

Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS)



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MEDITERRANEAN INSTITUTE
OF GENDER STUDIES

MIGS is a non-profit organisation which promotes and contributes to social, political and economic themed projects relating to gender with an emphasis on the Mediterranean region

Target groups: All organisations working to eliminate discrimination against women

Focus: The institute's activities aim to:

- stimulate interest in gender research in the Mediterranean region and identify key areas of concern and action in the area
- systematically address, analyse and conduct research on, for, and by women; use the existing information on women and gender to make relevant recommendations on policy and practices
- support gender research through library and documentation services, including the introduction and promotion of a system of data collection by gender
- identify the need to develop new legislation that corresponds to the new conditions and protects women's rights effectively
- increase awareness of gender issues in civil society and facilitate the capacity for action by providing all interested parties with information and organising training, campaigns, seminars, workshops and lectures

Objectives: MIGS supports projects relating to issues of gender using a multidisciplinary approach in collaboration with other institutions. MIGS is closely affiliated to the University of Nicosia, the largest academic institution in Cyprus. The institute has been actively involved, both as a coordinating institution and as a partner, in the administration and implementation of a number of projects related to issues of gender. More specifically, the institute has conducted work in the area of the media, interpersonal violence against women and girls, migration, leadership and decision making, ethno-political conflict, employment and economic life.

Methodology: Over the years, MIGS has developed the following methods:

- support and promote educational programmes, including postgraduate work, in related areas in collaboration with research institutes and universities
- develop methods and take initiative on peacebuilding and conflict transformation as these relate to gender issues
- support regional, European and global initiatives and programmes concerning issues affecting women's lives, such as domestic violence, substance abuse, trafficking, war and the labour market.



- create and support networks with other non-governmental organisations in related areas.

Impact: MIGS works with a broad network of scholars and researchers with expertise in gender-related areas and has strong links with a wide network of organisations working on gender in the Mediterranean region and the European Union, particularly civil society organisations, research institutes and universities. MIGS is a member of several large European networks including the European Women’s Lobby (EWL), Women Against Violence in Europe (WAVE), Women In Development Europe (WIDE) and ATHENA – Socrates Thematic Network Project. MIGS is responsible for the secretariat for the Women’s International Studies Europe (WISE) network. The Institute engages in the regular exchange of information with these organisations and networks through newsletters, mailing lists, country reports on gender related topics, as well as information on new publications, training seminars, workshops and conferences.

Conclusion: CSI has been working with MIGS for many years, and has established a strong collaboration with its members.

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