



MIGS News

A publication by the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS)

Editorial

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the latest issue of MIGS News! In this issue you will find the latest activities of the Institute during 2008. This year has been highlighted by the successful conclusion of a number of projects coordinated by MIGS, including two EU funded transnational projects that have run for up to two years. We are very happy to share their results with you in the Current Projects section of this issue of MIGS News.

We would like to take this opportunity to announce that MIGS has been awarded an operating grant from the European Commission - Education Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, 'Europe for Citizens' Programme 2008. This has given MIGS the opportunity to effectively carry out its annual work programme and given new impetus to our lobbying and advocacy work on a local and European level.

In this issue, you will find updates on activities and events carried out this year with exciting new developments in research, training, capacity building, and exchanges of good practice on a European level, as well as details on our lobbying and advocacy work particularly in the areas of violence against women and trafficking in women for sexual exploitation. MIGS has also continued to circulate policy statements and has made a number of press interventions on a number of issues affecting women.

Finally we would like to draw your attention to the European Women's Lobby 50/50 Campaign "No Modern European Democracy without Gender Equality" [www.5050democracy.eu] aimed at increasing the presence of women at the highest level of European politics. We call on our readers to support the EWL campaign of which details can be found in the Announcements section below.

Enjoy reading,
MIGS Team

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With the support of the European Union: Support for organisations active at European level in the field of active European citizenship



New Projects

Europe for Citizens! – Annual Operating Grant



MIGS has recently received an operating grant from the European Commission - Education Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, 'Europe for Citizens' Programme.

The programme aims to provide Structural Support for European Public Policy Research Organisations and for Civil Society Organisations at European Level. MIGS receipt of this grant has enabled us to implement our annual work programme and continue our lobbying and advocacy work, media monitoring and interventions, awareness-raising campaigns including exhibitions, lectures, and seminars, as well as research activities.

Upon completion of the work programme, MIGS will be publishing its 2008 Annual Report detailing the activities it has carried out with the support of the European Commission.

For more details and updates on this project please visit:

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=1037

DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

MIGS has launched an online directory of institutions and organisations in the Mediterranean that do gender related work. Over one-hundred institutions from around the Mediterranean region are featured, including universities/colleges, research institutions, media organisations and NGOs. To view the directory or register your organisation please visit www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?page_id=70

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Current Projects

Integration of Female Migrant Domestic Workers: Strategies for Employment and Civic Participation



Dr Maria Kontos speaks during the conference

The project *Integration of Female Migrant Domestic Workers* funded by the European Commission INTI Preparatory Actions came to a close on the 28th February 2008 with the Final International Conference that took place at the University of Nicosia, Cyprus.

The main aim of the 18-month project was to stimulate transnational cooperation involving a wide range of actors at the local, regional and EU level, in order to develop recommendations for an integration model responding to the specific needs of female migrant domestic workers and their host countries and adaptable to different contexts.

The conference was attended by a wide range of actors on a national and EU level including NGO representatives, policy makers, public authorities, representatives of international and local migrant organizations, experts in the field of migration and gender studies, as well as representatives from the partner organisations from Spain, Italy, Greece and Germany.

For more information on the results of this project and to view the full conference report visit: <http://www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=17>

Posters and Leaflets



The publication and printing of posters, in the five partner languages, was one of the awareness-raising activities of the project, in combination with the preparation of leaflets and their widespread dissemination.

To view the posters and leaflets visit: www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=1079

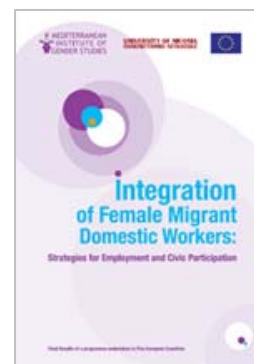
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Resource Book

The project's Resource Book entitled *Integration of Female Migrant Domestic Workers: Strategies for Employment and Civic Participation* was published in February 2008.

The book incorporates the results of a mapping survey conducted by all partner organizations as well as best practice examples and integration models and policy recommendations and strategies on the national and EU levels. The resource book has been disseminated to a number of organisations on an international level such as the European Women's Lobby, UNIFEM as well as NGOs, researchers and policy makers on a national and European level.



For more information on the resource book:

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=433.

