

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Name (family name, first name): Bruun, Niklas

Nationality: Finnish

Date and place of birth: 1950, Finland

Working languages: Finnish, Swedish, English and Danish

Current position/function:

Professor of Private Law, University of Helsinki, Finland

Head of the Research Programme “Regulating Markets and Labour”, Stockholm University (Sweden)

Member of the Research Team of the Centre of Excellence in the Foundations of European Law and Polity, University of Helsinki

Main professional activities:

Professor of Private Law, University of Helsinki 2006- (continuing)

Professor in Law, Swedish School of Economics and Business Administration, Helsinki 1986-2006

Guest Professor of National Institute for Working Life, Stockholm, Sweden 1993-1996, linked to the Institute as an Academic supervisor for EU Labour Law research 1997-2007

Director IPR University Center, University of Helsinki 2000-

Professor of the Year in Finland (2005)

Guest lecturer in numerous European universities, including EUI-Florence, University of Bari, University of London (King’s College), London School of Economics and Berlin (continuing)

Expert Member of the European Labour Law Network (ELLN), supported by the European Commission (continuing)

Educational background:

LL.D, Dissertation, Helsinki University, 1979

Doctor of Law H.C, University of Stockholm, 2000

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women:

Commissions of trust; national

Involved as an expert in the implementation of the CEDAW Convention into Finnish Law 1980-1985

Chairperson of the Equality Board of Finland, 1999-2007

Chairperson of the Committee for a revision of the Gender Equality Act of Finland 2000-2002

Chairman of the Board of Good Business Practice of the Central Chamber of Commerce 1999-2010

Finnish Copyright Council, Vice chairman 1988-1995, Chairman 1997-2008

Member of the Equality Committee 2007-2009

Expert Member of the Group preparing a Government Report on Gender Equality 2009-2010

Commissions of trust, international

Member of the Freedom of Association Committee, ILO 1996-1998, 2006- 2008, 2011-2014

Member of the High Level Mission of Inquiry concerning Belarus appointed by the ILO 2003-2004

Member of the CEDAW Committee 2009-2012, Member of the Optional Protocol Working Group on Communications 2011-

Expert for the EU Institutions (the European Commission and the European Parliament), at numerous occasions

List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights:

Several publications include volumes inter alia in the area of labour law and gender equality, including Gender Discrimination (1996) Gender Discrimination and Equality (2006). Frequent articles in Nordic and international publications.
