 GenDJus Workshop

Gender Stereotyping in International Human Rights Law and Discourse

Key Info:

Workshop Date: **29 November 2024**

Venue: **University of Bologna – Forlì Campus (Teaching Hub)**

Submission Deadline: **7 October 2024**

Notification of Acceptance: **11 October 2024**

Concept Note

Within the framework of the PRIN-PNRR research project “Rights and Prejudice: Linguistic and Legal Implications of Gendered Discourses in Judicial Spaces (GenDJus) (<https://gendjus.it/>), funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research and the EU under the NextGeneration EU initiative, we invite contributions for the upcoming workshop organised at the Department of Political and Social Science, University of Bologna, and co-hosted by the Forlì Human Rights Interdisciplinary Centre in November 2024.

The GenDJus project is a collaborative effort between the Universities of Trieste and Bologna. We aim to advance our understanding of how prejudices, stereotypes, and biases manifest across universal and regional systems of human rights protection, particularly through the lens of international human rights bodies (UN Committees, Interamerican Court of Human Rights, African Court on Human and People’s Rights, European Court of Human Rights, the Court of Justice of the EU, and national courts). The project examines specific areas of human rights protection, including sexual, reproductive, and parental rights where prejudiced and biased attitudes are likely to influence judicial reasoning. Additionally, it pays special attention to certain groups of people, specifically those identified by their gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics. The GenDJus project therefore aims to raise awareness on the potential risks in judicial discourse and contribute to preventing the perpetuation of negative stereotypes against minority groups and ensuring that their rights are fully protected under international and EU law.

The 2024 Workshop seeks to explore the subtle forms of discrimination embedded in legal discourse and practice in international and EU law, with a particular focus on – but not limited to – gender-based stereotypes, prejudices and biases, and the connected impact in terms of protection for sexual, reproductive, and parental rights of specific gendered groups. The Workshop aims to explore innovative methodologies to recognise how these attitudes shape the decisions of international and EU-based judicial bodies in order to better understand how they can be eliminated or, at least, reduced so as to avoid a negative impact on the universal enjoyment of protected rights.

Themes and Topics

We welcome submissions that resonate with the GenDJus project's legal-linguistic approach, particularly those that address issues including - but not limited to - the following topics:

- Legal and/or linguistic theories and principles related to discrimination, gender, sexual, parental, and reproductive rights;
- The role of international and EU law in addressing gendered discourses, while protecting human rights;
- Judicial case studies on stereotypes, prejudices, and biases related to human rights protection, with a focus on – but not limited to – UN Committees, the Interamerican Court of Human Rights, the African Court on Human and People's Rights, and the European Court of Human Rights;
- Queer approaches to gendered human rights vocabulary;
- Linguistic analysis of seminal cases that illustrate the manifestation of stereotypes, prejudices and biases and their impact on legal outcomes;
- The linguistic and/or legal implications of gendered human rights language for selected groups of individuals;
- The legal challenges and advancements in protecting sexual, reproductive, and parental rights;
- The linguistic premises and the legal consequences of the penetration of anti-gender arguments in the judicial space;
- Trans-exclusionary case law.



Submission Guidelines

We invite submissions of abstracts, written in Italian, English or Spanish, of no more than 500 words. Abstracts should be submitted to the organisers by sending an e-mail to dr. Erika Miyamoto (erika.miyamoto@unibo.it) and to info@gendjus.it by **7 October 2024**. Submissions should include the author's name, institutional affiliation, contact information (e-mail), a brief bio of the author(s) (max 200 words). Academics and practitioners at all stages of their career are invited to participate.

We encourage and welcome submissions from Global South-based researchers and PhD candidates. Depending on the language of the selected abstracts, the workshop will be held in English or Italian (in case of contributions in Spanish, interpretation will be offered).

Practical information and publication opportunities

Organizers will explore opportunities for covering accommodation and travel costs of selected presenters. Depending on the quality of contributions, organizers will also explore publication opportunities.

Further details will be published in the GenDJus website (www.gendjus.it) in due course. Inquiries on the workshop can be sent to dr. Miyamoto (erika.miyamoto@unibo.it) and cc prof. Danisi (carmelo.danisi2@unibo.it).

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