

WE WORK TO ACHIEVE WOMEN'S PHYSICAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL AUTONOMY

OUR ORGANIZATION

ELA is an **independent non-profit organization** which works to build about a more just and equitable society for women and men. We promote the exercise of women's rights through **access to justice and public policies**. Our **mission** is to achieve **gender equality** through advocacy, collaboration, and capacity building for social and political actors, in order to improve the social, political, and economic conditions of women.

We are a **human rights organization** based in Argentina which works to inform and mobilize policy-makers, civil society organizations and individuals to achieve greater commitment to gender equality and **full respect for women's human rights**.

OUR PURPOSES

- To **analyze** the law -the institutions, laws, judicial rulings, scholarship, practices, and actors of the legal sphere- and public policy from a **critical, gender-based perspective**, and to **examine the effects** of law and public policy on the **relationship between men and women in society**.
- To propose **institutional reforms to democratize the court system and promote the fulfillment of international human-rights obligations**.
- To **improve access to justice**, especially for disadvantaged groups.
- **To contribute in the design of public policies that promote the human rights of women**, encouraging the inclusion of women's issues in the local, national, and regional public agenda.

OUR WORK

We **assume the challenge of promoting actions to tackle persistent inequalities, respecting women's diversity, in order to improve full respect for the exercise of their rights**.

We **carry out research and collaborate in the design, implementation, and impact evaluation of public policies intended to guarantee gender equality**.

We **build capacity among NGOs and grassroots women's groups to make collective demands at local, national, and/or international levels**.

An **important part of ELA's work is related with the use of our research and diagnosis for public advocacy, both at national and international levels**.

WE HAVE CONFRONTED THE ABSENCE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION ON GENDER ISSUES BY DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE BASELINE STUDIES AND CARRYING OUT WIDESPREAD SURVEYS.

OUR AREAS OF WORK

Access to justice is one of ELA's main pillars of action and is comprehensively integrated into our various areas of intervention. The judiciary system should be a tool that can provide a basis for a change in women's situation. In order to achieve women's empowerment, gender justice is a necessary prerequisite.

Our challenge is to promote actions that respect the exercise of **women's rights**, through our work in four main areas:

Sexual and reproductive rights There are several debts related to full compliance with sexual and reproductive rights in Argentina, including access to sexual education, contraception and abortion

Political participation and presence of women in key decision-making spaces Full participation of women in social, political and economic spheres is not only a right widely recognized in laws and international human rights treaties but also a precondition for the development of a robust democracy which materializes the promise of equality for women and men.

We work to develop new tools with which to increase the quantity and quality of female participation in the political, economic, and social spheres.

Violence against women Violence against women take many forms and can occur in different contexts. Argentina has passed sufficient legislation to establish protection mechanisms for women victims, but yet there is a clear lack of public policies to ensure full compliance with the law. Violence against women is clearly one example where legal protection is available but insufficient to guarantee access to justice.

Productive and reproductive work and care

We believe that women's full participation in the economy is essential to achieve autonomy. This requires the universal right to care and public policies for care providers and services.

OUR TEAM

Founded in May 2003 in Buenos Aires, ELA is an interdisciplinary team of specialists with experience in the government, universities and research centers, international organizations, legal practice, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

ELA has formed a team of researchers and collaborators from different disciplines -especially law, sociology, political science and communication-, inspired by the feminist tradition, that work to improve women's situation in all the spheres of social, political and economic life.

THERE IS A SUFFICIENT REGULATORY HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK, BUT THERE ARE PERSISTENT GENDER INEQUALITIES IN THE POSSIBILITIES OF ACTUALLY HAVING ACCESS TO RIGHTS ENSHRINED IN LEGAL DOCUMENTS, PREVENTING FULL EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN AS AUTONOMOUS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AGENTS.

NETWORKING

We belong to the [Feminist Regional Network for Human Rights and Gender Justice](#), created in 2004 as a professional society that promotes and defends human rights and gender justice.

The network is integrated by NGOs from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, México and Perú.

The Feminist Regional Network promotes cooperative work at the regional level, pursuing political advocacy as a means of sustaining changes and monitoring compliance with Human Rights Treaties.

Working as a network, ELA and the partner organizations have produced substantive work in establishing women's rights violations in the region, promoting ways to overcome problems identified in the areas of law, justice and public policy.

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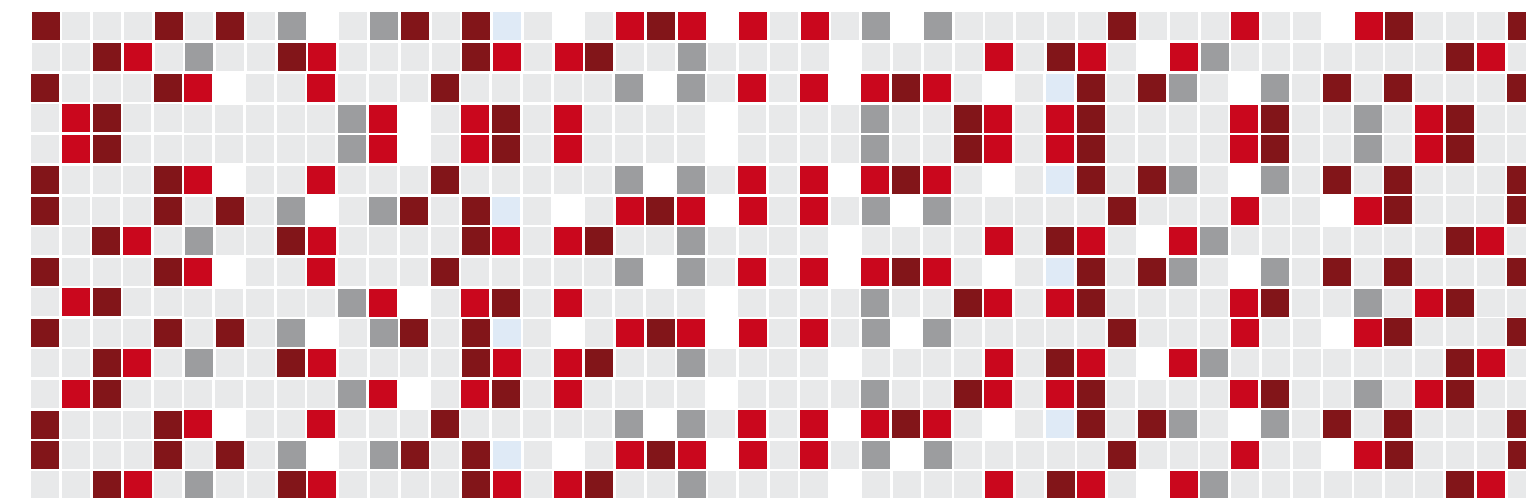
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