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European Backgrounds

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The seminar focuses on the general understanding of ‘women’s empowerment’ strategies as part of the feminist narratives on international law and human rights in Europe. It analyses and contextualises this concept within the relevant European regional practice on gendered violence issues and international legal standards. The case study is a critical review of the 2011 Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, read through its drafting history and a comprehensive evaluation of the legal responses of the international human rights institutions to violence against women.

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