For more detailed information regarding this project, please visit our website at:

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=17

Daphne II – Date Rape among Young Women and the Development of Good Practices for Support and Prevention

MIGS recently completed the project *Date Rape Cases Among Young Women and the Development of Good Practices for Support and Prevention*, funded by the Daphne II Programme of the European Commission.

The project concluded its final phase with the organization of a Final Conference that took place in Nicosia, Cyprus and the publication of a Resource Book consisting of the results of the research conducted in the five partner countries, as well as good practice examples and policy recommendations on a national and EU level. Five country research reports have also been finalized based on the collection of comprehensive data, information and material through quantitative and qualitative research carried out in each partner country. The research aimed at measuring the prevalence and incidence of date rape among female college students and assessing the attitudes, behaviors and level of awareness among beneficiaries and target groups.



The project team answers questions put forth by the conference participants

To download the country reports visit: www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=396.



Dr. Rickert Vaughn, Colette De Troy and Joanna Lovett speak during the conference.

Final International Conference

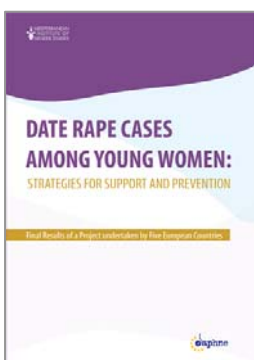
As a closing activity MIGS organized a Final Conference aimed at the exchange of knowledge and best practice for the prevention of date rape and sexual violence in Europe and support for victims which took place on the 27 June 2008 at the Classic Hotel in Nicosia, Cyprus.

The conference provided a platform to present and discuss the main findings of the research carried out in the five partner countries and was attended by NGO representatives, policy makers from a local and an EU level, public authorities including the Police, as well as experts in the field of violence against women.

Opening remarks were made by the Minister of Justice and Public Order, Dr Kypros Chrysostomides. Guest speakers included Colette De Troy, Coordinator of the European Women's Lobby, Joanna Lovett, Research Fellow, Child & Woman Abuse Studies Unit - London Metropolitan University, and Dr. Rickert Vaughn, Professor of Clinical Population and Family Health, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University. The event received extensive media coverage.

For more information on the conference please visit:

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=436



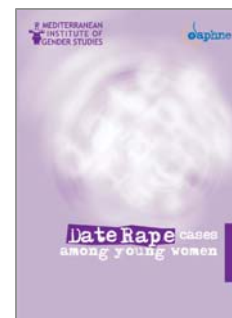
The Resource Book

The project's Resource Book is already in circulation and is available in print and electronic format. The purpose of the resource book is to provide a resource document for health professionals and related organizations in relation to sexual violence and specifically date rape, and to provide good practice examples and make policy recommendations for national and European authorities. To order a copy of the Resource Book please contact: anna@medinstgenderstudies.org

Awareness Raising Leaflet

The project's second leaflet targeting young women has been published in print and electronic format detailing information on date rape and sexual assault as well as available support services in each of the five partner countries. To view the leaflet visit:

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=396





DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

MIGS was featured in the Monthly Information Newsletter on Gender Equality of the Slovenian EU presidency for June 2008.



Information Seminar

As part of the activities to disseminate the results of the project, an information seminar entitled "Date Rape Cases among Young Women" was conducted on the 23rd May 2008, at the University of Nicosia, Cyprus.

The main aim of the seminar was to provide general information on date rape and sexual violence among young women in order to raise awareness on the issue, discuss the results of the research

conducted in Cyprus, as well as exchange information and experience among relevant stakeholders with the aim to develop recommendations for the prevention of date rape and support of victims on a national and European level.

The information seminar was targeted toward policy makers and NGOs working in the field of violence against women. To view the seminar report visit:

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/seminar-report_daphne.pdf

To learn more about the project and its activities visit:

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=18

Euro-Mediterranean Youth Forum for Gender Citizenship Education

MIGS has recently concluded the project entitled Euro-Mediterranean Youth Forum for Gender Citizenship Education funded by Anna Lindh Foundation for Dialogue between the Cultures. The main aim of the project was to create an innovative Gender Citizenship Education resource in the form of video documentaries with the aim to increase awareness among youth on gender equality and women's economic, social and political marginalization in the Mediterranean region. The project's objective was to allow young people to be actively involved in understanding and transforming their society.



