

Report

Anti-Gender Campaigns in Global Perspective

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In their book “Anti-Gender Campaigns in Europe – Mobilizing against Equality” the editors David Paternotte and Roman Kuhar are focusing on a rising activism against gender equality as a European phenomenon. It became clear that the movement cannot be considered as a purely European development. Similar movements, campaigns and discussions are evolving in Latin America, Africa and to a lesser extent in Asia. Within the framework of the event “Anti-Gender Campaigns in Global Perspective”, organized by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung EU Office, the aim was to identify the scope of respective globalized development of anti-gender campaigns.



For this purpose the FES EU Office invited experts, scientists and representatives of CSOs and think tanks to discuss the state of play, consequences and challenges of anti-gender campaigns. The different backgrounds of the partici-

pants allowed both a comprehensive discussion and the comparison of various regional contexts of anti-gender movements.

The perspective of the discussion was enriched by meetings with Member of the European Parliament Mary Honeyball, the political advisor of the European Parliament’s Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) and an Advocacy Officer of the International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPF EN). All interlocutors shared their experiences and observations of the impact of anti-gender campaigns at the European institutional level.

The discussions about the increasing network of global actors revealed the outcome that the strategies and actors itself have to be subject of analyses in order to understand their motivation. In the following the development of a proactive strategy in dealing with the growing anti-gender movements, is possible.