



ISA has again been selected to hold a parallel event during the meeting of the UN Commission on the Status of Women. The session, "New Equality Initiatives for Rural and Urban Women and Girls," will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 19 on the Second Floor of the Church Center for the United Nations. (The Church Center is directly across from the United Nations and its official address is 777 United Nations Plaza; New York, New York 10017. Please note the Church Center is at the corner of 1st Avenue and 44th Street. The entrance to the building is on 44th Street and you can take the elevator to the Second Floor.)

We have an outstanding panel for this event:

Min. Plen. Fabrizio Petri, President of the Italian Interministerial Committee for Human Rights, discussing the Italian National Action Plan for Women and Girls and the Transformative Value of Women's Contributions"

Ms. Laura Guercio, Secretary General of the Italian Interministerial Committee for Human Rights, talking about best practices for the equality of women and girls in Italy

Dr. Mary Okumu, head of UN Women in Sierra Leone, discussing how rural women in Sierra Leone are organizing to demand and defend their human rights; and

Ms. Geri Palast, Executive Director of the JFNA/JCPA Israel Action Network, talking about women's collaborative efforts in Israel and Palestine

Jan Marie Fritz, a former ISA vice president and an ISA representative to the UN, is the organizer and moderator for the event. She will briefly discuss the Cities for CEDAW movement. Rosemary Barberet, a current ISA Executive Committee member and an ISA representative to the UN, will discuss the ISA. Assisting us at this event will be our three ISA youth representatives to the UN - Emilia Mancini, Gloria Genao and Nadine Makhani.

This ISA session is co-sponsored by Criminologists Without Borders and ISA's RC46 Clinical Sociology. As this event is open to the public, please feel free to invite students, colleagues and friends to attend the session. (Please tell them to come early so they will be able to sit rather than stand for the session.) If you would like more information about the event, please contact Jan Marie Fritz at jan.fritz@uc.edu