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# The Safety of Women: Penal Mediation in Greek Domestic Violence Legislation

**12 March 2019 1:15-2:30pm**  
**Conference Room D - UNHQ**

*\*RSVP mandatory for non-UN grounds pass holders by March 8th*

This panel traces the historical development of domestic violence legislation and highlights global perspectives on legal reforms and judicial responses as a part of a comprehensive approach to address domestic violence. It then reviews provisions of the Penal Mediation clause in Greek law and discusses how VIA-STOP implements this program to protect women and children. Theoretical implications from the domestic violence literature such as power and control, coordinated community response and restorative justice in relation to the penal mediation program will be examined. The panel concludes with a conversation about challenges in implementation, and the need for research, training, and standardization of the mediation program to uphold women's safety.

## **A G E N D A**

### Opening Remarks

- Ms. Maria Theofili, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Greece to the UN (Greece)

### Moderator & Panelist

- Dr. Sheetal Ranjan, Chair, Division on Women & Crime of the American Society of Criminology  
Associate Professor, William Paterson University (USA)

### Panelists

- Ms. Marina Chrysoveloni, Deputy Minister of Interior in charge of Gender Equality (Greece)
- Dr. Sevaste Chatzifotou, Associate Professor in Democritus University of Thrace (Greece)
- Ms. Kalliopi Mingeirou, Chief, Ending Violence Against Women, UN Women (USA)
- Ms. Xenia Dimitriou, The General Prosecutor of the Supreme Court of Greece (Greece)
- Ms. Eleni Fotou, Forensic Psychologist and Founding Partner of VIA-STOP (Greece)



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