Fachtagung

Religion and Gender

Living together - Gender democracy in a multi-religious Europe

Berlin, 13. December 2007

CV

1) Patrick Schnabel

Born in Wolfsburg on 22 January 1977

Patrick Roger Schnabel studied theology in Bielefeld, St Andrews and Göttingen. In 2000, he was awarded his Masters of Theology (St Andrews), and in 2003 a Diploma in Theology (Göttingen). In 2007, he passed his second church examination in Loccum. After attending seminars on European and state church law in Göttingen, he studied at the Protestant Institute for Church Law in Potsdam from 2004-2006 where he now is about to finish his doctoral thesis on regulations pertaining to religious constitutional issues of the former EU Constitutional (now Reform) Treaty. He received scholarships from the Ev. Studienwerk Villigst, from St Mary's College St Andrews and the Graduate Scholarship Programme of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

On a voluntary basis, Patrick R. Schnabel actively works, among others, for the University Debate Club (Hochschuldebattierclub) of Potsdam and the German Protestant Kirchentag (DEKT), and is committed to supporting and organising the Männerarbeit (Men's Work) organization of the Evangelical Church of Germany (EKG). Since 2007, he has worked as a special curate at the Brussels Representative's Office of the General Commissioner of the EKG Council, as well as with the German government and the EU.

2) Professor Magdalena Środa,

Former Polish Government Plenipotentiary for Equal Status of Women and Men (2004-2005). She is working at the Institute of Philosophy at the Warsaw University in 1982. Her academic specializations include, among other issues: history of ideas, political and moral philosophy, applied ethics and gender studies. Minister Środa was the Director for Students Affairs at the Institute of Philosophy, the Warsaw University (1993-1999), and the Director for the Postgraduate Studies of Ethics, the Warsaw University (since 1994). She has been the Editor of ETHICS and PHILOSOPHICAL REVUE, both published by the Polish Academy of Science. Minister Środa held Visiting Professorships at Centre de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris, France; University of Leuven, Belgium; Rutgers University, New Brunswick, USA; (1995-1997). Throughout her career she has written numerous articles and books, the most recent is entitled *Individualism and its Critics. Contemporary debates between Comunitarians, Liberals and Feminists about Subject, Community and Gender* (2003). She gained the qualifications in Humanistic Sciences - PhD and in Philosophy – M.A. at the Warsaw University.

3) Bashy Quraishy

I was born in India, but grew up in Pakistan. I have studied Engineering in Germany and USA, and later studied International Marketing in London.

I am member of a number of Commissions, and Working Groups involved with Human Rights, Ethnic Equality issues and Anti-discrimination work, both in Denmark and abroad.

On the Danish level, I am the Chief Editor of MidiaWatch, which is a quarterly magazine on media and minorities, Chair of media monitoring organisation, Fair Play and member of the Advisory Council of Danish Human Rights Institute.

On the international level, I am President of ENAR – Brussels which is the largest EU network against racism with over 600 member organisations, member of the "Board of Trustees" of the Dutch Foundation " More colour in the media" and board member of international foundation" Education for life" based in Israel as well as a member of the EU Commission's High Level Committee on the Social and Labour Market integration of disadvantaged ethnic minorities.

I contribute regularly to the Danish and European press with essays, cronicals and TV debates as well as lecture on various issues concerning Ethnic Minorities in EU, Islam in the Western Media, Multiculturalism, globalization, anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, Racism and Resistance in EU and Integration's dilemma in Europe.

Books published;

Fort Europa –1994
EU – the lost paradise - 1995
European Union or Fortress Europe – 1996
I am not a racist but --. – 1996
My Europe – 1997
Searching for a humane Europe – 1998
From Punjab to Copenhagen – 1999
Danish identity – seen through brown eyes - 2003

At present, I am working on a book, dealing with the living conditions of Muslim Communities in Europe.

