

## Irene FELLIN

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Nationality: Italian



### GENDER ADVISOR

Specialist in equal opportunities and gender mainstreaming with particular reference to the international agenda on Women, Peace and Security. Works against women and harmful traditional practices, and addresses the needs of women and directors of international projects in the area of disarmament, arms control and arms reduction. Coordinates national and gender women and men caucuses in NATO. Has worked in the area of disarmament, arms control and arms reduction.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

January 2013 -> present

### Advisor on Women, Peace and Security Office of the Secretary General - NATO HQ, Brussels

- Advising and supporting the activity of the Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security issues in assisting the Alliance's implementation of the UNSCR 1325 and related resolutions, as well as in gender mainstreaming
- Coordinating the internal Task Force on women, peace and security, and contributing to the organization of internal and external conferences and events
- Being responsible of mainstreaming a gender perspective into the crisis management exercise (CMX14) planning, that for the first time ever will include a gender perspective assuring that all different aspects of the exercise will take into consideration a gender dimension
- Supporting the Arms control and Coordination Section in the redaction of a Prospect for gender mainstreaming in NATO arms control efforts, with particular reference to Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and Mine action (MA)
- Researching; writing statements, reports, articles
- Speaking at conferences and briefing groups of external visitors at NATO as well as internal working groups on the Women Peace and Security agenda

## SKILLS

- Good ability to adapt to multicultural environments
- Able to communicate effectively, clearly, sensitively and persuasively with a range of actors and diverse social and cultural backgrounds
- Excellent representative and diplomatic skills
- Public speaking
- Strong analytical skills
- Able to work effectively on multiple assignments simultaneously and to adapt to changing demands and circumstances
- Excellent organizational, coordination and facilitation skills
- Able to work well in a team environment
- Able to work independently and to take initiative

2010-2013

**Independent Consultant**

**East European Crossroads International magazine on geopolitics: event and promotion advisor in Belgium**

- Organisation of presentations in Brussels
- Promotion of the magazine among international institutions
- Fund raising and networking

**Women's Toponymy Group, Italy**

- Researching, conception of projects
- Organisation of the I National Congress on Women's Toponymy, Rome 6-7 October 2012
- Advocacy, fund raising and networking

**Conception of projects on gender issues and equal opportunities**

- Fund raising (governmental institutions and private companies);
- Attending European conferences; networking; making presentations; proofreading, researching, drafting articles

January – April 2010

**Project coordinator - Institute of Italian Culture in Ankara and Embassy of Italy in Turkey**

- Organization of the conference "Equal opportunities and gender equality: experiences in Italy and in Turkey" with the participations of the Italian and Turkish Ministers of Equal Opportunities and Women's Affairs
- Conception of the project; analysis of women's situation in Italy and in Turkey; fund raising

2009 - 2010

**Gender advisor UNICEF - Ankara**

- Researched on gender issues with a focus on "Early marriage in Turkey" working with Governmental Institutions, Academicians, Embassies, NGOs and other relevant counterparts
- Represented UNICEF at Conferences; drafted international reports (i.e. UN CEDAW report), press releases, statements, intervention and other relevant documents
- Coordinated and facilitated the implementation of a gender mainstreaming strategy within the office (i.e. given trainings to the staff, created an e-knowledge centre, established a Gender Team Group and organized its activities, prepared the gender section for UNICEF web-page)
- Worked on the Gender assessment of UNICEF Country Programme and on its implementation

**Languages**

Italian: native

English: advanced

French: advanced

German: intermediate

Spanish: intermediate

**Computer skills**

Good command of Microsoft

Office tools (Word, Excel, Power

Point and Outlook), and

Internet; Photoshop and

Dreamweaver

2008 - 2009

**Project assistant on gender issues UNDP - Ankara**

- Organized and implemented the International Conference "Women and Governance in Eastern Europe and CIS Countries" – South/South Cooperation Project" in Istanbul, December 2008
- Taken part in the UN Gender Thematic Group meetings, given support to the organization of meetings or other activities, documents redaction

2006-2007

**Teacher - Institute of Italian Culture in Ankara**

- Teacher of Italian language and culture to groups up to 15 people
- Specialized in private courses for Professionals and for CELI exams

Academic year 2004- 2005

**University Research Assistant University Ca' Foscari, Venice - Italy**

- Researched on Italian photographers and lectured during the Course "History of Photography"

January 2003 to February 2005

**Project leader assistant Ministry of Foreign Affairs Rome - Italy**

- Responsible for the organization of 250 cultural events (art exhibitions, concerts, conferences, and ballets) in Belgium, in collaboration with the Foundation Europalia, for the implementation of the Cultural Program of the Italian EU Presidency

## **EDUCATION**

June - July 2013

**Human Rights Education Associates [www.hrea.com](http://www.hrea.com)**

- E-Learning Course on "Women Peace and Security"

September 2007 - September 2009

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**Middle East Technical University - Ankara, Turkey**

- MA in English language "Gender and Women's Studies". Final dissertation: "Honour killings in Turkey: politics and society". Area of expertise: Violence against Women; Gender equality and democratisation; Women, Peace and security; International Regimes; Harmful traditional practices; Globalisation and population movements; Women's situation in Turkey and in the Islamic countries

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"Autorizzo il trattamento dei dati personali ai sensi del D. lgs. 196/03"

October 2005

**Istituto Luigi Sturzo – Rome, Italy**

- Advanced-level training: "Funding and planning cultural projects"

September 2001 - October 2002

**École du Louvre – Paris, France**

- Post graduate Diploma in "Museology"

Area of expertise: organisation of events and communication

November 1995 - June 2001

**Università degli Studi di Parma - Italy**

- Graduate in "Conservation of Cultural Heritage"

**Interests**

*Wine history and culture*

*Wine tasting*

*Playing theatre*

*Tennis*

**PUBLICATIONS**

- "L'onore dei turchi" (The Turkish honour), In genere anno uno, Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini, p. 386
- "Bolzano: pari opportunità e questione linguistica", *Leggendaria*, n. 95 September 2012, p. 42
- "Toponomastica femminile nelle Province Autonome di Bolzano e Trento: statuti diversi, ma uguali risultati"  
<http://www.dols.it/2012/09/25/toponomastica-femminile-a-bolzano-e-trento/>
- "Sulle vie della parità" Atti del I Convegno di Toponomastica Femminile 6-7 ottobre 2012 a cura di Maria Pia Ercolini, *Universitalia*, Roma 2012
- *Bruxelles, un'occhiata all'Europa* di Irene Fellin