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# Panel discussion on Obstetric Violence

20 February 2024, from 6 to 8 pm (CET)



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## Moderator:

- **Jovana Baćigalupo**, psychologist, Institute of Mental Health

**6.00 - 7.00 pm**

## Panelists:

- **Alicia Ely Yamin**, JD MPH PhD, Lecturer on Law, Harvard Law School
- **Dr Camilla Pickles**, Associate Professor in Biolaw, Durham University
- **Liiri Oja**, PhD, Office of the Estonian Chancellor of Justice, Head of NHRI Activities
- **Ivana Krstić**, LLM, MA, PhD, Full Professor in International Human Rights law, Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade
- **Milica Ninković**, MA, PhD candidate, Research Assistant, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

**7.00 - 7.30 pm Discussion**

**7.30 - 7.45 pm Q & A**

**7.45 - 8.00 pm Recommendations and Conclusions**



## Short CVs

**Alicia Ely Yamin** is a Lecturer on Law and the Senior Fellow on Global Health and Rights at the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology and Bioethics at Harvard Law School; Adjunct Senior Lecturer on Health Policy and Management at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health; and Senior Advisor on Human Rights and Health Policy at the global health justice organization, Partners In Health. Known globally for her trans-disciplinary work in relation to economic and social rights, sexual and reproductive health and rights, the right to health, and the intersections between development paradigms and human rights, Yamin's career has bridged academia and activism. Yamin was appointed by the UN Secretary General as one of ten international experts to the Independent Accountability Panel for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health in the Sustainable Development Goals (2016-2021). Yamin has served on numerous other UN, WHO and other global expert committees.

**Camilla Pickles** is an Assistant Professor in Biolaw. She obtained her LLB, LLM (Research), and LLD from the University of Pretoria, South Africa. Before starting at Durham Law School in 2019, Camilla was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights, and International Law at the University of Johannesburg and she was a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow at the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford. Camilla also served as a Law Research Clerk at the Constitutional Court of the Republic of South Africa. Camilla's research is focused on women's rights during pregnancy and childbirth, with a particular focus on obstetric violence. She has published on themes related to abortion, involuntary sterilisations, foetal personhood, management of foetal remains, feticide, the maternal/foetal relationship during pregnancy, and violence and abuse during labour and childbirth in healthcare facilities. Her research intersects human rights law, medical law and ethics, criminal law, and tort law; and it engages broader themes related to reproductive justice, gender, equality, and violence (interpersonal and structural).

**Liiri Oja, PhD** is a human rights lawyer working for the Estonian Chancellor of Justice. Liiri advises the Chancellor on human rights law, compiles reports for different EU & UN bodies, and leads human rights research projects. Before this post, she was a Legal Adviser to the Chancellery of the Estonian Parliament. She completed her master at the Georgetown University Law Center in 2013. She obtained her PhD at the European University Institute in 2018, defending a thesis: "Who is the 'woman' in human rights law: narratives of women's bodies and sexuality in reproduction jurisprudence". Her academic research investigates gender, violence and shame narratives in sexual and reproductive rights jurisprudence, norms and practices.

**Ivana Krstić** is a full professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade, where she teaches International Human Rights Law and other related courses. She is a Director of the Institute for Legal and Social Sciences and a director of the Human Rights Center and the Law Faculty. She coordinates the Legal Clinic for Anti-discrimination Law, as well as the group of experts of the Faculty of Law, which supervises the implementation of the Istanbul Convention. She is engaged in numerous projects and regional initiatives that aim to mainstream gender in all legal disciplines, has provided expert opinions on anti-discrimination legislation, and has supported many international organizations in their gender and justice work. She is one of the editors-in-chief of the Springer edition "Gender Perspectives in Law" and participates in the project Feminist Judgments in Central and Eastern Europe. Ms. Krstić is a member of the UN Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls since 1 November 2023.

**Milica Ninković** is a Research Assistant at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade. She completed her undergraduate studies at the Faculty of Philosophy, as well as at the Faculty of Music. She completed her master studies at the Faculty of Philosophy in 2018, and is working on her PhD dissertation at the same faculty. She was involved in many projects, among others in WITCH: Women's trust and confidence in health system, H2020 - Modifying Institutions by Developing Gender Equality Plans (MINDtheGEPs), and REASON4HEALTH Irrational mindset as a conceptual bridge from psychological dispositions to questionable health practices.