Documentaries addressing Gender [In]equality in the Mediterranean

The project came to a close with the successful completion of the production of five short video documentaries, produced by five groups of young women and men from Cyprus, Egypt, Palestine, and Spain. The documentaries were produced in close collaboration with MediaZone, University of Nicosia. The documentaries address issues such as rural women and education in Egypt, women living with conflict in Palestine, violence against women and gender and migration in Spain, and trafficking in women for sexual exploitation in Cyprus. All five documentaries are available on DVD and are also expected to be available on our website soon.



To order copies please contact info@medinstgenderstudies.org.

Teacher Training Seminar

Within the framework of this project, a training seminar was also conducted for teachers working in secondary education from all the partner countries. The aim of the seminar was to develop lesson plans and activities that can be used in the classroom in conjunction with the video documentaries as part of the citizenship education curriculum.



Participants display their group work during the seminar

The seminar took place on the 9th of May 2008 at the University of Nicosia and was conducted by Georgina Christou, Research Associate and Miranda Christou, Research Associate and Board Member of MIGS. To read more about the seminar visit: www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=1094.

For more information on the project please visit: www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=282

Daphne II- Secondary Education Schools and Education in Values



The Daphne II project *Secondary Education Schools and Education in values: Proposals for gender violence prevention* to which MIGS was a partner, is now in its final phase. The project was implemented in Cyprus, Spain and Malta with the aim to identify and analyse the types of values in secondary school that affect male and female models of attraction and their connection to gender violence.



The Cypriot case study revealed that there is a lack of understanding among adolescents on what a healthy intimate relationship consists of and therefore attitudes that in other cases could have been considered violent or abusive are tolerated and normalized within the Cypriot context. The strong persistence of traditional gender stereotypes among the young generation of Cypriots tends to support and perpetuate these violent attitudes.

For more information on the results of the project and to view the final reports visit: <http://www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=19>

Seminar for Education Practitioners

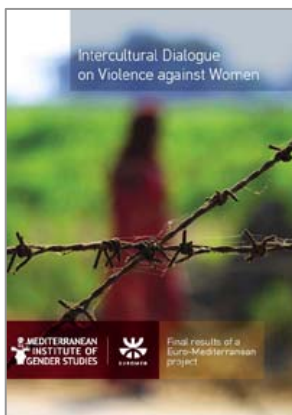
In order to disseminate the results of the project to relevant stakeholders, MIGS organised a seminar on the 19th of June 2008 at the University of Nicosia. The seminar was targeted toward representatives of the Ministry of Education's Department on Educational Psychology, the Cyprus Youth Board as well as teachers of secondary education and other education practitioners. The seminar was facilitated by Georgina Christou, Research Associate, and Miranda Christou, Project Coordinator and Board member of MIGS.



Teachers discuss the research results presented by MIGS during the seminar.

For more information on the seminar visit: www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=1102

Intercultural Dialogue on Violence against Women



MIGS has recently completed the coordination of the project *Intercultural Dialogue on Violence against Women*, funded by the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures.

As the closing activity to the project, MIGS is pleased to make available the final publication with the results of the project. The publication includes a synthesis of the state-of-the-art reports on Violence against Women from all five participating partner countries, information from the workshop and training sessions conducted in Cyprus, the short-listed photographs from the project's widely publicised photo competition and photo exhibition.

To download the publication please visit: www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=447
For additional information on the project visit: www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=240



Role of Women in Economic Life (RWEL) Programme



The Role of Women in Economic Life (RWEL) Programme is a three year regional programme addressing and focusing on women's economic empowerment. Funded by the European Commission and implemented by the British Council in partnership with the Mediterranean Institute for Gender Studies (MIGS), the programme has supported public institutions and civil society in their efforts to promote women's economic participation in 10 South Mediterranean countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia, and Turkey.

The programme's recent activities include a Consultative Meeting on Women's Economic Participation in the South Mediterranean Region that took place in Cairo on 26th-27th May 2008.

The meeting experts presented the eight country studies on "Analysis of the Economic Situation of Women" and the "Comparative Analysis of the Economic Situation of Women in ten South Mediterranean countries", which were designed to investigate women's current economic position in the MEDA countries, taking into account the interlinked social, economic and cultural factors and existing institutional legal framework, with the aim of arriving at recommendations, which at a later stage will be voiced out at policy making levels. The presentation and report of the Consultative meeting is available at: www.euromedwomensrights.net.

