***APPLICATION DEADLINE: 30 JULY 2020 AT 12:00 noon GREENWICH MEAN TIME***

* *The application process consists of two compulsory parts:****(1) online survey[[1]](#footnote-1)*** *(*[*https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/797846*](https://ohchr-survey.unog.ch/index.php/797846)

*and****(2) application form in Word format[[2]](#footnote-2)*** *(to be downloaded from* [*https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC45.aspx*](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SP/Pages/HRC45.aspx)*)*

* *Once fully completed, the Word application form should be submitted by email to* [*hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org*](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)
* *A maximum of up to three optional reference letters may be attached to the email (in Word or PDF format).*
* *No additional documents (e.g. CVs, resumes or supplementary reference letters) will be accepted.*
* *Applicants will receive an acknowledgment email when both parts of the application process, i.e. the data submitted through the online survey and the Word application form, have been received by the Secretariat. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed at a later stage.*
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**I. PERSONAL DATA**

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| **1. Family (last) name:** Rulli | **5. Year of birth:** 1980 |
| **2. First (given) name:** Mariana | **6. Place of birth:** Argentina |
| **3. Other name, if any:** | **7. Nationality (please indicate the nationality that will appear on the public list of candidates):** Argentine |
| **4. Gender:** Woman | **8. Any other nationality:** Italian |

**II. MANDATE-SPECIFIC COMPETENCE / QUALIFICATIONS / KNOWLEDGE**

**NOTE: Please describe why the candidate’s competence / qualifications / knowledge is relevant in relation to the specific mandate:**

1. **QUALIFICATIONS** (200 words)

**Relevant educational qualifications or equivalent professional experience in the field of human rights; good communication skills (i.e. orally and in writing) in one of the six official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.)**

My academic and professional field is political science, human rights and gender studies. I earned a Ph.D. degree in Social Sciences at the Latin American School of Social Science (FLACSO), a Master degree in Gender and Family Diversity at the University of Barcelona, a Master in Social Policy degree at FLACSO, and a Bachelor degree in Political Science at the University of Buenos Aires.

I am a tenured Professor in Political Science at the National University of Río Negro (Argentina) and director of the Center of Studies on Inclusion, Rights and Society in this same university. For a decade I have been conducting consultancies on human rights and women discrimination for UN agencies. I am now carrying out the Country Gender Equality Profile (CGEP) for UN Women Argentina.

For more than 18 years, I have been advancing research projects in the field of human rights, social protection and gender studies in the context of academic institutions in Argentina and abroad as well as in international organizations. I am now embarked in an academic project on the gendered impact of the COVID-19 and the economic recession. The preliminary outcomes of this research were published by Revista de Estudos Feministas in June 2020.

1. **RELEVANT EXPERTISE** (200 words)

**Knowledge of international human rights instruments, norms and principles. (Please state how this was acquired.)**

**Knowledge of institutional mandates related to the United Nations or other international or regional organizations’ work in the area of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate. (Please state how this was acquired.)**

**Proven work experience in the field of human rights and particularly in the area of the mandate. (Please state years of experience.)**

My knowledge and expertise on human rights and in particular on women’s rights comes mainly from two sources. First, as I explained above, from my university education and academic research. Second, having conducted a number of researches for several UN agencies gave me the opportunity to learn in depth not only how human rights law is put into motion but also the challenges this field faces nowadays.

I am now working as a consultant to develop the Country Gender Equality Profile for UN Women Argentina, providing quantitative evidence and qualitative analyses of the roots of gender inequalities in the country. This study includes national and international norms and standards regarding human rights of women. In 2018-2019 I worked as a research consultant on the progress of the SDGs with gender implications in the Province of Río Negro (Argentina), with which I gained knowledge regarding the 2030 Agenda and the challenges subnational States face to implement them.

I have also been research consultant in Geneva at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNSRID) working on the right to social protection, as well as for the UN Global Compact in Argentina drafting guidelines on business and human.

