

# UPF International Newsletter: Femicide and Psychological Violence against Women

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The Coalition of Faith-based Organizations,  
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Online Expert Meeting

## **Femicide and Psychological Violence, Especially Against Mothers, in Austria: Current Protection Measures and Recommendations for Further Action**

**December 1, 2021, 19:00-20:30 hours (1:00 PM New York time)**

**The objective of the meeting, which will be held mainly in German, is to discuss:**

- The increase in the number of cases of femicide and violence against women and recommendations for combatting femicide and violence;
- The consideration of violence, especially psychological violence against mothers, and the best interest of the child in Austrian law and in custody and contact rights lawsuits;

- The importance of (a) better protecting women against femicide and violence, especially psychological violence; and (b) collecting, analysing and reviewing data of cases of femicide and psychological violence.

Opening and welcoming remarks by **Michael Platzer**, Coalition of Faith-Based Organizations, **Prof. Konrad Lachmayer**, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law, Sigmund Freud University and **Andrea Czak**, Chairperson, Verein Feministische Alleinerzieherinnen (FEM.A)

**MODERATOR: Friedrich Forsthuber**, President of the Regional Court for Criminal Matters in Vienna

#### **SPEAKERS**

**Irmgard Griss**, former President of the Austrian Supreme Court of Justice and former Chairperson of a Kindeswohlkommission

**Renate Winter**, Austrian Judge and former President of the Special Court for Sierra Leone

**Angela Me**, Chief of the Research and Trend Analysis Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

**Maria R sslhumer**, Managing Director, Association of Autonomous Austrian Women's Shelters (A F)

**Rosa Logar**, Director, Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre, Vienna

**Isabel Haider**, Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, University of Vienna

**Sonja Aziz**, Lawyer Specialized in Family Law and Victim Protection

**Sybille M Iler**, Chairperson, Mothers' Initiative for Single Parents (MIA), Germany

**Susanne Wunderer**, Association of Feminist Single Parents (FEM.A), Austria

#### **OPEN WEBINAR**

**LINK:** [us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_RLIKms10Q9KtRZQvYlBcBw](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9123456789?pwd=RLIKms10Q9KtRZQvYlBcBw)

**Due to the current Covid-19 rules, the event will only take place online.**

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