As the programme reaches its conclusion, the Euromed Policy Conference titled "Women's Economic Rights: Making a difference in the Mediterranean" is scheduled to take place on 17-18 of November 2008.

The conference will bring together national and regional policy and civil society experts, donor agencies, national authorities, and others and will provide a platform for debate for a wider MEDA network; the promotion of policy and legal recommendations; the dissemination of study findings & good practices; and the enhancement of the visibility on women's economic participation and empowerment.

The participants will discuss proposals to address the main challenges to women's economic participation in the region and decide on follow-up actions, as well as the best strategies to enrich the development of the new ENPI South Regional programme: Enhancing Equality between Women and Men in the Euromed region.

The project has also produced five quarterly newsletters and two thematic editions which are available on the programme website at www.euromedwomensrights.net.



APROPOS Multisectoral and Multidisciplinary Professional Specialization Programme and Network for Violence Prevention



MIGS is partner in the project *APROPOS - Multisectoral and Multidisciplinary Professional Specialization Programme and Network for Violence Prevention* coordinated by Women's and Gender Studies, University of Oulu in Finland. The project is funded by the DAPHNE II programme of the European Commission and co-financed by Finland's Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. The project aims to construct a regional, national and international network of professionals working and dealing with questions of violence. The main result of the project will be a multi-sectoral and multidisciplinary specialization programme for professional education and in-service training on violence and violence prevention.

The courses offered as part of the project were piloted during the period 11/2007-05/2008 and were offered both in Finnish and in English and executed in an online environment called 'OPTIMA'. Courses were conducted online by 'mentors' from the partner organizations with more than 200 students participating from Finland and other European countries. The course was completed by 100 students, some taking all 5 courses and others only taking one or more.

The project is organising its final conference on the 4-5th of December in Oulu, Finland – for more information on the conference, workshop descriptions and the call for papers please visit: <http://www oulu.fi/GVconference2008>.

To read more about the project's partners, aims and objectives visit our website at: <http://www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=256>



Closing Ceremony: ELANI 'Open Doors' – Equal Initiative

MIGS is a partner to a project entitled "ELANI – Open Doors", coordinated by the Cyprus Gender Equality Observatory – PIK, and funded by the Equal Programme of the European Structural Funds.

The main aim of this project is to formulate a new business culture and develop family friendly forms of work organization, with the support of

businesses willing to integrate new strategies and adopt "reconciliation plans" for the development of a business culture friendly towards women and a suitable working environment.



The project, which has run for a period of three years, held its closing ceremony on the 27th May 2008 at the Cleopatra Hotel in Nicosia, Cyprus. Representing MIGS, Susana Pavlou, gave a presentation highlighting the results of Action 4 of the project "Mapping of the Social Gender Map of Cyprus". The main aim of this action was to map the situation of women in society Cyprus with regard to employment and reconciliation of family and professional life. To view the full research report visit <http://www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=429>.

Other speakers at the ceremony included the Minister of Employment and Social Insurance, Ms. Sotiroulla Charalambous, and Member of Parliament, Ms. Roulla Mavronikolla.

More information on this project can be found at:
<http://www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=13>

MIGS Events & Activities



Visitors view and discuss the posters

365 Violence against Women Poster Exhibition

MIGS hosted the *365 Violence Against Women Poster Exhibition* from the 7th-12th of June, 2008 at the ARTOS Cultural and Research Foundation in Nicosia.

The *Violence against Women 365 International Poster Exhibition* is an exhibition developed by Colm Dempsey, a member of An Garda Síochána [Irish Police] who hoped to reach the number of 365 posters in order to raise awareness on

the issue of violence against women worldwide. Based in Ireland the posters have now by far exceeded the original idea with the exhibition including posters by individuals, agencies and organisations from 58 countries around the world. Posters included in the exhibition feature many forms of violence such as child sexual abuse, rape, sexual assault, domestic abuse and sexual exploitation. For more information on the exhibition please visit www.dvposters365.net.

The exhibition was officially opened on Saturday June 7th 2008 by Ms Stella Kyriakidou, MP and Member of the House Standing Committee on Equal Opportunities for Men and Women and of the House Standing Committee on Human Rights.

The exhibition was visited by over 400 individuals as well as various organisations, students and schools. MIGS in collaboration with Ms Kyriakidou is preparing to host the exhibition next year at the Cyprus Parliament Atrium for International Women's Day on the 8th of March, 2009.