Study papers published;

From 1986 - 2006

Inter-cultural communication is the way forward

Multiculturalism and the European integration

Ethnic minorities in the west – conflict or enrichment

Resisting racism in Europe

Europe is marching in the wrong direction: Latest development in the European

Union on immigrantion and asylum

EU Constitution and ethnic minority rights

Lobbying against hate speech in Europe

NGOs and trade unions – partners against racism

Human Rights – Western dictates versus the global necessity

Shared citizenship – immutable core or dynamic nucleus The Scandanavian societies and ethnic minority integration Shadow reports on Danish discriminatory practices Ø,03,04,05,06 EU -Directives on Racism Police profiling and ethnic minorities in Europe Lobbying the media by ethnic minorities Media and minorities in the Danish society Racism's effect on Muslim Youth in Europe Media's role in cementing Islamophobia Western terminology and Islam Islam in the Western media Islamophobia and anti-Semitism – two sides of the same coin Integration or segregation in Europe NGOs and the decision making process in EU Jewish Muslim Dialogue – its time has come Role of education in tackling Islamophobia Islamophobia Ø past, present and future

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4) Márcia Elisa Moser

Born on 28 June 1979,

studied Latin American Regional Studies at the University of Cologne as well as Gender Studies and Religious Studies at the Humboldt University and the Free University of Berlin;

M.A. thesis: "Affirming the Inherent Dignity and Worth of Every Person": 'Gender' and 'Sexuality' in the Concepts, Policies and Religious Principles of the Office of Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Concerns of the American religious congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Since October 2006: Research associate at the Institute for Comparative Religion at the Free University of Berlin; **Dissertation project**: Religious- and identity-related attempts at adopting and incorporating queer religion concepts and their argumentative strategies

Courses:

Summer semester 04: Religion and Film

Winter semester 06/07: 'Gender' in Religious Studies

Summer semester 07: Plurality – Representation – Religion.

Inner-religious diversity, taking Judaism, Christianity and Islam in Germany as examples

Winter semester 07/08: Religion and Sexuality

Summer semester 08: Religious Berlin – Qualitative Research into Theory and

Practice

Conferences:

Conference on 'Euthanasia – The right to a painless life?' Comparative religion and interdisciplinary perspectives. (With Maud Sieprath), 23 – 24 November 2007, Free University of Berlin

Chairing and organisation of panels, 'Women's Research, Gender Research, Gender Studies: Inclusion and Differentiation within Religious Studies'; DVRW/EASR conference, 23-27 September 2007, University of Bremen.

Lectures:

Identity – a productive paradigm of gender research in religious studies? Thoughts on the intersectionality of gender, sexuality and religion. Free University of Berlin. Conference organized by the Department of History and Cultural Studies. 16-17 November 2007

'Autonomy at life's end? – The positions of the Humanist Association Germany for Euthanasia'. Conference on 'Euthanasia – The right to a painless life?' Comparative religion and interdisciplinary perspectives, Free University of Berlin

Axes of differences and interdependence: non-white and queer criticism of the 'woman' category and its incorporation into religious studies. University of Bremen, DVRW/EASR conference, 23-27 September 2007.

Memberships:

Member of the DVRW

Associate member of the Center for Transdisciplinary Gender Studies, HU Berlin

5) Björn Krondorfer

Björn Krondorfer is professor of Religious Studies at St. Mary's College of Maryland. His field of expertise is religion and culture, with an emphasis on cultural approaches to theology, male gender in religious history, and post-Holocaust personal and national narratives. In his 2006 co-authored book *Mit Blick auf die Täter*, he examines discourses of complicity in the autobiographies of German Protestant theologians. Other books include *Remembrance and Reconciliation* (1995), *Men's Bodies, Men's Gods* (1996), and *Body and Bible* (1992). He has edited, with an afterword, Edward Gastfriend's *My Father's Testament: Memoirs of a Jewish Teenager* (2000), and co-edited two volumes in German on the cultural and theological legacy of the Holocaust. He has been the *Cultural Criticism Series* editor jointly of the AAR and Oxford University Press and serves on the board and as book review editor on the online, peer-reviewed *Journal of Men, Masculinity and Spirituality* (JMMS).

6) Lara Dämming

Lara Dämmig studied library science in Berlin. She currently works for a Jewish organization in Berlin. In the 1990s, she was extensively involved in setting up a Rosh Chodesh group and an egalitarian Minianim in Berlin. Moreover, she conducted research on behalf of a museum of regional history for various exhibitions and books on Jewish issues and researched the life of Jewish women in Berlin. Together with Elisa Klapheck and Dr Rachel Monika Herweg, she founded the Jewish-feminist initiative, Bet Debora, in 1998. From 1999 to 2003, she organized three conferences involving European female rabbis, cantors, Jewish activists and scholars, all of which took place in Berlin. From 2001 to 2004, she was actively involved in the interreligious project "Sarah-Hagar: Politics, Religion, Gender".

