NGO CSW December 2024 Monthly Meeting
AI, Online Violence Against Women, and Ethics
Date: Tuesday, 17 December 2024
Time: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm EST
Registration link

Overview
NGO CSW/NY's Monthly Meetings are an essential part of our work to engage our global constituency in the **UN CSW** and **NGO CSW Forum** processes, as well as in global gender equality advocacy in general. Each month, the meeting addresses a different topic related to the CSW. CSW69/Beijing +30 is the time for the Commission on the Status of Women to examine the gains made of the Beijing Platform for Action, and the twelve critical areas identified as being essential to women's empowerment and opportunities.

The program for each monthly NGO CSW/NY meeting this year (2024/2025) considers two of the critical areas for investigation. The December 2024 program which is hosted by a member organization will focus on the critical areas of **media** and **human rights** for women. The intersection of AI, online violence against women, and ethics with our focus areas is a perfect foundation for today's program.

The panel, hosted by NGO CSW/NY member organization The Red Dot Foundation, and led by Olga Jurasz, professor of law and Director of the Centre for Protecting Women Online, will explore contemporary challenges posed to women, women's rights and their safety, especially those posed by the emergence of new technologies and AI. The panelists will explore this theme from a cross-disciplinary and cross-sectoral angle, bringing critical and thought-provoking perspectives.

Program
11:00 am - 11:20 am - Introduction & NGO CSW/NY Updates
11:20 am - 12:10 pm - Panel Discussion
12:10 pm - 12:25 pm - Audience Q & A
12:25 pm - 12:30 pm - Closing

Panel Speakers:
- Professor Olga Jurasz, Director, Centre for Protecting Women Online, The Open University (UK)
- Camila Gomide, Tech and Data Product Manager, Red Dot Foundation (Brazil)
- Paula Reyero-Lobo, Early-Stage Researcher, Open University (UK)
- Dr. Tracie Farrell, UKRI Future Leaders Fellow, The Open University (UK)

Moderator

- Professor Olga Jurasz, Professor of Law, Open University (UK)

Speaker Bios

Professor Olga Jurasz - Professor Olga Jurasz is professor of law at the Open University (UK) and Director of the Centre for Protecting Women Online - an interdisciplinary unit focusing on research, policy engagement and creating social impact in relation to women's online safety. Her research expertise is in international law, human rights, legal responses to violence against women (including online violence) and feminist approaches to governance of online spaces. Since 2024, she serves as an Independent Expert to the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on combating technology-facilitated violence against women and girls. She holds a PhD in International Law from Aberystwyth University.

Professor Jurasz is a leading voice in the field of law & violence against women. She published her research widely, including two books: Online Misogyny as a Hate Crime: A Challenge for Legal Regulation (Routledge 2019) and Violence Against Women, Hate and Law: Perspectives from Contemporary Scotland (2022). She was the lead author and researcher on the first ever empirical project to examine the extent and impact of online violence on women in Libya (2021), analysing this phenomenon in the context of Libya's transition from conflict to peace. In 2023, Professor Jurasz led on a project 'Online Violence Against Women: A Four Nations Study' which is the biggest empirical study in the UK to gather data about societal attitudes towards online violence against women and women's experiences of such violence.

Professor Jurasz's expertise has been used by governments, international organisations and third sector organisations to influence changes in law and policy in areas of online violence against women, criminal law, online communications, women's online safety and State obligations concerning violence against women. Professor Jurasz provided expert advice to the Council of Europe regarding the development of the first recommendation on the digital dimension of violence against women by GREVIO - the Council of Europe's independent expert body responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence. She is a member of the TechUK Violence Against Women and Girls Digital and Tech Working Group and regularly appears in the media as an expert commentator on contemporary matters in her research areas.

Professor Jurasz presented her research at many conferences in the UK and internationally, spoke at the UN Commission for the Status of Women in New York, and provided specialist training to legal professionals in the areas of gender equality, online violence and online safety. Her research has been funded by Research England, the British Academy, Economic & Social Research Council, Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council and British and Irish Law, Education and Technology Association (BILETA).

She is a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

Paula Reyero Lobo - Paula is a Marie Sklodowska-Curie Fellow in the European project "NoBIAS-Artificial Intelligence without Bias" and an Early-Stage Researcher at the Open University, UK. Her research focuses on mitigating bias in hate speech detection systems, particularly hate directed at groups with protected gender and sexual orientations. As part of a multidisciplinary team, Paula is dedicated to reducing harm in AI-based decision making by integrating ethical and legal considerations in the design of technical solutions.

Paula recently joined the Centre for Protecting Women Online at the Open University as an AI consultant. She will continue her research on online harms, aiming to improve the detection of hate for non-normative women and women with intersectional characteristics.

Camila Gomide - Camila is a Tech and Data Product Manager at Red Dot Foundation Global, where she leads a team of data analysts, developers, and QA professionals to analyze Safecity's crowdsourced data on sexual harassment and gender-based violence. Her work focuses on transforming this data into actionable insights for various stakeholders, including government officials and community leaders, to foster safer public spaces and drive systemic change.

She has also led the design and development of Vera, Safecity's chatbot assistant, which provides users with valuable resources and support. In addition, she conducts workshops and training sessions for stakeholders, youth, and app users to further Safecity's mission and broaden its impact.

Camila holds a degree in Global Studies with minors in Gender Studies, International Relations, and Entrepreneurship from Long Island University. Having lived in four countries and collaborated with NGOs and indigenous communities, her international experiences have given her a well-rounded perspective on global challenges, particularly those related to gender equality and community advocacy.

Tracie Farrell - Tracie Farrell is a Senior Research Fellow at the Open University and recipient of the UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship (Round 6). Her transdisciplinary, mixed methods research explores the impact of Artificial Intelligence on society, including impacts on people, their communities, and the wider ecosystems in which they live. Before her academic career, Tracie worked for 18 years in the non-formal education sector on issues related to human rights, gender, leadership and citizenship.