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MIGS Representation & Memberships

Cyprus NGDO Platform

MIGS recently became a member of the newly founded Cyprus NGDO platform. This platform was created with the aim to bring together NGO's working on international development, development education, and development cooperation in Cyprus to improve the effectiveness of their work and advocacy.

Gender Matters: developing the competence of trainers to address gender-based violence affecting young people

Georgina Christou, Research Associate, represented MIGS at the training course entitled 'Gender Matters: developing the competence of trainers to address gender-based violence affecting young people' organised by the Council of Europe, Directorate of Youth and Sport-European Youth Centre, Budapest on the 9th-17th April 2008.

The course aimed at developing the competences of participants in order to be better equipped in preventing gender-based violence in their communities through human rights education.

ATHENA3 Annual Meeting

ATHENA3, the Advanced Thematic Network of Women's Studies in Europe (www.athena3.org), brings together 80 institutes in the interdisciplinary field of Women's and Gender Studies.

Susana Pavlou, Director of MIGS, attended the ATHENA3 Annual Meeting which took place in conjunction with the 10th Women's Worlds Congress 2008 that took place at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid in Madrid on the 3- 9 July, 2008 (www.mmww08.org). The ATHENA meeting was a great success: the working groups worked extremely hard, a number of new ATHENA publications were announced, and many ATHENA3 members had the opportunity to present their work at the Women's World Congress giving our work a global perspective. MIGS participates in the ATHENA working group on "Strengthening the Societal impact of Women's Studies". During the working groups meeting Susana Pavlou presented the results of the mapping study undertaken by MIGS on the [Integration of Female Migrant Domestic Workers](#) within the framework of a project funded by the European Commission, INTI Preparatory Actions 2006 Programme.

AT GENDER

In Madrid, representatives of three European women's studies associations WISE (www.wise.medinstgenderstudies.org), AOIFE (www.let.uu.nl/aoife) and ATHENA3 (www.athena3.org) presented the plans for a foundation of the European Association



for Gender Research, Education and Documentation (ATGENDER). ATGENDER will be founded as a broad association for academics, practitioners, activists and institutions in the field of Women's and Gender Studies, Feminist Research, women's rights, gender equality and diversity. The association will create a permanent structure for the growing field of knowledge and practice in Europe. Susana Pavlou, as a board member of WISE, is serving on the founding committee of the association and will serve on its board for the first three years upon which new elections will take place.

On this occasion ATHENA members were invited to pledge support to this new Association by promising to become a member once ATGENDER is official. Those who pledged their support received an 'ATGENDER Rose of Support'. For more information please visit <http://www.athena3.org/atgender/>.

NEW ATHENA PUBLICATIONS

A number of papers presented at the 6th European Gender Research Conference in Lodz in 2007 have been published by Peter Lang Publications. The book entitled *Gender and Citizenship in a Multicultural Context* is edited by Elzbieta Oleksy, Andrea Peto and Berteke Waaldijk. The book can be bought in bookstores and can be order at www.peterlang.de or send an e-mail to Zentrale.frankfurt@peterlang.com.

The new Volume VIII of *The Making of European Women's Studies* is now available. For a copy please send an email to assistant.athena@let.uu.nl.

Strengthening Civil Society and Gender Equality in the Euromed Region

Myria Vassiliadou, Member of the Executive Board of MIGS and Secretary General of the European Women's Lobby [EWL] and Josie Christodoulou, MIGS Project Coordinator attended the Conference on Strengthening Civil Society and Gender Equality in the Euromed Region, 2-3 June, 2008 Bonn, Germany organised by WOMNET. Myria Vassiliadou gave an opening address and was also a panelist on the panel Women's Human Rights as a Fundamental Component of Democracy. Josie Christodoulou presented at the conference and discussed the causes and consequences of gender based violence in Cyprus highlighting the research results of the project *Mapping the Realities of Trafficking in Women in Cyprus*.