Publications (among others): "Jüdisches im Grünen. Ausflugsziele im Berliner Umland" (Jewish places for outings in the area surrounding Berlin), Hentrich & Hentrich, 2007 (together with Judith Kessler); "Voluntary Work and Jewish Renewal. Observations on the Situation in Germany". In: Gender, Memory and Jewish Women in Contemporary Europe, Herne 2007; "Debora's Disciples: A Women's Movement as an Expression of Jewish Reformation in Europe". In: Turning the Kaleidoscope – Perspectives on European Jewry, New York; Oxford 2006 (together with Elisa Klapheck), several contributions for "Jewish Women. A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia", Jerusalem 2006 (CD-ROM); "Bertha Pappenheim: Prayers", Hentrich & Hentrich 2003 (together with Elisa Klapheck).

7) Martin Rosowski

Born on 29.11.1958
Historian, theologian and educationalist
Head of the Main Branch of *Männerarbeit der Evangelischen Kirche in Deutschland*(Men's Work of the Evangelical Church in Germany), Kassel
Numerous publications on the issues of men and gender

The *Männerarbeit* organization of the Evangelical Church in Germany is a pool of all institutions within the 23 member churches of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) dedicated to men as the target group for the work of the church. Issues: male religiousness, spirituality, the distancing of men from the church, men's education, men's policies, gender issues. The commonly shared issues of the *Männerarbeit* organization in the member churches is coordinated and networked at the main branch of the EKD.

8) Rabeya Müller

Born in 1957, studied Education, Islam Studies, Ethnology, Islamic Theology; worked in the field of religious education; headed the Institute for Interreligious Pedagogy and Didactics (Institut für Interreligiöse Pädagogik und Didaktik - IPD Köln);

Developed teaching materials and curricula as well as interreligious and intercultural education theories and teaching concepts; mediator trainer; worked in the field of teacher training, developed courses in the field of 'Self-Assertiveness Training for Muslim Girls' and 'Dealing with Moslems'.

Gender research, gender-specific education in Islam, teacher training as part of the Council of Europe and in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Vice-chairwoman of the Centre for Islamic Women's Studies and Women's Promotion (Zentrum für islamische Frauenforschung und Frauenförderung); former Chairwoman of the Interreligious Conference of European Theologians (Interreligiöse Konferenz europäischer Theologinnen - IKETH); member of the Commission for Islamic Religious Instruction (Kommission für den islamischen Religionsunterricht - KIRU), first Spokeswoman for Interreligiones - Forum for Religious Education (Forum für Religiöse Bildung); member of the advisory council "Chair for the Religion of Islam" ("Lehrstuhl für die Religion des Islam") of the CRS (Centre for Religious Studies - Centrum Religiöse Studien) at the University of Muenster; member of the WCRP; member of the EAWRE (European Association For World Religions In Education); member of the advisory council of the feminist theologian periodical "Schlangenbrut"; member of INTRA.

Lecturer at the interreligious feminist House of Teaching and Learning (Lehr- und Lernhaus) (Gelnhausen, Berlin, Cologne).

Co-editor of "Gemeinsam vor Gott – Gebete aus Judentum, Christentum und Islam" (Jointly before God – prayers from Judaism, Christianity and Islam), Bauschke, Homolka, Müller (Ed.), Gütersloher Verlagshaus GmbH, Gütersloh 2004, ISBN 3-579-05543-7

9) Sławomira Walczewska

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born in Częstochowa, Poland, 25th June 1960.

Dr. Slawomira Walczewska, feminist activist and philosopher. She was teaching history of philosophy at the Jagiellonian University in Cracow and history of feminist ideas at postgraduate Gender Studies in Warsaw and Cracow. In 1991 she co-founded the eFKa- Women's Foundation, one of the first few feminist organisations in post-socialist Poland. She edited the feminist magazine "Pelnym Glosem" (In Full Voice, 1993-1997) and, since 1999, is member of the editorial board of "Zadra", the only polish feminist quarterly. In 1999, Walczewska published "Ladies, Knights and Feminists: Feminist Discourse in Poland", the first Polish book about women's emancipation in Poland from historical and cultural perspective. That book was nominated, as one of 20 books, to the most prestigous book award in Poland, NIKE, in 2000. She is author of ca. 50 articles about feminism and history of the women's movement.