1. **ESTABLISHED** **COMPETENCE** (200 words)

**Nationally, regionally or internationally recognized competence related to human rights. (Please explain how such competence was acquired.)**

Since 2005 I am a tenured professor in Argentina, teaching courses on State theory, public policies and gender studies. I advance and coordinate research projects on women’s human rights. I have authored several publications in Europe and Latin America on social protection, women, human rights and corporations.

I have done research consultancy on those issues for a number of UN agencies as well as national entities. I gained knowledge on how the UN system works and the challenges it faces, as well as how the interdependence of human rights works in practice and the legal and political importance of building consensus and ensuring policy process are transparent and participatory. I believe this background has equipped me well to understand the multidimensional complexities that the eraticaion of violence and discrimination against women and girls entail.

The mandate of the WG requires interacting with a wide range of stakeholders. Throughout my professional career I have worked extensively with State and non-State as well local, national and international stakeholders involved in and/or responsible for advancing women’s rights. These experiences have been enriching in terms of understanding how to effectively tackle gender inequelities and discrimination against women.

1. **PUBLICATIONS OR PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

**Please list significant and relevant published books, articles, journals and reports that the candidate has written or public statements, or pronouncements that the candidate has made or events participated in relation to the mandate.**

* 1. **Enter three publications in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:**

**1. Title of publication:** “Covid-19, international financial institutions and continuity of androcentric policies in Latin America" (co-authored with JP Bohoslavsky).

**Journal/Publisher:** Revista de Estudos Feministas, Florianópolis, Brazil, 28(2)

**Date of publication:** 2020

**Web link, if available:** https://www.scielo.br/pdf/ref/v28n2/1806-9584-ref-28-02-e73510.pdf

**2. Title of publication:** "Mothers and/or politicians: Between the right to participate and care"

**Journal/Publisher:** Pautassi, Laura: Gender, Justice and Public Policies, edited by Marisa Herrera, Natalia de la Torre and Silvia Fernández, Editorial Rubinzal Culzoni, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**Date of publication:** forthcoming, 2020

**Web link, if available:** ---

**3. Title of publication:** “Gender (in)equalities, normative advances and equality policies at the National University of Río Negro (Patagonia, Argentina)”

**Journal/Publisher:** Universidades Journal, Año LXX, núm. 79, México UDUAL

**Date of publication:** Enero-marzo 2019

**Web link, if available:** http://publicaciones.udual.org/doss79-1.html

**If more than three publications, kindly summarize** (200 words):

In the last 15 years, I have published several academic pieces among books, articles in journals and chapters in books on a range of issues related to gender inequalities (care, economic policies, women political participation and women in the universities), business and human rights, social security, always form a human rights perspective. These pieces have been published in Spanish and English by publishers from Argentina, Chile, Brasil, Colombia and México and also from Spain, Switzerland and the UK, such as:

-“A cat with no bell. The privatization of the Chilean pension system during Pinochet’s dictatorship”, in Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky et al. (eds), Pinochet's Economic Accomplices, Lexington Books, UK (forthcoming).

-The Policy of pension reforms in Argentina (1993-2015), Editorial Universidad Nacional de Rio Negro, Colección Nuevos Horizontes (2019).

-“The Political Economy of Pension Re-reform in Chile and Argentina: towards more inclusive protection”, Research Paper 2014-1, UNRISD, Geneva (co-authored with Katja Hujo), 2014.

-“We all win. Human Rights Guide for Companies”, PNUD, Global Compact, (Co-author with Juan B. Justo), 2011.

-“Corporate complicity and Finance as a "Killing Agent". The Relevance of the Chilean Case”, Journal of International Criminal Justice, 2010 (co-authored with Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky).

