

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Name (family name, first name): PIMENTEL, Silvia C. S.

Nationality: Brazilian

Date and place of birth: 01.03.1940; Minas Gerais, Brasil

Working languages: English, French, Spanish, Portuguese

Current position/function:

Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women – CEDAW Committee. Chair of the Working Group on Access to Justice, inside the CEDAW Committee, for the elaboration of a General Recommendation on Access to Justice for women. PHD Professor in the programme of graduation and post-graduate studies of Law at Pontifícia Universidade Católica (PUC)/São Paulo.

Main professional activities:

Expert of the CEDAW Committee since 2005. Chairperson of the CEDAW Committee from 2011 to 2012. Currently, proceeds teaching Law at the Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-SP), where she began teaching in 1973, both in the graduate and post-graduate programmes.

Educational background:

PHD in Legal Philosophy, PUC/SP – 1977
Master in Psychology of Education, PUC-SP – 1973
Law Degree, PUC-SP – 1970

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women:

Founding Member of the Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights (CLADEM), 1987. Member of its Honorary Consulting Council, 2003 – present Coordinator of the Brazilian Section of CLADEM, 1992-2005. Founding Member of the International Women's Right Action Watch (IWRAW), 1985. President of the Institute for the Advancement of Equality (IPE) 2003 – present. Member of the Director Council of Commission of Citizenship and Reproduction (CCR). Author of "The New Civil Statute of Women", a proposal for changing the Brazilian Civil Code, which was included in its reform in 2002. Participation in the drafting process of the Brazilian Constitution, in 1986. Co-author of the Maria da Penha Law, which is the Brazilian legislation on violence against women.

List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights:

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1. “A Lei Maria da Penha na perspectiva da responsabilidade internacional do Brasil”. In “Lei Maria da Penha : comentada em uma perspectiva jurídico-feminista”, organized by Carmen Hein de Campos, Lumen Juris, Rio de Janeiro, 2011.
 2. “Education and Legal Literacy”. In “The Circle of Empowerment” – CEDAW Book 25th Anniversary, organized by Cees Flinterman and Beate Schopp-Schilling, Feminist Press, NY, 2007;
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