EDUCATION

1997 – PhD from the Polish Academy for Science, Warsaw

1995 - research fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna

1992 - 96 - Post-graduate student at the Postgraduate School for Social Research, Warsaw

1986 - 90 - Post-graduate student in philosophy at the Jagiellonian University, Cracow

1985 - Post-graduate semester at the University of Freiburg, Germany

1985 - M.A. in philosophy from the Jagiellonian University, Cracow

BOOKS

"Feministki. Własnym głosem o sobie" (Feminists. Talking about Ourselves), editor and author of introduction, eFKa, Cracow 2005

"Damy, rycerze i feministki. Kobiecy dyskurs emancypacyjny w Polsce" (Ladies, Knights and Feminists. Feminist Discours in Poland), eFKa, Cracow 1999 (among 20 books nominated to the NIKE-Award in 2000, parts published in Ukrainian – "Ji", in Slovak – "Aspekt", Bulgarian translation ready for publication, Italian translation of some fragments is prepared for the annual of "La Sapientia" University)

"Frauen haben das Wort", editor with B. Kozak. FrauenAnstiftung, Cracow / Hamburg 1994

"Głos mają kobiety" (It is Women's Turn), editor, Convivium, Cracow 1992

ARTICLES

"Ritter und Damen. Fuer einen neuen Geschlechtervertrag" in: "Jahrbuch Polen 2006. Frauen", Deutsches Polen-Institut, Darmstadt 2006

"Verfuehrerische Aesthetik der Fassaden: die Soziologin Anna Titkow" in: "Lebenswerke. Portraets der Frauen- und Geschlechterforschung", ed. B. Kortendiek, A.S. Muenst, Barbara Budrich Verlag 2005

"Emancypacja kobiet w kulturze polskiej" (Emancipation of Women in the Polish Culture) in: "Terapia rodzin a perspektywa feministyczna", ed. B. Józefik, B. de Barbaro, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego, Kraków 2004

"Zielona partia" ("The Green Party") in: Zadra no 3/4, 2003

"Lepsze równouprawnienie niż pocałunek w rękę" (Better are Equal Rights than Kissing of Hands) in: "Polacy i Niemcy", 2003 r, Germ. in: "Deutsche und Polen. Geschichte, Kultur, Politik", Verl. Beck, 2003 (2. ed in 2006)

"Pocztówka z..." (Postcard from...) - since 2002 the paragraph in the feminist quarterly magazine "Zadra"

"Czy kobieta może być managerem? Analiza genderowa podręczników dla managerów" managerów" (Can Women be a Manager?) in: "Gender, kultura, społeczeństwo", ed. M. Radkiewicz, Kraków 2002

"Frauenrollen, Frauenrechte, Frauenbewegungen" with Sophia Kemlein in: "Deutschland und Polen im zwanzigsten Jahrhundert. Analysen – Quellen - didaktische Hinweise", ed. U.Becher, W. Borodziej, R.Maier, Verlag Hahnsche Buchhandlung, Hanover 2001

"Trudne słowo gender" (The Difficuilt Word Gender) in: "Zadra" no 3-4, 2001

"Pielegniarki to my" (We are Nources) in: "Zadra" no 4, 2000

"Feminizm i polityka" (Feminism and Politics) in: "Zadra" no 2, 2000

"Frauen in Polen AD 1998" in: "Trans Odra" no 18, 1998

"Dokąd idzie Marianna?" (Where is Marianna going?) in: "Pełnym Głosem" no 5, 1997 and in: "Ecofeminizm", Pracownia na rzecz Wszystkich Istot, Bielsko Biała 1999

