



## ELISABETH HOLZLEITHNER

TEACHER NOT ONLY BY PROFESSION BUT BY VOCATION, INSPIRING HER STUDENTS EVERY DAY

**E**lisabeth Holzleithner is a Professor of Legal Philosophy and Legal Gender Studies and PI of the Research Platform GAIN. She served as head of the working group on equal treatment at the University of Vienna from 1994-2001 and has since drawn on her experiences of the hurdles women face in academic careers, incorporating her insights into her scientific work. Elisabeth tries to support female students and young academics whenever she can, especially regarding topics in the field of legal gender studies.

*"For too long, women were excluded from working in legal professions and their marginalization has lingered on. Promoting equal opportunities for women enables us to realize our full potential and make valuable contributions to law and jurisprudence."*

Elisabeth's research focuses on Legal Gender Studies and she is considered one of the leading

scholars in this field. Elisabeth Holzleithner is very passionate about her vocation, which is easily demonstrated by the numerous positions in the field of science management that she holds: Vice Program Director of Law at the University of Vienna (since 2012), Substitute Member of the Ethics Committee of the University of Vienna (since 2013), Member of the Arbitration Committee of the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna (since 2011), Substitute Member of the Arbitration Committee at the University of Applied Arts Vienna (since 2010), Disciplinary Counsel at the Federal Ministry of Science and Research (2013-2017) and Member of the German Section of the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy. Elisabeth is the Head of the Working Group for Equal Treatment at the University of Vienna and head of the research platform "GAIN – Gender: Ambivalent In\_Visibilities". She is an extremely dedicated professor who looks forward to every PhD that is completed under her supervision and is happy about every

*"It is largely thanks to the commitment of women, together with male allies, that issues centering on gender equality have been able to gain a foothold in law and legal education. The Women in Law Initiative contributes significantly to this effort."*

single prize her doctoral candidates receive for their work. Her dedication and enthusiasm flow into her lectures and seminars which is why she sparks such excitement in her students for Legal Gender Studies. She inspires her students to strive and fight for equality and justice in our society, not only on an academic and professional level but also on a personal one.

If she could go back in time, Elisabeth Holzleithner would tell her younger self that "Following your dreams is worth it, and it will work out. Sometimes people will test you by playing games with you – don't let them derail you. And keep up your good spirits and humour."