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# *Gender Equality, Power and Participation during a Pandemic Crisis*

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Panelists

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## INTRODUCTION

The current coronavirus outbreak is believed to have a high economic and social impact for women by slowing down efforts to address gender inequality across the world. During the pandemic, few women have been included in the decision-making process or quoted in the media. Only five women were invited to join the 21-members group WHO Emergency Committee on COVID-19. The lack of a gender lens and balance in emergency policy responses may exacerbate existing gender divides and can undermine women's capabilities and perspectives. This pandemic experience provides an opportunity to move the debate forward by identifying new opportunities (from gender-neutral distribution of care and work time to "unstereotyped" gender roles) and by addressing the urgent need to ensure equal representation of men and women in decision-making processes.

**This webinar aims to discuss the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on gender issues and the challenges and opportunities it has created.**

## SPEAKERS



**ZSUZSA BLASKÓ** is a Research Fellow at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre. She is a sociologist by background and her main research interest lies in social inequalities with a particular focus on education and gender relations. Examples of her work include analyses on gender role attitudes, maternal employment and girls' expectations to work in STEM areas. She recently published the JRC Technical Report, "[How will the COVID-19 crisis affect existing gender divides in Europe?](#)", April 2020.



**ANNALISA ROSSELLI** is Professor of History of Economic Thought at the University of Rome "Tor Vergata". Her research and expertise lie primarily in the area of history of economic thought, monetary history and gender economics. She was the first woman to be appointed president of the Italian Economic Association. Her expertise has been recognized by numerous international institutions. She is member of the European Gender Budgeting Network and has contributed to the recently published book "[Gender Budgeting in Europe](#)".



**ALESSANDRA MINELLO** is Assistant Professor in Demography at the University of Florence. She is specialized in gender, fertility intentions, historical demography, work and education, and sexuality and homicides. She has extensive experience in international research projects and teaches Historical Demography and Demography & Tourism at the University of Florence. Her most recent publication "[The Pandemic and the Female Academic](#)" in Nature addressed the challenges that female academics face during the pandemic.

This webinar is co-organized by SNSF Prof Elisa Fornalé, WTI Gender Coordinator, Prof Georgia Salanti, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Bern, and Ms Chiara Germano, Vice Regional Advisor on Equal Opportunities, Piedmont Region.

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The format is part roundtable, part general discussion. Participation requires registration.

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