- "Matrioszka z Willendorfu" (Matrioshka from Willendorf) in: "Pełnym Głosem" no 4, 1996 and in: "From Men to Women and Back Again", ed. J.Brach-Czaina, Białystok 1997
- "Feminizm jako odkrywanie kultury kobiecej" (Feminism as Discovering of the Women's Culture) in: "Różnica i różnorodność" ("Difference and Variety"), ed. A.Jawłwska, Poznań 1996
- "Matka gastronomiczna" (Gastronomical Mother) in: "Pełnym Głosem" no 3, 1995
- "Ein Jahrestag an der polnischen Universitaeten" (An Anniversary at the Polish Universities) in: "L'Homme", no 11 /1995, Vienna
- "Potrebujeme v Pol'sku feministicky casopis?" (Do we need a feminist magazine in Poland?) in:" Aspekt" no 2-3, 1995, Bratislava
- "Czy kobietom w Polsce potrzebny jest feminizm?" (Do Polish Women Need Feminism?) in:"Kobiety w Posce dziś", ed. A. Titkow, H. Domański, Warsaw 1995
- "Märztagungen wie es war" in: "Frauen haben das Wort", ed. S. Walczewska, B. Kozak, Cracow / Hamburg 1994
- "`Liga Kobiet` jedyna organizacja kobieca w Polsce" (`Women's Ligue` the Only Women's Organisation in the Polish National Republic) in: "Pełnym Głosem", no 1, 1993
- "Pośmiertny hermafrodytyzm Zofii Malinowskiej" ("Hermaphroditism of Sophie Malinowska post mortem") in: "Pełnym Głosem", no 1, 1993
- "O potrzebie historii kobiecej" (About the Necessity of the Women`s History) in: "Głos mają kobiety", Cracow 1992
- "Feminizm" ("Feminism") in: "bruLion", no 19B, Cracow 1992
- "Sprzątacz i profesorka" (Male Cleaner and Female Professor) in: "bruLion", no 18, Cracow 1991
- "Polnische Frauengenossenschaft bedroht" (Polish Women's Cooperative is in Danger) in: "Die Stimme der Frau", no 6/7, Vienna 1991
- "Die Not der Frauengeschichte" ("About the Necessity of the Women`s History") in: "1789/1989. Die Revolution hat nicht stattgefunden", ed. H.Deubler-Mankowsky, Tübingen 1989
- "Krótka historia pierwszej kobiecej spółdzielni mieszkaniowej" ("The Short History of a Women's Cooperative") in: "Zagadnienia Społeczne, Ekonomiczne i Techniczne", no 5,

Warsaw 1989

"Dwa pojęcia historii w fenomenologii Husserla" ("Two Concepts of History in the Husserl's Phenomenology") in: "Ruch Filozoficzny", no 3, Toruń 1989

"Sprawozdanie z sesji poświęconej uczczeniu pamięci E.Husserla w 50 rocznicę jego śmierci" ("Report from the Conference in memoriam E.Husserl in the 50 Anniversary of His Death") in: "Studia Filozoficzne", no 4, Warsaw 1989

REVIEWS

"Zamiast milczenia" (Instead of Silence – K. Szczuka) in: "Zadra", no 3, 2004

"Gdzie te kobiety?" (Where are those women? - Shana Penn) in: "Nowe Książki", no 5, 2003

"Porządkowanie myśli feministycznych" (Sorting the Feminist Things - R. Putnam-Tong) in: "Nowe Książki" no 4, 2003

"Polka z wyboru" (To be Polish as a Choice - K. Lanckorońska) in: "Zadra" no 1, 2002

"'Nowy feminizm' na mszę dzwoni"(The Old 'New Feminism' – M. Matlary) in: "Zadra"no 4, 2000

"Psychoanaliza, buddyzm, feminizm" (Psychoanalysis, Buddhismus, Feminism – W. Eichelberger) in: "Nowe Książki" no11, 1999

"Androgynia i emancypacja" (Androgyne and Emancipation – J. Miluska, E. Pakszys) in: "Pełnym Głosem" no 3, 1995

"Smak 'grzyba w ogóle'" (The Taste of the 'Unicercal Mushroom' - M. Humm) in: "Pełnym Głosem", no 2, 1994

"Zrozumieć Amerykę" (To understand America – D. Memmet) in: "Pełnym Głosem" no 2, 1994

"Od Wenus z Willendorfu po sławne Polki" (From Wenus from Willendorf till the Famous Polish Women - M. Ciechomska) in: "Nowe Książki", no 11, 1993

"Historia matriarchatu" (Women's Chronic – ed. A. Kuhn) in: "Pełnym Głosem", no 1, 1993

