

The Situation of Women and LGBTIQ+ in Poland Perspectives on the Recent Women's Strike

Panel Discussion

Friday, 23 July 2021 at 18:00 (CEST) - via ZOOM



The rights of gender and sexual minorities in Poland faced a backlash last year due to events like the anti-LGBTIQ+ election campaign of President Duda and the declaration of units of local self-government as „LGBT-(Ideology) Free Zones“. Also, women's rights have been under attack as the Constitutional Tribunal issued a de facto ban on abortions in October 2020. This caused the largest protests in Poland since 1989, coordinated by *All-Poland Women's Strike* („Ogólnopolski Strajk Kobiet“) and uniting women from diverse backgrounds and ages.

Prof. Dr. Angelika Nußberger, Head of the Cologne Branch of the German Association for East European Studies (DGO), kindly invites you to an (online) panel discussion on the situation of women and LGBTIQ+ in Poland. We will explore the roots of the protests, their forms, aims and opponents, and discuss what they mean for the Polish society today.

Join us for a Friday evening event with our three distinguished speakers:

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| Prof. Dr. Marta Bucholc | Professor at the Faculty of Sociology at the University of Warsaw |
| Dr. Bożena Keff | Writer, poet, feminist and theorist |
| Mirosława Makuchowska | Vice Director of <i>Campaign Against Homophobia</i> (KPH) and founding member of the Consultative Council of <i>All-Poland Women's Strike</i> (OSK) |

The discussion will be held in English and moderated by Laura Jäckel, Doctoral Researcher at the Institute of Eastern European and Comparative Law. Receive access after **registration by 22 July** via laura.jaeckel@uni-koeln.de.