



## PES Women Annual Conference

### Women, Religion and Culture in Europe: Will women be the cultural battle ground of the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

Wednesday 24 May 2006, 12.30-19.00  
Copenhagen Jazz House

#### Programme

12.30: Opening speech

- **Zita Gurmai** MEP, President of PES Women
- **Britta Thomsen** MEP, Social Democratic Party (Denmark)

12.45: Introductory lecture: Women and the 'clash of civilisations': Pawns, Instigators or Peacemakers?

- **Lene Sjørup**, cand. Theology, Ph.D., author (Denmark)

13.15: Welcome speech

- **Helle Thorning-Schmidt**, Leader of the Social Democratic Party (Denmark)

13.30: Roundtable 1: **The Conservative backlash in Europe and the Christian Right**

Chair: Ania Skrzypek, Secretary General of ECOSY, Young European Socialists

Panellists:

- **Maria Badia** MEP, PSOE (Spain)
- **Pia Locatelli** MEP, President of Socialist International Women
- **Zuzanna Dąbrowska**, Journalist (Poland)
- **Anne Van Lancker** MEP, Chair of the European Parliament's Working Group on Population and Development, Sp.a. (Belgium)

15.00: Coffee break





15.30: Roundtable 2: **Women and Islam in Europe**

Chair: Yildiz Akdogan, Chairperson of 'Turkey in the EU' Network (Denmark)

Panellists:

- **Seyran Ateş**, Lawyer and writer, SPD (Germany)
- **Atiha Chaudry**, Director, Equal Access Consultancy, Labour Party (UK)
- **Maria Scalia**, Director, Women's Centre Zuid-Holland, PvdA (the Netherlands)
- **Asmaa Elhima**, PS Committee on Equal Opportunities, PS (France)

17.00: Roundtable 3: **Stereotypes and changing values: Freedom or oppression for women?**

Chair: Anna Karamanou, Vice-President, PES Women, PASOK (Greece)

Panellists:

- **Karin Yrvin**, State Secretary at the Ministry for Trade and Industry, DNA (Norway)
- **Kirsten Brosbøl** MP, Spokesperson on Equality for Social Democratic Party (Denmark)
- **Marianne Mikko** MEP, SDE (Estonia)
- **Trine Lund-Jensen**, Manager of a private organisation 'The Nest-STOP Trafficking' (Denmark)

18.30: Concluding remarks

- **Zita Gurmai** MEP, President of PES Women
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