

CURRICULUM VITAE Dubravka Šimonović

PERSONAL DATA:

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 August 1958
PLACE OF BIRTH: Zagreb, Croatia
NATIONALITY: Croatian
WORKING LANGUAGES: English, and German
FAMILY STATUS: Married, two children

EDUCATION AND INTERNATIONAL FUNCTIONS

- **Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women** with following responsibilities: Rapporteur 2005-2006, Chairperson 2007-2008, Chairperson of the Optional Protocol Working Group on Communication (2011-2012) ; Committees Rapporteur on a follow up (2009-2011), member of the Joint working group of CRC-CEDAW
- Member of UNIFEM's expert advisory group for publication of a report *Progress of the Worlds Women* (2009-2011)
- UNHCR Advisory Group on Eminent Persons on its 60th anniversary 2010-2011
- Doctor of Law (LL.D) Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia 1997
- Master of Law (LL.M) Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia 1991
- Bar Exam, Zagreb, Croatia, 1984
- Visiting Scholar, Columbia Law School, New York, U.S.A., April - June 2002
- Visiting professor at the Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights, University of Cincinnati, Ohio, since January 2011

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- On unpaid leave since January 2011
- Head of the Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2002
- Ambassador in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2006
- Minister Plenipotentiary at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations, New York, in charge of the Third Committee, Human Rights and Women's Rights, 1998 - 2002
- Deputy Consul General of the Republic of Croatia in New York, 1997 - 1998
- Head of the Department for Human Rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1994 - 1996
- Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, 1992 - 1994
- Head of the Department for Legal and Administrative Services of the Institute Vuk Vrhovac, 1988 - 1992
- Legal representative before courts, 1982 - 1988

FUCTIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

- Co-Chairperson of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (CAHVIO) 2008-2010 that elaborated the **Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence**,
- Member of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Jury on Gender Equality 2009
- Member of the Council of Europe Task Force to Combat Violence against Women , including Domestic Violence, (2006 Chairperson -2008 Vice-Chairperson)
- Chairperson of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 2000 - 2002
- Member of the Consultative Committee of the UNIFEM, New York, 2001 - 2003
- Chairperson of the Steering Committee on Bioethics, Council of Europe (2003-2005)
- Project coordinator of UNIFEM and Croatia on the implementation of CEDAW in Central and Eastern Europe (Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia), 2002 - 2003
- Vice-Chair of the UNGASS “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”, New York, 1999 - 2000
- Expert for the UNDP project “Women in Development in CEE and CIS countries”, 1995

PREVIOUS FUNCTIONS ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL

- Member of the National Commission against Trafficking in Persons (2003-2010)
- Member of the National Bioethics Commission (since 2002/2010)
- Member of the National Council on the Rights of the Child (2003-2010)
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Center for Human Rights (since 2003-2010)
- Coordinator of the Project : Preventive Counter –Trafficking Capacity Building for Croatian Diplomatic Personnel, IOM, 2007-2008
- Member of the National Commission on the Roma (since 2004 -2008)
- Gender Equality Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (since 2004-2006)
- Member of the Committee for Gender Equality, 2002 - 2004
- Founding member of the National Committee for Equality of Women, 1997 - 1999
- Legal adviser for the "Programme of Protection and Help to the Victims of Violence" of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, 1994

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- Panellist at the UN Human Rights Council Annual discussion on women’s human rights at of the on good practices and remaining gaps in the prevention of violence against women, Geneva 10 June 2010,
- Panellist on regional human rights standards on violence against women at the Panel of the UN Special rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, , Geneva 9 June 2011,
- Training for participants at the Women’s Human Rights Training Institute, Bulgaria,