TRANSLATIONS

Translation from German for the monography: "Husserl", K.Swięcicka, Warsaw 1993 (2. ed. In 2005)

Translation from Sloterdijk, "Zur Welt kommen, zur Sprache kommen" in: "bruLion", No 19B, Cracow 1992

E.Hussserl, "Crisis of European Sciences and Phenomenology", Cracow 1987, Torun 2000

MEMBERSHIP:

- 2005 "Culture for Tolerance" Foundation, member of the council
- 2005 WeiberWirtschaft e.V., Berlin, member
- 2004 International Institute for the Study of Culture and Education, Wroclaw, member of the

Institute Board

- 2004 LGBT-Foundation, Cracow, member of the council
- 2002 Referendal Group "Greens", Warsaw, member of the board in 2002
- 2001 Comitee for Building the Roads, Cracow, Chair
- 2000 Workshop for the Whole Beings, Bielsko-Biala, member of the council
- 1997 2000, Polish Society for Sociology, Warsaw, member
- 1994 Women's Rights Center, Warsaw, member of the council
- 1993–1995 Polish-German Academic Association, Cracow, co-founder, 1994 member of the

council

- 1992 2002 "Aspekt", feminist magazine , Bratislava, member of matronat (council)
- 1991 Network of East-West Women, co-founder, New York
- 1991 Women's Foundation eFKa, Cracow, co-founder, member of the board
- 1990-1994 Polish Feminist Association, Warsaw, co-founder, member
- 1987 Women's Dormitory Cooperative, Cracow, member of the council in 1989.
- 1997 International Assotiation of Women Philosophers, member, Berlin
- 1986- 1990 Polish Ecological Club, Cracow
- 1985 Polish Society for Philosophy, secretary of the Cracow branch in 1990

PROFFESIONAL EXPERIENCE

2003 till today – director and teacher at the Feminist Academy projekt of the Women's

Foundation eFKa, courses: "Feminism, Religion and Spirituality", "Narrative Herstory", "Beyond God the Father"

2001 – "Polish Women's Movement in the International Context", course at postgraduate Gender Studies at the Jagiellonian University, Cracow

1999 till today - member of the editorial board of the guarterly "Zadra"

1998 till today – manager of the eFKa-Publishing House

1997 – "Feminist Discourse", course at graduate Gender Studies at the Warsaw University

1995 till 2003 - coordinator of the project "Women's Center" of the eFKa-Women's Foundation

1993 - 1997 – editor of the feminist magazine "Pełnym Głosem" (In Full Voice)

1986 – 1990 – courses in history of philosophy, especially ancient philosophy and phenomenology, Jagiellonian University

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Polish – native language German – very good English - good Russian - good

11) Dr. Claudia Neusüß

Claudia Neusüß was born in 1961 in Düsseldorf/Germany. She studied political science, psychology and economic geography in Bonn and at the Free university of Berlin, where she taught, worked as a researcher and did her docteral degree. She has been involved in various East-West projects regarding the transformation process. In 1987 she co-founded the women's cooperative WeiberWirtschaft, of which she was executive director during 1991-96 (www.weiberwirtschaft.de). From 1996 to 2006 she was a member of the steering committee. Up to today she is collaborating with WeiberWirtschaft (i.e. Trainingsseminar on Economical Empowerment for Women / International Sommer Symposium for Women 2010 in Shanghai).

From 1996 to 2002 she was executive director of the Heinrich Böll Foundation (www.boell.de), a political foundation associated with the Green Party. She was responsible for international politics, north-south and intercultural dialogue, the sholarshipprogram and conceptualizing migration/intercultural management and gender democracy. She was founder of the Feminist Institut and responsible for the strategical development. Today she is collaborating with the Foundation and the Feminist Institut (www.glow-boell.de).

In 2002 she stayed in Poland, studied polish history and culture and worked as a lecturer and political consultant in various eastern-european countries. Since 2003 she is president of OWEN e.V. (Mobile Academy for Gender Democracy and Peace) (www.owen-frauennetzwerk.de) located in Berlin. Since october 2007 she is a visiting professor at Girne American University in North-Cyprus.

Today Claudia Neusüß works as a self-employed political consultant, trainer and coach, project developer, speaker and moderator. She is author of various articles on social and labour market related policies, gender mainstreaming, women's empowerment, Diversity and Gender Democracy in an international perspective.