

Conference  
The Role of Women in Central Europe after EU Enlargement

**Introduction** by Stella Avallone, Director, Austrian Cultural Forum Milan

**Introduction** by Bianca Valota-Cavallotti, State University Milan

**Introduction** by Matteo Fornara, Permanent Representation of the European Commission in Milan

**Introduction** by Arianna Censi, Counselor for Gender Politics, Milan Provincial Administration

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**The Programme**

**Thursday, 30th March 2006**

*Sala Napoleonica, State University Milan, Via Sant'Antonio, 12*

**9.00 a.m. Welcoming statements by the authorities**

**Keynote address:** Sonja Lokar, Chair of the Stability Pact Gender Task Force *"How to become women of one Europe?"* \_\_\_\_\_ 31

**10.00 a.m.** Coffee break

**10.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Section I: History**

Moderator: Prof. Bianca Valota, State University Milan

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**9.00 – 12.30 a.m. Section III: Economy**

Moderator: Dr. Michaela Marksová-Tominová, Head of Department of Family Policy and Social Work, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs at Prague

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