WOMEN'S SITUATION IN WAR

Chair | Eva-Britt Svensson
Rapporteur | Norica Nicolai
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

PUBLIC HEARING
on
"Women's situation in war"
Tuesday, 14 June 2011
15.00 -18.30
Room ASP 3 E 2
BRUSSELS
Chair: Eva-Britt Svensson

DRAFT PROGRAMME

15.00 Welcome by Eva-Britt SVENSSON, Chair of FEMM Committee

15.05 Opening remarks by Norica NICOLAI, rapporteur

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DISCUSSION PANEL:"THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN MILITARY STRUCTURES IN PEACE AND SECURITY INITIATIVE"

15.15 Elisabeth REHN, Finland; Chair of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims, International Criminal Court

15.30 Maj Britt THEORIN, former Ambassador for Disarmament, Member of Swedish Parliament and Member of the European Parliament; UNIFEM Sweden
15.45 Response by Members

Rail ROMEVA I RUEDA - Shadow rapporteur; Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance

Marina YANNAKOUĐAKIS - Shadow rapporteur; Group European Conservatives and Reformists

16:00 Response by a representative of the European External Action Service

WAŁE GRUNDITZ Catharina - Crisis Management Planning Department

16.15 Question time from Members and from other participants

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DISCUSSION PANEL: "THE IMPACT OF CONFLICT ON WOMEN"

16:45 Carol MANN, social anthropologist, specialist in gender and armed warfare

17:00 Anne Cathrine RIEBNITZSKY, former stabilization advisor and army captain

17:15 Response by Members

Mariya NEDELČEVA - Shadow rapporteur; Group of the European People's Party

Ilda FIGUEIREDO - Shadow rapporteur; Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left

17:30 Response by a representative of the European External Action Service

Katariina LEINONEN - Human Rights Policy Guidelines Division

17:45 Question time from Members and from other participants

18.15 Closing remarks by Norica NICOLAI, rapporteur

18.20 Closure of the Hearing by Eva-Britt SVENSSON, Chair of FEMM Committee
Elisabeth Rehn

ELISABETH REHN, Minister of State, Finland

Chair of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims, ICC

Born April 6th, 1935 in Helsinki, married to late Ove H. Rehn 1955-2004, four children

Languages: Swedish, Finnish, English, German

Education: B.SC. Economics, Svenska Handelshögskolan, Helsinki

Titles: Minister 2005, Econ.Dr. h.c. 1994, Pol.Dr. h.c. 1998

PUBLIC SERVICE.

Member of the Finnish Parliament 1979-95

Member of European Parlaiment 1995-96

Minister of Defence 1990-95

Minister of Equality Affairs 1991-95

Presidential candidate 1994, 2000

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Independent expert of the United Nations, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Governments and NGO:s on Peace Building and Crisis Management, with a focus on UNSCR 1325/2000

Chair of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims, at the International Criminal Court

2010- www.trustfundforvictims.org


United Nations Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary General in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 16.1.1998-15.7.1999

UNIFEM Independent Expert on the impact of war on women, and Co-Author of the report

"Women War Peace" with H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, 2001-2002

Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, Chair Working Table 1, Democratization and Human Rights, 2003-2005

United Nations Development Program, Independent Expert Review on the PAPP program in the Occupied Territories, Palestine, 2004

Patron of the United World College project in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2005-2010, Chair of the Board of “Education from Conflict to Internationalism”, 2006-2011

Witness as Amicus Curie in 1996, and for the prosecution in 2008 at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
Co-organizer of the Women Leader's Colloquium in Monrovia, Liberia from 2006 until March 2009

Visit to Yemen for discussions with the political leadership on women's role in decision making, April 2009
Expert Panel invited by the High Commissioner for Human Rights, report on Reparations for Victims of Sexual Violence committed by armed groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo, October 2010

MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANISATIONS
UNICEF, Finnish committee, member 1982 – 94, Chair 1988-93
Finnish Red Cross, Vice Chairs 1984-88
Naisten Valmiosliitto (Women's Crisis Management in Finland) Chair 1997-2003
Honorary Chair 2010
WWF Finland, Board of Trustees, Chair 2000-06
Suomen Unifem ry, Vice Chair of the Board 2003-05
Femmes Africa Solidarité, member of the Advisory Board, 2005-
Global Leadership Foundation, member of the board 2008 - www.g-l-f.org
Regional Women's Lobby for Peace, Security and Justice in Southeast Europe, member of the Advisory Board www..rwlsee.org
WIIS, Women in International Security, member of the Global Leadership Council 2009-
www.wiis.georgetown.edu
East-West Institute, member of the Eminent Persons Group 2010-

