

**Dubravka Šimonović (Croatia)****Personal data**

Date of birth: 11 August 1958  
Place of birth: Zagreb, Croatia  
Nationality: Croatian  
Working languages: English, German, and Croatian  
Family status: Married, two children

**Academic qualifications**

- Visiting Scholar, Columbia Law School, New York, U.S.A., April-June 2002
- Doctor of Law (LL.D) Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia 1997
- Master of Law (LL.M) Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia 1991
- Bar Exam, Zagreb, Croatia, 1984

**Present international functions**

- Member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (since 2003), elected as its Rapporteur (2005-2006)
- Member of the Council of Europe Task Force to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence, appointed by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe (2006-2008)
- Representative of the Republic of Croatia on the Steering Committee on Human Rights (CDDH), Council of Europe (since 2002), elected as Bureau member (2005-2007)

**Present national functions**

- Gender Equality Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (since 2004)
- Member of the National Commission on the Roma (since 2004)
- Member of the National Commission against Trafficking in Persons (since 2003)
- Member of the National Council on the Rights of the Child (since 2003)
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Center for Human Rights (since 2003)
- Member of the National Bioethics Commission (since 2002)

**Previous functions on the international level**

- Chairperson of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 2000-2002

- Member of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), New York, 2001-2003
- Chairperson of the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI), Council of Europe (2003-2005)
- Vice-Chairperson of the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2001-2003
- Project coordinator of UNIFEM and the Government of the Republic of Croatia on the implementation of CEDAW in Central and Eastern Europe (Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia), 2002-2003
- Vice-Chair of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", New York, 1999-2000
- Expert for the UNDP project "Women in Development in CEE and CIS countries", 1995

**Previous functions held on the national level**

- Member of the Committee for Gender Equality of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, 2002-2004
- Member of the National Council for Human Rights, 2002-2004
- Founding member of the National Committee for Equality of Women, 1997-1999
- Human Rights Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, 1994-1996
- Legal adviser for the "Programme of Protection and Help to the Victims of Violence" of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, 1994

**Professional career on the national level**

- Head of the Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, since 2002
- Minister Plenipotentiary at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations, New York, in charge of the Third Committee, Human Rights and Women's Rights, 1998-2002
- Deputy Consul General of the Republic of Croatia in New York, 1997-1998
- Head of the Department for Human Rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1994-1996
- Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, 1992-1994
- Head of the Department for Legal and Administrative Services of the Institute Vuk Vrhovac, 1988-1992
- Legal representative before courts, 1982-1988

**Other relevant professional activities**

- Panellist at the panel: "Synergies between national-level implementation of the Beijing Declaration and PFA and the VEDAW" held at the CWS, 11 March 2005, New York
- Participated as a CEDAW expert at the Round Table of National Human Rights Institutions and National Machineries for the Advancement of Women, Ouarzazate, Morocco, November 2004
- Participated as a CEDAW expert at the 3rd Conference of Women Parliamentarians of South Eastern Europe, Skopje, June 2004
- Delegate to the Second Intergovernmental Conference: Making Europe and Asia fit for Children, Sarajevo, May 2004
- Participated as a CEDAW expert at the Expert Group meeting which developed a questionnaire on violence against children for the Study of the Secretary General, Mr. Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, Geneva 2003
- Representative of the Republic of Croatia at the sixth meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CAHTEH), October 2004
- Participated at the Conference on the Implementation of CEDAW in Central and Eastern Europe, October 2003, Dubrovnik, Croatia
- Member of the Working Group for the preparation of the Gender Equality Act, 2003
- Delegate to the Twenty-seventh Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Children, September 2002, New York, and a panellist at the panel on the implementation of CEDAW and CRC
- Delegate to the Twenty-sixth Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on HIV/AIDS, June 2001, New York
- Participated as the Chair of the CSW at the United Nations Expert Group Meeting on "Gender and Racial Discrimination", Zagreb, Croatia, November 2000
- Delegate to the Twenty-third Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", June 2000
- Member of the delegation of experts on the examination of the Initial Report of the Republic of Croatia before the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, New York, January 1998
- Delegate to the World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Stockholm, Sweden, August 1996
- 1996, 1997, 1998, 2003, 2004 — delegate to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Geneva

- Member of the delegation of experts on the examination of the Initial Report of the Republic of Croatia before the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC), Geneva, January 1996
- Delegate to the Fourth United Nations World Conference on Women, Beijing, September 1995
- Delegate at the 39th Commission on the Status of Women as a preparatory committee for the Fourth United Nations World Conference on Women, New York, April 1995
- Member of the delegation of experts on the examination of the Initial Report of the Republic of Croatia before the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), Geneva, March 1995
- Delegate to the Conference "Equality and Democracy: Utopia or Challenge?" organized by the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, February 1995
- Delegate to the regional UNECE Conference "Women in a Changing World", Vienna, October 1994
- Delegate to the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, September 1994

#### Selected publications

Dr. Dubravka Šimonović lectures human rights and women's rights at the MFA Diplomatic Academy, the Center for Human Rights and Women's Studies. She is author or editor of books and articles in the areas of women's rights, human rights, and medically assisted procreation.

#### Books

- *Short Guide on CEDAW — the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Implementation in Croatia* (ed.) Government Office for Gender Equality, Zagreb, 2004, p. 139
- *Medically Assisted Procreation: Law and Ethics*, 1997, Organizator, Zagreb, p. 399
- *Social and Legal Problems of Artificial Insemination*, Medicinska naklada, Zagreb, 1993, p. 123

#### Articles

- "Short Guide on CEDAW — the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Optional Protocol", in *Short Guide on CEDAW — the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Implementation in Croatia*, Government Office for Gender Equality, Zagreb, 2004, pp. 13-54
- "Reporting on the Implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia", in *Short Guide on CEDAW*, Government Office for Gender Equality, Zagreb, 2004, pp. 85-91 (co-author Nella Popović)

- "International Law on Human Rights as a Legal Framework for the Protection of Human Genome and the Prohibition of Human Cloning", UNESCO Committee Croatia, 2003, Zagreb, p. 15
  - "Role of the United Nations in the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Women's Rights", Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, Zagreb, 2001, p. 20
  - "United Nations and Human Rights", in Croatia and the United Nations, Organizator, Zagreb, 1996, pp. 143-149
  - "United Nations and the Status of Women", in Croatia and the United Nations, Organizator, Zagreb, 1996, pp. 251-265
  - "Rechtstaatlichkeit in Kroatien", in Hoffman et al. (ed.) *Rechtstaatlichkeit in Europa*, F.C. Mueller, Wien, 1996, pp. 281-294 (co-author Ivan Šimonović)
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