

Women in Politics

What's keeping women out of office?



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OVERVIEW

Womenquake* is a neutral place where existing ideas and beliefs concerning gender differences and women are debated and challenged; more important however, **Womenquake** is a movement that will nudge history towards a better future for humanity.

It has been founded on the premise that our constructed realities fuel and drive our individual and collective behaviours.

The main goals of Womenquake are:

- To *shake* the foundations of the false and outdated ideas and beliefs that have driven human behaviour as far as gender and women issues are concerned;
- To *seek* and re-construct better foundational ideas for better human societies, and;
- To *share* new designs and models for future public policies.

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Forum Programme

19:00-19:15	Registration
19:15-19:30	Introduction & Welcome
19:30 -20:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Women in Politics: What's keeping women out of office?</i></p> <p>Margret Thatcher, Angela Merkel, Dilma Rousseff, Yingluck Shinawatra, are some of the few women political leaders. While there are visible signs that more and more women are taking active part in politics (the 2018 US Congress midterm election is a recent example), the fact remains that there are much fewer women participating in political affairs, domestically and globally, than men. Politics is the arena where serious public policy issues and the future of nations are debated and fought-over. Final decisions and the political future of individual nations and the world have been decided by men. This model cannot continue and must change, if we seek a better future for ourselves and for others.</p> <p>In this Womenquake event we shall be focusing on the main reasons that kept women away from taking a more active part in politics.</p> <p>Join us if you wish to learn, to share your ideas and to understand the root causes of women's exclusion from the political scene.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Sana Afouaiz, Co-founder of Womenquake</p> <p>Panellists: Ms. Bianca Debaets, State Secretary of the Brussels-Capital Region and Equal Opportunities (TBC) Ms. Mahinur Ozdemir, Member of Brussels Parliament Ms. Julie Rizkallah Szmaj, Vice President of MR International</p>
20:30 -21:00	Q&A and open discussion
21:00 -22:00	Networking & Reception