* 1. **Enter three public statements or pronouncements made or events that the candidate may have participated in relation to the mandate applied for, in the order of relevance:**

**1. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** IX Iberoamerican Congress on Gender Studies

**Event organizer:** Group of Studies on Family, Gender and Subjectivities (GEFGS), Center for Social and Political Studies (CESP), National University of Mar del Plata (UNMdP)

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** July 2019

**Web link, if available:** https://fh.mdp.edu.ar/encuentros/index.php/historiadelasmujeres/index/pages/view/conferencias

**2. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** XIV Argentinean Congress on Social Policy

**Event organizer:** Argentine Society of Political Analysis (SAAP)

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** July, 2016

**Web link, if available:** https://congreso14.saap.org.ar

**3. Platform/occasion/event on which public statement/pronouncement made:** Spanish Sociology International Congress

**Event organizer:** Spanish Sociology Federation (FES)

**Date on which public statement/pronouncement made:** July, 2016

**Web link, if available:** https://fes-sociologia.com/uploads/public/PROGRAMA\_XII%20Congreso\_web\_DEF.pdf

**If more than three, kindly summarize** (200 words):I have participated in several conferences as a speaker and panelist in discussions related to my expertise at international universities such as University of Barcelona (Spain), University of Valencia (Spain), Diego Portales University (Chile), University of Externado (Colombia), University of Delaware (USA), Oxford University and Essex University (England), Max Planck Institute (Heidelberg, Germany); and in Argentina at the University of Buenos Aires, Cordoba National University, National University of Rosario, National University of Litoral, National University of Comahue, National University of Mar del Plata, National University of Río Negro, among others.

1. **flexibility/readiness and AVAILABILITY of time** (200 words)

**to perform effectively the functions of the mandate and to respond to its requirements, including participating in Human Rights Council (HRC) sessions in Geneva and General Assembly sessions in New York, travelling on special procedures visits, drafting reports and engaging with a variety of stakeholders. Kindly indicate whether the candidate can dedicate an estimated total of approximately three months per year to the work of a mandate.**

**Please note that the work of mandate holders is unpaid. Those appointed as mandate holders serve in their personal capacities. They are not United Nations staff members, they are not based in United Nations offices in Geneva or at another United Nations location, and they do not receive salary or other financial compensation, except for travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance of “experts on mission”.**

I have full flexibility, readiness and availability to respond to the requirements of the Working Group mandate. I am ready to make efforts to fulfil the obligations with professionalism and commitment.

1. **NOMINATION FOR THE MANDATE**

**Indicate whether the candidate has been nominated by (check all that apply):**

**Individual nominations (indicate this if the candidate is self-nominating)**

**Governments**

**Regional Groups operating within the United Nations human rights systems**

**International organizations or their offices**

**Non-governmental organizations**

**National human rights institutions**

**Other human rights bodies**

**Name of the nominating entity and additional information about the nomination (use if applicable, for third-party nominations only)** (200 words)**:**

**III. Motivation Letter**(600 word limit. Must be typed in the space below and not sent in a separate email or as an attachment. To be drafted and signed (i.e. with a typed signature) by the candidate himself/herself even if nominated by another entity.)

The COVID-19-induced health and economic crisis is deepening pre-existing gender inequalities and therefore having disproportionate impacts on women´s human rights. UN Women, Special Procedures and Treaty Bodies have been crystal clear: women are affected harder by the pandemic and this is due to a number of historical pervasive and prevalent causes that perpetuate gender inequality. The coming years will be not only crucial for the economic recovery from the global recession caused by the pandemic but also an opportunity for a transformative and transversal agenda in terms of promoting substantive gender equality.

Special Procedures and Treaty Bodies have offered vast evidence on how orthodox and androcentric economic policy adversely impact on human rights and in particular on the principle of non-discrimination based on gender. It is worrying to see that a feminist economic approach is not seriously taken into consideration by international financial institutions and a number of national stakeholders. For example, as I made the point in a recent article I co-authored, we need to learn lessons from androcentric economic policies implemented in the last decades with devastating effects on women’s rights. I think the Working Group will need to focus on and also add its voice to global debates on economic and social policies for the recovery.

I should mention that Latin America and the Caribbean is the most unequal region in terms of income. These inequalities are multiplied by numerous intersected forms of discrimination based on socioeconomic status, age, race, sexual orientation or migrant status, which, in turn, hit women harder than men. The region has also one of the highest feminicide rates in the world. These facts show the size of the gender inequality challenge in the region as well they show us the need to seriously advance a sustainable and rights-based transformative agenda on what feminist organizations consider to be one of the snake’s eggs: the unfair social organization of care. As with the pandemic is emerging a notion of “strategic sovereignty” where States’ means and powers should be proportionate to their obligation to ensure resilience to protect the population during extraordinary times, investing in the care economy should be a top priority for governments and international organizations.