Varna ,19-25 May 2011,

- Regional workshop on follow-up to the Universal periodic review, outcomes and other human rights mechanisms' recommendations , Brussels, Belgium , 28-29 March 2011
- Improving Implementation and Follow-Up of Concluding Observations and Views: The UN Treaty Bodies Critical Perspective, Open Society Justice Initiative, the Brookings Institution and UPR – Watch, Geneva, 22-23 ,11, 2010
- Day of general discussion on the right to sexual and reproductive health, women's rights and a general comment on the right to sexual and reproductive health, Geneva, Switzerland, 15 November 2010
- International Forum on “Women in Urban Development and Commemoration of the 15th Anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women” from 16th to 18th September 2010 in Shanghai, China,
- Visit to Japan organized by Japan NGO Network for the CEDAW (JNNC) and presentation of five lectures including at the Japan Federation of Bar Associations at Meiji University, Tokyo, 26- August-5 September 2010,
- European regional conference Migration and Violence against women in Europe, Parliamentary Assembly of the CoE and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, 10-11 December 2009, Paris, France
- First and Second Forum on Minority Issues, Human Rights Council of the UN, Geneva, Switzerland, 15-16 December 2008, 12-13 November 2009;
- UNIFEM Capacity Development Workshop for NGO Women's Rights Advocates in Commemoration of 30 CEDAW Anniversary, 19-20 Istanbul 2009, Turkey,
- OSCE Seminar on Legal reform and gender: Sharing best practices on gender –aware legislation, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, 12 October 2009
- WAVE Conference: Stop Violence against Women and Children, 24th – 26th of September 2009, Vienna, Austria;
- Sixth Inter-Committee Meeting ,Geneva,18-20 June 2007 and Nineteenth meeting of Chairperson of Human Rights Treaty Bodies , Geneva , 21-22 June 2007
- Seventh Inter-Committee Meeting of the UN Nations Treaty Bodies, Geneva, Switzerland, Vice Chair, 1-3 December 2008,
- Third World Congress Against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents, panelist on the panel on the human-rights based approach to trafficking of children for sexual exploitation. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 25-28 November 2008
- Colloquium on the Impact of Violence against Women on the Family, Doha, Qatar 19-23 November, 2008
- Statements as the CEDAW Chair before the Third Committee of the General Assembly, Sixty-third session, 15 October 2008,
- Head of the Follow-up official visit to Luxemburg by the members of the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Luxembourg, Luxembourg, 3 -5 October 2008
- Global Standards – Local Action Conference on the 15 Years of the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 28-29 August 2008
- Expert Group Meeting: Good practices in legislation on violence against women, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime , Vienna, Austria 26 to 28 May 2008

- OHCHR Panel discussion on the UN mechanisms for the elimination of legislation that discriminates against women Geneva, 4 April 2008, 24 October 2008.
- Statement as the Chair of the CEDAW Committee at the 52nd CSW of Women and Panelist on a “Key policy initiatives on financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women” New York , 25 February-7 March 2008
- Asia Regional Conference on “Women’s and Children’s Rights, the Human Rights Relationship, Bangkok, Thailand, 9-10 December 2007.
- Key note statement on the CEDAW Convention: An Overview of the reporting process, follow up to concluding comments and implementation, Port Vila, Vanuatu, 19 -21 November 2007,
- Panelist at the International conference “Stop Domestic Violence Against Women- Ten Years of Austrian anti- violence legislation in the international contexts, Vienna, Austria 5-6 November 2007,
- Conference on Women’s Participation in Governance, Beijing, China, October 20-21, 2007
- Statement as the CEDAW Chair before the Third Committee of the General Assembly, Sixty-third session, 15 October 2007
- Regional conference: Reporting under the CEDAW Convention”, held in St. Stefan, Montenegro, 24 to 26 September 2007
- Panelist at the Council of Europe panel Girl child victims of trafficking. New York, 1 March 2007
- Keynote statement at the 52nd CSW on priority theme “The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child” New York , 26 February 2007
- Panelist at the UNICEF- DAW panel Eliminating violence against the girl child, New York, 26 February, 2007
- Brainstorming meeting on the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Body System, Malbun, Lichtenstein, 14-16 July 2006
- Panelist at the CSW DAW panel: “Violence against women” New York, 3 March 2006
- Cairo Sub-Regional Workshop for the Implementation of the Concluding Comments/ Observations of the CEDAW and CERD (for Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia), 19-22 December 2005, Cairo, Egypt
- Follow-up workshop on the Implementation of Treaty Bodies Concluding Observations at the National Level, 4 to 6 October 2005, Zagreb, Croatia
- Panelist at the panel: " Synergies between national-level implementation of the Beijing Declaration and PFA and the CEDAW " held at the CSW, New York, 11 March 2005
- Round Table of National Human Rights Institutions and National Machineries for the Advancement of Women, Ouarzazate, Morocco, November 2004
- 3rd Conference of Women Parliamentarians of South Eastern Europe, Skopje, June 2004
- Expert Group meeting which developed a questionnaire on violence against children for the Study of the Secretary General, Mr. Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, Geneva 2003
- Conference on the Implementation of CEDAW in Central and Eastern Europe, October 2003, Dubrovnik, Croatia

