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Invitation: Roundtable Discussion on the Gender Dimensions of the Global Financial Meltdown, Thursday 28 January 2010, University Vienna, 17:00-19:00.

It is our pleasure to invite you to a roundtable discussion of the recent GARNET Policy Brief entitled *The Global Financial Meltdown and the Impact of Financial Governance on Gender*, to be held at the University of Vienna, Institute for Political Science (Institut für Politikwissenschaft) on **Thursday, 28 January 2010, 17-19 o'clock.**

At the World Economic Forum in Davos 2009, some of the most interesting discussions revolved around whether we would be in the same mess today if Lehmann Brothers had been Lehmann Sisters. The financial crisis has turned a spot-light on the low female representation in top positions of financial institutions, and also in the decision making bodies of key regulatory institutions, central banks, and formal and informal financial networks. A certain “groupthink”, a result of boards drawn from a narrow social group, has been widely blamed for the financial crisis we find ourselves in today. The various networks of knowledge-based experts are exclusive and exclusionary clubs equipped with an authoritative claim to policy-relevant knowledge. The Roundtable will discuss the implications of the global financial meltdown and the impact of financial governance on gender.

The Policy Brief will be presented by Professor Brigitte Young, University of Muenster, and Dr. Helene Schuberth, economist at the National Bank of Austria. The discussion will be introduced by Professor Eva Kreisky, University of Vienna, and moderated by Dr. Elisabeth Klatzer, Federal Chancellery of Austria.

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The Roundtable will take place at the Universität Wien, Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Universitätsstr. 7/2, Stock (NIG), Konferenzraum, Zi.Nr. A 0222

Roundtable Programme, Thursday 28 January 2010 (in German)

- 17:00-17:10 **OPENING REMARKS**
Ms. Eliza Patterson, Program Manager, GARNET, CERI-Paris
- 17:10-17:25 **INTRODUCTION: FINANCE AND GENDER**
Prof. Dr. Eva Kreisky, Universität Wien
- 17:25-18:15 **PRESENTATION OF POLICY Brief**
Prof. Brigitte Young, PhD, Universität Münster
Dr. Helene Schuberth, National Bank of Austria
- 18:15-18:45 **DISCUSSION**
- 18:45-19:00 **CLOSING REMARKS**
Dr. Elisabeth Klatzer, Federal Chancellory of Austria
Prof. Dr. Eva Kreisky, University Vienna

The financial community in Vienna, including representatives from the European Union, private and public organisations, think tanks, members of politics, academia, media, and civil society organisations are invited.

**Please confirm your participation to the Sekretariat of BYoung by e-mail
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2010**

Yours sincerely,

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