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ADVANCING GENDER EQUALITY IN ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

Thursday, November 17, 2022 | 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Presenters:

- Verónica Undurraga, Professor of Law, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile
- Rebecca Cook, Professor Emerita, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

Commentator:

- Joanna Erdman, MacBain Chair in Health Law and Policy, Faculty of Law, Dalhousie University

Abstract

Verónica Undurraga and Rebecca J. Cook, "Article 12," *The UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: A Commentary*, ed. Patricia Schulz et al., 2nd ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2023) 459-485.

This chapter shows how the CEDAW Committee, through its concluding observations on reports of States parties, its general recommendations, and its views and recommendations in the communications and inquiry procedures, has elaborated the obligations to eliminate 'discrimination against women in the field of health care', including the multiple forms of intersectional discrimination. It explores how the Committee's interpretations have rippled into regional human rights systems and, for example, national court decisions.

Biographies

Verónica Undurraga is a law professor at Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, in Chile, where she teaches courses in the areas of constitutional law, human rights law, and gender. Professor Undurraga received her law degree and her PhD. from Universidad de Chile, and her LLM degree from Columbia University, NY. Her research focuses on comparative and transnational abortion law, constitutionalism and gender, discrimination and personal autonomy.

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