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- 3) What is the contribution of individual women and female perspectives and experiences to the world of law and to the legal profession?
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- 5) How do these developments affect our emotions about and our concepts of justice?
- 6) What is the value of Gender and the legal profession as a field of research?
- 7) Key-concepts in gender and legal profession policy writing

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