

Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies

Name (family name, first name): SIEMIENSKA-ŻOCHOWSKA Renata

Nationality: Polish

Date and place of birth: 22 April 1939, Cracow - Poland

Working languages: English and Polish

Current position/function:

In Poland: since 1965 University of Warsaw (Warsaw): full professor, since 1996 chairholder UNESCO chair “Women- society-development”; since 2010 also Grzegorzewska Academy of Special Education (Warsaw): head of the chair “Sociology of Social Change”.

Abroad (in past): visiting professor in the USA (several times at University of Michigan, University of North Carolina in Greensboro, Santa Clara University, etc.) and in Canada (Toronto University).

Main professional activities:

Teaching and conducting research focused on value systems, ethnic relations, women’s public participation, socialization, system of education, family, gender inequality in public sphere (politics, labor market) and welfare system.

She is taking part/took part in **cross-national studies** as Polish PI in World Values Survey 1990, 1997, 2005 and 2012 conducted in about 90 countries (being also member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the project); in several projects of the EC e.g. “Women in European Universities” (5th PF), “Evaluation Evaluation of LLL Strategies in Europe” (6th FP), „Work & Care. Social equality and changing relationships between work, care and welfare in Europe” (6th FP), “Workcare Synergies.” (7th FP), actually “ WILCO -Welfare innovations at the local level in favor of cohesion”(7th FP) and “GENDEQU-Gender and Higher Education” (Polish- Norwegian project). She was member of the EC experts’ group to evaluate gender distribution of research grants in the EU (2008-9). She served as member of scientific advisory committees in the EC projects e.g. „ENRI-East. Interplay of European, National and Regional Identities: Nations between States along the New Eastern Borders of the European Union” (FP7), actually in COPE “Combating Poverty in Europe. Re-organising Active Inclusion through Participatory and Integrated Modes of Multilevel Governance”.(7th FP).

Educational background:

Siemienska-Żochowska obtained Ph.D. at Jagiellonian University in Cracow (Poland) in 1969, habilitation at University of Warsaw in 1977, title of professor in 1992. She was a fellow of the Ford Foundation, the Am. Council of Learned Societies in USA (University of Michigan) and the Italian National Science Foundation.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women:

Siemienska served as member of Board of Trustees and president of the UN International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) in Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic), expert of UN, UNESCO (Division of Human Rights and Peace), the Council of Europe and the European Commission. She was a member of the Advisory Board of the Plenipotentiary of Equal Status of Men and Women in Poland (1992-2005).

She is a member of the Program Committee of the Congress of Women (the largest NGO in Poland focused on women's issues). She is collaborating with the office of the Plenipotentiary of Equal Status of Men and Women in Poland.

List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights:

Renata Siemieńska:

- 2007, (ed. with A. Zimmer) *Gendered Career Trajectories in Academia in Cross-National Perspective*. Warsaw: Scholar.
 - ,2008, (Guest editor) Changing Conceptions of Gender. *International Journal of Sociology*, vol.38,/4
 - .. 2009, (with A. Domaradzka) The Welfare State in Poland: transformation with difficulties. W: K.Schubert, S. Hegelich and U. Bazant (eds.) *The Handbook of European Welfare Systems*. London – New York . Routledge.378-397.
 - 2009, Women's Representation in the Polish Parliament and the Determinants of Their Effectiveness. W: M. Rueschemeyer, S. Wolchik (eds.) *Women in Power in Post-Communist Parliaments*. Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press. 61-92.
 - 2009, Kobiety w (męskim) zawodzie naukowca.(Women in (masculine) profession of scientist) W: *Kobiety dla Polski – Polska dla kobiet. 20 lat transformacji 1989-2009*. W-wa : Fundacja Feminoteka. 303-317.
 - 2012, Dokończanie i awanse (Lifelong learning and promotions) .W: E. Lisowska (ed.) *Polityka różnorodności w administracji centralnej (Politics of Diversity in Central Administration)* . Warszawa :SGH s.81-100.
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