

1st Serbian Women's Business Forum



Do We Really Need a Men's Movement?

Saturday, August 31st, 2013

Many women will likely balk at Anne-Marie Slaughter's call for a men's movement – which argues that men are stigmatised and need to speak up more in support of themselves. She has a point, but not quite in the way she thinks. We don't need a men's movement on the one hand, and a separate women's movement on the other. I'm not saying these movements are not needed because they are obsolete – far from it. Consider the role of women in business, which is far from ideal. But it would be far more effective if both men and women worked together as allies in the cause of gender equality.

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NETWORKS: FINDING THE TIME, MEASURING THE IMPACT

Saturday, August 31st, 2013

Most global organisations these days have gender D&I high on their agenda, and this means having an internal women's network, often working in collaboration with an external network like EPWN. We are giving a lot of thought to how these networks impact personal development as it relates to being a stronger human capital asset to an organisation.

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Live discussion: how can networks collaborate better?

Saturday, July 6th, 2013

Questions about the value and role of women's networks have come to the fore in the last couple of weeks. As the argument for gender equality moves on from highlighting the disparity to securing real change, the role of networks must change too.

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Is the gender magnet pulling you backwards?

Wednesday, July 3rd, 2013

It's a feeling most businesswomen will be familiar with – the frustration and disappointment you feel when attending a corporate event and it seems only “natural” that you socialise with the wives of your peers.

Some may have careers themselves but many do not. Whatever the case, corporate events are a big part of the business world and connecting with other businesspeople is generally the priority for women in attendance. Yet despite this, we are still grouped by gender around cocktails and even the dinner table, and introduced to people's wives over drinks. Given that women may feel obliged to be polite, we take up the conversation, albeit reluctantly, thereby freeing up our male peers to network among themselves.

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Receiving an Inspirational Leadership Award

Friday, May 17th, 2013

Womensphere honored Marijo with an Inspirational Leadership award for her work in advancing the EuropeanPWN as President of the Federation – a network across 19 countries, 22 Cities.

www.europeanpwn.net. The award will be presented at a summit event in London for the PanEuropean recognition in May and in NYC in Oct. 2013. [Womensphere Europe Summit 2013: Creating the Future – Europe & The World.](#)

This Summit will convene global leaders, European leaders, and emerging leaders around the themes of advancing women in Europe and creating our future. Invited to the Summit are global and pan-European business leaders, innovators, thought leaders, NGO and foundation leaders, government leaders, entrepreneurs, and social entrepreneurs. The Summit will build and launch a Pan-European and global community and ecosystem that advances women's leadership, innovation, entrepreneurship, and women's active role in creating our future and transforming our world.

Does One Quota Legislation Fit All Cultures

Tuesday, April 9th, 2013

As the President of EPWN, a business network spanning 15 counties, 20 cities, and nearly 3500 members, I'm often faced with the question, does EPWN support legislated quotas and if so, will we support campaigns promoting quota legislation. ([more...](#))

Reflections on International Women's Day/Month 2013

Sunday, March 17th, 2013

In celebration of International Women's Day / Month, we salute our EPWN community and all women who continue their unwavering work to eliminate gender balance barriers in professional settings, be it industry, function, level, culture or self-imposed barriers. The courage and activity around raising the visibility, influence, voice and mostly raising the numbers of women in leadership, is astounding and the united front that's been created as a result is awesome. From the bells ringing at many Stock Exchanges around the world in recognition of progress, to the [Global Board Ready Women \(GBRW\) LinkedIn](#) searchable database ([more...](#))

CEO Conversations

Wednesday, June 29th, 2011

Marijo interviews **Proctor & Gamble and Sodexo** CEOs at a conference in Paris on diversity and the impact on innovation and business success. Bob McDonald and Michel Landel are both leaders in promoting gender balanced teams around the world.



Marijo with CEO's of P&G and Sodexo on diversity, innovation and business success -EMEA leadership conference in Paris.

Owl Networking Panel Discussion

Thursday, May 5th, 2011



Marijo moderating a networking, career path panel with leaders from Orange, Ford and Oracle.