Popular lecturer and keynote speaker invited by governments, UN, NGO:s
Frequent visits to projects for rehabilitation of victims of war

Several International and National Awards and Honours

Devoted supporter of football, other hobbies are politics, nature and wildlife, literature and art, and most of all: PEACE
Maj Britt Theorin

Swedish, former Ambassador for Disarmament, MP and Member of the European Parliament

Organization Affiliation: Vice President of "Operation 1325", with responsibility for specific 1325-operation between Israeli and Palestinian women, director of UNIFEM Sweden, member of Women for Peace. Former President of the PGA - Parliamentarians for Global Action, New York.

Qualifications: Member of Parliament, 1972-1995, United Nations delegate, 1976-1982, Ambassador and Head of Swedish disarmament policy 1982-1991; President for two United Nations studies; one on nuclear arms, and another one on use of military resources for the environment; Delegate to the Rio Conference on Environment and a series of other UN conferences, Member of a preparatory UN team on equality before the Beijing Conference Member of the Advisory Board for the UNIFEM study "Women, War and Peace."

As the only woman, member of the Canberra Commission, whose realistic proposals for how all nuclear weapons can be abolished are incorporated in the NPT in 2000's 13 point program for nuclear disarmament.


Draftsperson of EP report on women and conflict in autumn 2000, which was adopted prior to SR 1325,

Vice President in the EP-Delegation of South Africa and Vice President of the Delegation of the EU and Africa, Caribbean, Pacific (ACP), 2002-2004
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Brief résumé
Social anthropologist and historian, doctorate in social anthropology from EHESS, Paris, specialised in Women and Conflict, Research Associate at SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London), started the first seminar on France on Gender and Armed Conflict, at the Sorbonne (Paris I), President of FEMAID and Women in War, both charitable associations registered in France working on gender problems and peace education in the developing world. Theory is thereby continuously verified by practice in war zones.

Specific regions of expertise:
Wartime Bosnia, Serbia, Pakistan (NWFP, refugee camps, Afghanistan, Iran, Democratic Republic of Congo

Conferences and papers
On the subject of women and war, I have contributed papers and lectures to the EHESS, the Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba, Médecins du Monde symposium in Paris, Anima Conference (Toronto) the American Association of University Women in Washington, OCDE, Université de Paris III, UNESCO, London School of Economics, Catholic University of Louvain, Université des Femmes, Brussels, University of Nanterre-Paris, Sorbonne, UNRISD (Paris), SOAS, London, AUP Paris, Kabul, University. Kisangani University, Kinshasa University.

Author of (amongst others)
Femmes en Guerre (1939-1945), Pygmalion/Flammarion, Paris 2010

Femmes Afghanes en guerre, (Afghan women in war) (Le Croquant, Paris 2011)

Forthcoming:


In depth articles
published, amongst others by the Guardian, Monde Diplomatique, l’Humanité, Sisyphé website (Montreal), Pro-Choix, Grotius
Anne Cathrine Riebnitzsky

AUTHOR, former stabilization advisor and army captain

Linguistic officer Anne Cathrine Riebnitzsky (b. 1974) is a graduate of the Danish School of Creative Writing. In 2007 she was stationed in Helmand, Afghanistan, as a captain in CIMIC (Civilian Military Cooperation) and in 2008-2009 as advisor to the Provincial Reconstruction Team seconded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In Helmand she established contact with the Afghan women fighting against oppression, domestic violence and the horror regime of the Taliban. Together the woman soldier and the Afghan women initiated a covert collaboration. Anne Cathrine Riebnitzsky initiated income creating projects for women, led a Women's and children’s rights study group and encouraged the participation of women in political forums.

After 14 months of vast experiences with women struggling through the war Anne-Cathrine Riebnitzsky wrote her bestselling book “Kvindernes krig” (The Women’s war) published 25th of March 2010. The book was a nominee for the prestigious literary price Weekend Avisens Litteraturpris – a rare sight for a debutant – and it is currently being translated to English.

In November 2010 His Royal Highness Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark rewarded Anne-Cathrine Riebnitzsky with the Anders Lassen Grant for her important civil and military effort in the Helmand Province.

Anne-Cathrine Riebnitzsky is currently writing a novel which takes place in Helmand. She is also participating in projects related to women in the army and women’s rights in fragile states.

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