GENDER EQUALITY IN FINLAND AND THE EU: SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

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Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but also a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world. All countries agreed in 2015 to ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life by 2030. Finland has been leading the way in gender equality with other Nordic countries for decades, and is today one of the most equal countries in the world. While many glass ceilings have been broken, there is still room for improvement. In this talk, I will be addressing the following issues:

- What does gender equality in political & economical decision-making mean?
- How is technology challenging positive development towards gender equality?
- What can we do as future leaders to advance gender parity?

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