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Lobbying & Advocacy

Press Statement on the issue of "artiste" visas

Press statement by the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS) with regards new proposal of the Ministerial Committee on the issue of "artiste" visas. [Only available in Greek] www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=1226

Press Statement: "Trafficking in Persons: Cyprus on the Tier Two Watch List for Third Year Running"

Press statement by the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS) with regards to the recent US State Department report on Trafficking in Persons in Cyprus. Click on the link below to read the statement: www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=442

Press Statement "Βία κατά των γυναικών: ανεπαρκείς οι κρατικές πολιτικές για ένα έγκλημα σε έξαρση"

Press statement by the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS) with regards to the situation of Violence against Women in Cyprus. [Available only in Greek]
www.medinstgenderstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/press-release_violence-against-women_final.pdf

Violence against Women: MIGS at the Cyprus Parliament

As a result of MIGS' press release on violence against women which was released on 24th May 2008, the Institute was invited to the Cyprus Parliament, Committee of Equal Opportunities between Women and Men to present its activities, positions and recommendations on Violence against Women.

Trafficking in Women: MIGS at the Cyprus Parliament

On June 18, 2008 MIGS was asked to present the research results of the project "Mapping the Realities of Trafficking in Women for the purpose of Sexual Exploitation in Cyprus" to the Committee of Equal Opportunities at the House of Parliament. The recommendations of the Institute were welcomed by the Committee who arranged a second meeting on June 25, 2008 where representatives of all relevant ministries and other governmental were asked to attend and respond to specific questions arising from MIGS research report. Representatives of the Institute were asked to participate as observers.

Cyprus Coordinating Multidisciplinary Group on Trafficking in Persons

MIGS has been selected to become a member of the Coordinating Multidisciplinary Group on Trafficking in Persons. The group was established by the Law on Combating Trafficking and Exploitation of Human Beings and Protection of Victims (L.87(1/2007)). The group's purpose, among others, is to monitor the implementation of the Law and National Action Plan on Trafficking in Persons (2005) as well as to take all necessary measures, to monitor and evaluate the national referral mechanism of the



victims and to collect, exchange information between the members of the team with regards to offences as these are foreseen by the law. Some of the agencies participating in the group include the Attorney General's Office, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Police anti-trafficking unit, the National Machinery for Women's Rights as well as two NGOs, MIGS and the NGO Stigma.

MIGS IN THE MEDIA

As part of its objectives and advocacy work, MIGS often works with media professionals and attempts to disseminate information through all types of media. You can view all the media articles which mention MIGS and its work on our website at [MIGS in the Media](#) or www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?page_id=157. Please see a selection of recent media articles related to MIGS work below.

"Scrapping artiste visas is not enough"

Article from the Cyprus Mail with regards to the press release issued by MIGS concerning artiste visas and trafficking in women.

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/cyprus-mail-19_9_08.pdf

"End of the road for artiste visas"

Article mentioning MIGS in the Cyprus Mail with regards to the proposal of the Ministerial Committee on the issue of "artiste" visas.

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/cyprus-mail-13_9_2008.pdf

Below are various newspaper articles related to the meeting of the Cyprus Parliamentary Committee on Equal Opportunities for Men and Women, where MIGS presented its research on Trafficking in Women for the Purpose of Sexual Exploitation. [The majority of articles are only available in Greek]

"Artiste permits down a quarter"

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/cyprus-mail-19_7_2008.pdf

"Cabaret owners lash out at sex trafficking claims", Cyprus Mail 26/6/2008

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/cyprus-mail-26_6_2008.pdf

"Government is failing to act on trafficking", Cyprus Mail, 15/6/2008

Newspaper article in the Cyprus Mail with reference to the press statement MIGS issued with regards to the recent US State Department report on Trafficking in Persons in Cyprus.

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/government-is-failing-to-act-on-trafficking.pdf

"Alarm bells over date rape", Cyprus Mail, 30/3/2008

Front page newspaper article in the Cyprus Mail with regards to the research results of the project "Date Rape Cases Among Young Women and the Development of Good Practices for Support and Prevention" about the prevalence and incidence of date rape among female college students.

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/sunday-mail_30_3_2008.pdf

**FAKELOS, Politis 16/3/2008**

Special newspaper section featuring a group of articles written by MIGS staff and published in Sunday's Politis newspaper on five topics related to Gender. [Only available in Greek]

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/politis_16_3_2008_combined.pdf

Documentary "Gender Equality in Domestic Life in Cyprus", CyBC 2, 8/3/2008

MIGS's documentary on Gender Equality in Domestic Life in Cyprus aired for the first time on public television CyBC 2 (RIK 2) on Saturday, 8th of March at 14:40.

