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THE CENTER FOR INTERSECTIONAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS.

The Center for Intersectional Justice is excited to announce the appointment of Rokhaya Diallo and Fatima Zibouh to the CIJ Executive Board.

Rokhaya Diallo is a French journalist, award-winning filmmaker, activist and author of numerous books. She is an advocate for racial, gender and religious equality and one of the leading voices for social justice in France. Rokhaya is a BET-France host and has produced and directed documentaries, TV and radio programs. She is the winner of numerous awards and was recognised by Slate as 36th out of the 100 most influential French women in 2013, and appears among the 30 most influential black figures in Europe on Britain's Powerful Media's ranking in 2016. Rokhaya Diallo has written for multiple global publications both for French and international media including the Guardian in the UK, Al Jazeera and The Washington Post in the USA. She is a scriptwriter and award-winning director of several activist documentaries, including "Acting while black: blackness on French screens" (2020), "USA: the Caribbean recipe for success" (2016), The Steps to Liberty (2013).

Fatima Zibouh is a graduate of Universite Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) with a Master in Political Science and an advanced Master in Human Rights from the Universite Catholique de Louvain (UCL) and Saint-Louis. Since March 2007, she has been a researcher for the Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies at University of Liege. Her current research interests lie in the political participation of ethnic minorities, the integration Policy and ethnocultural diversity in a post- migratory context. She is currently finishing her PhD on Political and Sociological Sciences at Universite de Liege (ULg). The topic of her doctoral research is "Art, Urban Culture and Ethnicity". Fatima has written several publications, won multiple awards and was invited in 2012 by the U.S. Department of State to participate in the International Visitor Leadership Programme. She received the Observatory of Cultural Policies Prize in 2014, and she also received the Diwan Award for Personality of the Year in 2014. In 2019, she co-founded W100, a community of diverse women from all corners of Brussels who wish to connect and amplify the voices and actions of women in the city.

The CIJ Executive Board provides strategic guidance for CIJ and we are excited to welcome Rokhaya Diallo and Fatima Zibouh, with their incredible vision and experience to contribute to the intersectional work of the organization.

The CIJ is also pleased to welcome Saraya Gomis and Nivedita Prasad to the Advisory Board.

Nivedita Prasad studied Social Pedagogy at the Free University of Berlin and completed her PhD at the Carl von Ossietzky University in Oldenburg. She has been teaching at various universities in Germany, the Netherlands and Austria since 1993 and has lead training for police officers and judges, prosecutors and lawyers. She has been a Professor at the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences since 2013, where she is very active in the field of Social Work with Refugees and serves as the Director of the German Master's program "Social Work as a Human Rights Profession". In March 2012 she was awarded the first "Anne Klein" Women's Award from the Heinrich Böll Prize for her ongoing dedication to Migrant Women's Human Rights. She continues to work mainly on the issue of asylum- seekers housing in Berlin-Hellersdorf, which has been the target of several racist attacks and far-right protests since it was opened in summer 2013.

Saraya Gomis is an education policy activist, and she advocates for anti-discrimination policy in schools. She serves as the chair of the Each One Teach One e.V. board and has worked on anti-discrimination work and anti-discrimination education for several years. Saraya formerly taught at the Ernst Reuter Oberschule in Berlin-Wedding and was the anti-discrimination officer for Berlin Schools. She has given many lectures, and regularly represents marginalised communities in policy forums.

The CIJ Advisory Board incorporates critical insight and expertise for the CIJ's work, and we are excited to have both Saraya and Nivedita join the board.

ABOUT CIJ

The **Center for Intersectional Justice** is an independent nonprofit organization based in Berlin, dedicated to advancing equality and justice for all by combating intersecting forms of structural inequality and discrimination in Europe. Through advocacy, research and training the CIJ seeks to build a common understanding of systemic discrimination and inequality as well as empower organizations to put intersectional principles into action, in their communities and work.

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