

Silvia Pimentel (Brazil)

Date and Place of Birth: 03/01/1940 – Minas Gerais, BRAZIL

Working Languages: Spanish, English, French

Current Position/ Function:

PHD Professor in the program of graduation and post-graduate studies of Law at Pontifícia Universidade Católica (PUC) / São Paulo

Main Professional Activities:

Currently, proceeds teaching Law at the Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-SP), where she began teaching in 1973. Also in the program of post-graduate studies of Law.

Expert of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, CEDAW Committee / UN, from 2005 to 2008

Educational Background:

PHD in Legal Philosophy, PUC/SP – 1977

Master in Psychology of Education, PUC-SP – 1973

Law Degree, PUC-SP - 1970

Other Main Activities in the Field, Relevant to the Mandate of the Treaty Body Concerned:

Non Governmental

- Founding Member of the Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights (CLADEM), 1987. Member of its Honorary Consulting Council, 2003 – present Coordinator of the Brazilian Section of CLADEM, 1992-2005;
- Founding Member of the International Women's Rights Action Watch (IWRAP), 1985;
- President of the Institute for the Advancement of Equity (IPE) 2003 – present;
- Member of the Director Council of Commission of Citizenship and Reproduction (CCR);

Selected Advocacy Experiences:

- Author of "The New Civil Statute of Women", a proposal for changing the Brazilian Civil Code. Presented to the National Congress in 1981, it was included in the reform of the Brazilian Civil Code in 2002;
- Participation in the drafting process of the Brazilian Constitution, as one of the six women who wrote the historical "Women's Letter to the Constituents", in August of 1986.

List of Most Recent Publication in this Field:

- 1) "Education and Legal Literacy". In "The Circle of Empowerment"- CEDAW Book 25th Anniversary, organized by Cees Flinterman and Beate Schopp-Schilling, Feminist Press, NY, 2007;
- 2) "Legitimate Defense of Honour, or Murder with Impunity?" - critical study of legislation and case law in Latin America by Silvia Pimentel, Valeria Pandjiardian and Juliana Belloque, edited by Lynn Welchman and Sara Hossain, ZED BOOKS, London, 2005.