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Today, the [Equal Rights Amendment \(ERA\) Project](#) at Columbia Law School announced that Ting Ting Cheng has been appointed as the Project’s first Director. Ms. Cheng has wide-ranging experience as an advocate for gender justice and brings an ambitious strategic vision to the ERA Project’s work. “The ERA Project fills a critical need in bringing rigorous legal and policy analysis to the campaign to secure explicit sex equality protections in the U.S. constitution,” said Cheng. “Our work ahead is to build a modern, feminist, and inclusive ERA from the ground up and to center the voices of those who stand to gain the most from a constitutional guarantee of sex equality,” continued Cheng.

Ting Ting Cheng comes to the ERA Project after serving as a staff attorney at Legal Momentum, where she led their ERA-related work, in addition to litigating workplace discrimination, reproductive rights, violence against women, education equity, human trafficking, and other gender justice issues. Before joining Legal Momentum, she served as the Legal Director of the 2017 Women’s March on Washington, as staff attorney at the New York City Commission on Human Rights, and as a trial attorney at the Brooklyn Defender Service where she focused on both criminal and immigrant defense. Upon graduating from law school, she was a Fulbright Fellow in South Africa (and received the Amy Biehl Award) serving as foreign law clerk to Justices Albie Sachs and Edwin Cameron at the Constitutional Court of South Africa.

[This short video](#) introduces Ting Ting, and lays out her vision for the ERA Project.

“Ting Ting joins the ERA Project with extensive experience working on sex equality, and a forward-looking vision of gender-based justice that surfaces how the ERA is not just relevant today, but necessary,” said Professor Katherine Franke, Faculty Director of the ERA Project and Director of the [Center for Gender and Sexuality Law](#). “I look forward to working with Ting Ting to write sex equality into the U.S. Constitution, and to make the promise of the ERA a reality,” continued Professor Franke.

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The [ERA Project](#) at Columbia Law School’s [Center for Gender and Sexuality Law](#) is a law and policy think tank established in January 2021 to develop academically rigorous research, policy papers, expert guidance, and strategic leadership on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the U.S. Constitution, and on the role of the ERA in advancing the larger cause of gender-based justice.