

THEMIS is the goddess of justice, wisdom and good counsel in old Greek tradition who has inspired the foundations of law and justice in many of our societies.

WE ARE

THEMIS - Gender, Justice and Human Rights is a feminist organization committed to achieve access to justice and human rights for women. Our goal is to face all forms of discrimination and violence against women, considering ethnic-racial inequalities, social classes and cultural belonging.

Established in 1993, in Porto Alegre, Brazil, Themis has been working for the rights of women through three main programs:

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I. WOMEN COMMUNITY PARALEGALS - PLPS

PLPs are women working in grassroots communities to protect and defend women's rights, particularly in situations of domestic and sexual violence. In the last decades, Themis has carried out dozens of paralegals training courses, having more than 500 PLPs in Porto Alegre, and many more in other Brazilian cities in partnership with women's rights organizations.

PLP 2.0 APP

It's a mobile app conceived by Themis and Geledés - Institute of Black Women that aims to increase the effectiveness of protective measures in cases of domestic violence. It provides a network of reception and exchange of information with PLPs and a quick connection with Police officers in case of emergency. The project is being consolidated in Porto Alegre and São Paulo, supported by the Google Social Challenge Award 2014. It will be developed at the national level in partnership with Judiciary institutions. PLP 2.0 has also awarded with "Oi Tela Viva Móvel - Public Utility Category 2016" and "ICTs to prevent and eradicate violence against women" - Organization of American States (OAS).

2. DOMESTIC WORKERS

There are more than 6 million domestic workers in Brazil, most Afro Brazilian women with low schooling. It must be recognized that domestic work in Brazil is the product of a racist, classist and patriarchal culture, and there is an urgent need to promote respect for their rights. Themis develops a training program on fundamental rights for domestic workers and is supporting the creation of new Domestic Workers Trade Unions in the South of Brazil.

LAUDELINA APP

Laudelina de Campos Melo founded the first association of domestic workers in Brazil in 1936. In her honor and in partnership with the National Federation of Domestic Workers, Themis is developing a mobile app with information on their labor rights, supported by Google Social Challenge Award 2016.



3. STRATEGIC LITIGATION

Themis provides legal aid in selected cases, for women in extreme situation of vulnerability. This work has led to exemplary cases before the Inter American Human Rights Commission, the Brazilian Supreme Court and many favorable decisions at local and state courts.

WE THINK

Themis has developed a line of public debates, seminars and publications aiming at expanding knowledge on gender, access to justice and human rights. It has participated in the National Consortium for the Violence Against Women Act 20016 (Lei Maria da Penha), publishes the journal Themis - Gender and Justice and several books, all available in PDF format at www.themis.org.br.



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