Statements as the Chair of Vice-Chair of the Council of Europe Task Force

- Closing Conference - Council of Europe Campaign to Combat Violence against Women,

including Domestic Violence, Strasbourg. 10 June 2008

- Key note statement at the Council of Europe Regional Seminar on Support and protection for victims of domestic violence: services needed, Espoo, Finland , 8-9 October, 2007
- Statement as the Vice-Chair of the Task Force at the Joint Conference of National Focal Points and Contact Parliamentarians ,Strasbourg, 5 June 2007
- Statement as the CEDAW Chair and Vice-Chair of the Task Force at the Council of Europe Seminar on Men's Active Participation in Combating Domestic Violence Zagreb, Croatia.,9 May 2007
- Statement at the Council of Europe Regional Seminar on legal measures to combat violence against women, including domestic violence, The Hague, Netherlands, 21 February 2007,
- Statement at the Launching Conference - Council of Europe Campaign to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence, Madrid, 27 November 2006
- Member of the Working Group for the preparation of the Gender Equality Act, 2003

Member of Croatian delegation

- Delegate to the Fourth UN World Conference on Women, Beijing, September 1995
- Delegate to the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, September 1994

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

Dr. Dubravka Šimonović lectures human rights and women's rights at the MFA Diplomatic Academy, the Center for Human Rights and Women's studies. She is author or editor of books and articles in the areas of women's rights, human rights, and medically assisted procreation.

Books:

- *Harmful Discriminatory Practices: Reality, Practice and Jurisprudence of the CEDAW Committee, Harmful Practices and Human rights, University Institute Kurt Bosch , May 2011, 49-59*
- *Reflections on the Future of the CEDAW Committee: The Circle of Empowerment, The Feminist Press at CUNY, December 2007, 349-351.*
- *Short Guide on CEDAW - the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Implementation in Croatia, (ed.) Government Office for Gender Equality, Zagreb, 2004, p.139*
- *Medically Assisted Procreation: Law and Ethics, 1997, Organizer, Zagreb, p.399*
- *Social and Legal Problems of Artificial Insemination, Medicinska naklada, Zagreb, 1993, p.123*

Articles:

- *Introductory note to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women , in the UN Audiovisual Library of International Law, Human Rights" December, 2008*
- *Legal regulation of cloning in Croatia and in the World, Zbornik Pravnog Fakulteta Zagreb, 2007, p*
- *Ratification of Protocol No.12 by the Republic of Croatia: reasons, procedure and*

implementation, in *Non-discrimination : a human right*, Council of Europe Publishing, 2006, pp 78-86

- *Short Guide on CEDAW – the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Optional Protocol*, in: *the Short Guide on CEDAW – the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Implementation in Croatia*, Government Office for Gender Equality, Zagreb, 2004, pp.13-54
- *Reporting on the Implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia*, in *Short Guide on CEDAW*, Government Office for Gender Equality, Zagreb, 2004. pp. 85-91 (co-author Nella Popović)
- *International Law on Human Rights as a Legal Framework for the Protection of Human Genome and the Prohibition of Human Cloning*, UNESCO Committee Croatia, 2003, Zagreb, p. 15
- *Role of the United Nations in the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Women's Rights*, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, Zagreb, 2001, p. 20
- *United Nations and Human Rights*, in *Croatia and the United Nations*, Organizer, Zagreb, 1996, pp. 143-149
- *United Nations and the Status of Women*, in *Croatia and the United Nations*, Organizer, Zagreb, 1996, pp. 251-265
- *Rechtstaatlichkeit in Kroatien*, in Hoffman et al. (ed.) *Rechtstaatlichkeit in Europa*, F.C. Mueller, Wien, 1996, pp.281-294 (co-author Ivan Šimonović)