



WTI 'Talking Gender, Equality and Diversity' Lecture Series

# Gender Equality in the Judiciary With an Emphasis on International Judiciary

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## Abstract

Commencing with the question "Why is gender equality so important in rendering justice?", the presentation shares the historical and current representations of women as judges, mediators and arbitrators. Against this background, the speech evokes discussions on the causes of gender inequality in the international judiciary, as well as on what can be done to change the situation.

## Biography of the speaker

Catherine Kessedjian is Professor Emerita of the University Panthéon-Assas Paris II. She acts as arbitrator in a selected number of International Commercial and Investment Disputes. She also acts as mediator in French and English. She is a member of numerous professional organisations, notably the American Law Institute (ALI) and the Institut de droit international. For ALI, she presently acts as a member of the International Advisers Committee for the Restatement on Foreign Relations Law. She is the President of the French Branch of the International Law Association and Vice Chair of the global ILA.

Until 2016, she was the Deputy Director of the European College of Paris and Director of Studies of the LLM in European Law. In 2016, she was Visiting Professor at Padova University (Italy) and in 2017 Wainwright Senior Fellow and Visiting Professor at McGill Faculty of Law. She was Hauser Global Visiting Professor at New York University School of Law in 2004, 2008 and 2011, and Visiting Professor at Yale Law School in January 2010.

## When Where

Thursday  
11 December 2019  
17:00-18:00  
Anna Nussbaum Auditorium, World Trade Institute  
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