"Me mia matia", MEGA tv channel, 7/3/2008

Dr Alexia Panayiotou, Senior Research Associate of MIGS was interviewed by journalist Gogo Alexandraki on MEGA TV channel with regards to International Women's Day and gender equality. The interview also aired several segments of the MIGS documentary "Gender Inequality in the Domestic Life of Cyprus".

"Close the brothel cabarets", Cyprus Weekly, 4/3/2008

Newspaper article in the Cyprus Weekly on trafficking which quotes data from MIGS' recent report on trafficking.

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/cyprus-weekly_4_3_2008.pdf

**"Lack of policies 'fosters racism' against foreign workers"
Cyprus Weekly 29/2/2008**

Article with regards to the International Conference "Integration of Female Migrant Domestic Workers: Strategies for Employment and Civic Participation", organised by MIGS on the 28th of February, 2008.

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/cyprus-weekly_29_2_2008.pdf

"Research highlights mistreatment of female migrant workers", Cyprus Mail 15/12/2007 [pdf]

Newspaper article in the Cyprus Mail newspaper with regards to the results of the research of the project "Integration of Female Migrant Domestic Workers: Strategies for Employment and Civic Participation".

www.medinstgenderstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/cyprus-mail_inti_15_12_07.pdf

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Announcements

New European 50/50 Campaign launch to promote democracy and to increase women's presence at the top of European politics



The European Women's Lobby 50/50 Campaign "No Modern European Democracy without Gender Equality" was launched on 16.09.08 and will run until

June 2009. The European wide campaign aims to increase the presence of women at the highest level of European politics and to encourage women and voters in general to cast their votes in the next European elections.

The Campaign is already personally endorsed by almost 200 well known personalities across Europe such as European Commission President and Vice President José Manuel Barroso and Margot Wallström, Prime minister of Belgium Yves Leterme, President of the Slovenian Republic Danilo Türk, former Irish President Mary Robinson, Nobel Price winner Orhan Pamuk, and the former President of the European Parliament Simone Veil.

The EWL invites people from across Europe to support the 50/50 Campaign by [signing the petition](#) and by taking part in lobbying actions. The Campaign website www.5050democracy.eu offers different tools to be involved and influence political parties and decision-makers in views of the European elections 2009.

Conferences

Rights and Realities in promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights

Date: 10.11.2008 - 11.11.2008

Place: Rotterdam, the Netherlands

This conference is jointly organized by World Population Foundation and Youth Incentives, to gather community advocating for SRHR with the Rights Based Approach to discuss challenges and identify strategies to overcome obstacles. For more information please visit the conference website at: http://www.wpf.org/advocacy_article/rights_realities

Women and the Media' Conference (CIMMCO)

Date: 27.10.2008 - 28.10.2008

Place: Valencia, Spain

The 1st International 'Women and the Media' Conference (CIMMCO), entitled "Violence against women, information or spectacle?" will gather media professionals and experts



in gender violence to define proposals encouraging good practice in reporting violence against women. For more information please visit the conference website at: <http://cimmco.bsosocial.gva.es/>

From Violence to Caring: Gendered and Sexualised Violence as Challenge in Life-span

Date: 4.12.2008 - 5.12.2008

Place: University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland

The multidisciplinary conference "From violence to caring" brings together researchers, students, activists and practitioners from both Finland and abroad. The conference offers an opportunity to discuss several manifestations of gendered and sexualised violence in different spheres of life. For more information visit: www.medinstgenderstudies.org/?p=1191

Faces @ MIGS



Rania Tollefson, Project Administrator

Rania Tollefson graduated with a BA in Communications from the University of Indianapolis in the USA with a minor in Graphic Design. As a student, she became increasingly interested in the Creative Arts and took classes on gender. Through those classes she developed a keen interest in the area of gender equality. Apart from her administrative duties, Rania was involved in the coordination of the project "Intercultural Dialogue on Violence against Women". Rania is also responsible for the development and publication of the bi-annual newsletter, the drafting of press releases, systematic media monitoring, organisation of conferences, events, workshops, as well as the management of the institute's website.

Rania's other interests include drawing, painting, horse riding and skiing. She also has an active interest in interior design, furniture design and architecture. Rania is also a part-time photographer with published photographs in university materials as well as magazines.



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