Latin America and the Caribbean have seen in recent years an extraordinary growth in feminist demands for the expansion of women's rights and the adoption of gender-sensitive public policies, in particular in the field of women’s political participation, reforms in the system of maternity/paternity leave and other demands concerning care policies; realization of sexual and reproductive rights, and effective regulations for the prevention, punishment, and eradication of violence against women and girls. A number of countries in the region have been trying to advance a feminist agenda with a bottom-up approach. The WG needs to show the gaps in terms of gender inequality and also elaborate, discuss and propose concrete and innovative ways to move towards a transformative agenda in the recovery from the pandemic. The pre COVID-19 world was not an equal one; we need to imagine, promote and build a much fairer one.

In sum, I think that because of the combination of my pluralistic and interdisciplinary academic background on gender and human rights; with knowledge of the history and challenges faced by women and girls in Latin America and the Caribbean; the experience conducting social and rights studies on women’s issues for UN agencies -including UN Women-; being used to work in collective endeavors while keeping my independence and; believing in the political value of being constructive, building consensus and elaborating and proposing concrete policy changes; I believe I could contribute to the work of the WG.

**IV. LANGUAGES (READ / WRITTEN / SPOKEN)**

**Please indicate all language skills below.**

**1. Mother tongue:** **Spanish**

**2. Knowledge of the official languages of the United Nations:**

**Arabic:** Yes or no: **NO** If yes,

**Read:** Easily orNot easily:   
**Write:** Easily or Not easily: **Speak:** Easily or Not easily:

**Chinese:** Yes or no: **NO** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**English:** Yes or no: **YES** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **Easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **Easily**

**French:** Yes or no: **YES** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Not easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **Not easaly  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **Not easily**

**Russian:** Yes or no: **NO** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Write:** Easily or not easily: **Speak:** Easily or not easily:

**Spanish:** Yes or no: **YES** If yes,

**Read:** Easily or not easily: **Easily  
Write:** Easily or not easily: **Easily  
Speak:** Easily or not easily: **Easily**

**V. EDUCATIONAL RECORD**

**NOTE: Please list the candidate’s academic qualifications (university level and higher, indicating the type of degree and field of study, and whether full- or part-time; for example, *Masters in Law, University of XXX, part-time, 1975-1977, city and country)*. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one degree may be listed in a single row below, separating them by a blank line.**

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| **Name of degree, field of study and name of academic institution, full or part-time:** | **Years of attendance**  (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2003; for ongoing education, please put, for example, 2018-present): | **Place and country:** |
| Ph.D. in Social Sciences, Latin American School of Social Sciences – FLACSO (part-time) | 2009-2017 | Buenos Aires, Argentina |
| Master degree in Gender, Family Diversity and New Technologies, University of Barcelona (Spain) (part-time) | 2015-2016 | Barcelona, Spain |
| Master degree in Design and Administration of Social Policy and Programmes, Latin American School of Social Sciences – FLACSO (part time) | 2009 | Buenos Aires, Argentina |
| Political Science BA Degree, University of Buenos Aires - UBA (full-time) | 1998-2003 | Buenos Aires, Argentina |
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**VI. EMPLOYMENT RECORD**

**NOTE: Please briefly list ALL RELEVANT professional positions held in the area of human rights, beginning with the candidate’s current (most recent) occupation.** **Also indicate whether positions held were full-time or part-time. If space in the table is insufficient, more than one position may be listed in a single row below, separating them by a blank line.**

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| **Name of employer,**  **functional title,**  **main functions of position, full- or part-time:** | **Years of work** (provide a range from-to, for example 1999-2005; for ongoing activities, please put e.g. 2018-present): | **Place  and country:** |
| National University of Rio Negro (UNRN), Professor of Political Science.  Research and teaching areas: gender and human rights (care policies), social security, social policy.  Director of the Interdisciplinary Center for Studies on Rights, Inclusion and Society (CIEDIS) at the UNRN. | 2009-present  (2018-present) | Viedma, Argentina |
| UN Women Argentina, Research Consultant.  Consultancy to develop the Country Gender Equality Profile - Argentina 2020, providing quantitative evidence and qualitative analyses of the roots of gender inequalities in the country. The study includes national and international norms and standards regarding human rights of women. | 2019-2020 | Buenos Aires, Argentina |
| Federal Investment Council (CFI), Research Consultant.  The implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals in the province of Rio Negro (SDGs 3, 4, 5 and 16) | 2018-2019 | Viedma, Argentina |
| United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), Research Consultant.  Social Policy and Development Programme | 2011 | Geneva, Switzerland |
| United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UN Global Compact, Research Consultant.  co-author: "Todos Ganamos. Guía de Derechos Humanos para Empresas" (Guidelines on bussines and human rights) | 2011 | Buenos Aires, Argentina |
| CONICET (National Council of Scientific and Technology Researches)Post-Graduate Research Fellowship.  Research Project on social security reforms in Latin America.  University of Buenos Aires (UBA), Political Science Lecturer, main areas: political theory, gender studies and human rights. | 2006-2009  2003-2009 | Buenos Aires, Argentina |
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**VII. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY PROVISIONS   
(of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1)  
*To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate’s behalf.***

**1. To your knowledge, does the candidate have any official, professional, personal, or financial relationships that might cause the candidate to limit the extent of inquiries, to limit disclosure, or to weaken or slant findings in any way? If yes, please explain.**

No

**2. Are there any factors that could either directly or indirectly influence, pressure, threaten, or otherwise affect the candidate’s ability to act independently in discharging the mandate? If yes, please explain:**

No

**3. Is there any reason, currently or in the past, that could call into question the candidate’s moral authority and credibility or does the candidate hold any views or opinions that could prejudice the manner in which the candidate discharges the mandate? If yes, please explain:**

No

**4. Does the candidate comply with the provisions in paragraph 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1? (Please answer YES if the candidate complies, NO if the candidate does not comply, together with an explanation.)**

***Para. 44: The principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions at a time shall be respected.***

***Para. 46: Individuals holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to the mandate shall be excluded. Mandate holders will act in their personal capacity.***

Yes

**5. Should the candidate be appointed as a mandate holder, the candidate will have to take measures to comply with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. In the event that the current occupation or activity, even if unpaid, of the candidate may give rise to a conflict of interest (e.g. if a candidate holds a decision-making position in Government) and/or there is an accumulation of human rights functions (e.g. as a member of another human rights mechanism at the international, regional or national level), necessary measures could include relinquishing positions, occupations or activities. If applicable, please indicate the measures the candidate will take.**

Not applicable

**VIII. CERTIFY AND SUBMIT APPLICATION  
*To be completed by the candidate or by the nominating entity on the candidate’s behalf. The candidate’s name below should match how it is entered on the first page of the form and in the online survey.***

**I hereby certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete and are made in good faith. I understand that falsifying or intentionally withholding information will be grounds for not being selected or appointed or the withdrawal of any proposed appointment or, if an appointment has been made and accepted, for its immediate cancellation or termination.  
  
Kindly note that whilst no changes can be made after this application form has been submitted and the deadline for applications has expired, any relevant change of current occupation, employment, or position, or any other relevant fact or circumstance should be brought to the attention of the secretariat by   
email (**[**hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org**](mailto:hrcspecialprocedures@ohchr.org)**).**

**Please review the application before you insert your name and date to indicate your agreement.**

**Name:** Mariana Rulli

**Date:** 29th July, 2020

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1. The short **online survey** is used to collect information for statistical purposes such as personal data (i.e. name, gender, nationality), contact details, mandate applying for and, if appropriate, nominating entity. The same name, gender and nationality must be used both in the online survey and in the Word application form. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The **application form in Word format** includes a motivation letter of maximum 600 words (section III of the form). The application form should be completed in English or French only, the two working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. The application form will be used as received to prepare the public list of eligible candidates who applied for the vacancy. The application forms of eligible candidates will also be posted as received on the OHCHR public web page for the selection process. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)