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Programme

Morning Session

Time		Speaker
09:30 - 09:40	Welcoming Speech	Dr. Jackie Xiu Yan <i>President of Hong Kong Association of University Women</i> <i>City University of Hong Kong</i>
09:40 - 10:00	Keynote: Where to Next? Future Directions for Graduate Women	Mrs. Geeta Desai <i>President of Graduate Women International (GWI)</i>
10:00 - 10:20	Keynote: Driving culture change from the top to promote gender equity: The HKU Story	Professor Terry Au <i>The University of Hong Kong</i>
10:20 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 11:40	Plenary: How to Teach Global Health and Humanitarian Medicine?	Professor Emily Chan <i>The Chinese University of Hong Kong</i>
11:40 - 12:20	Plenary: Gender Equality and Women's Studies Research in Hong Kong: Exploring Interdisciplinarity, Intersectionality and Interculturalism	Professor Puja Kapai <i>The University of Hong Kong</i> (Due to circumstances beyond control, Prof. Kapai sent her regrets and was replaced by Dr. Stacie Ford, former Convenor of Women's Studies Research Centre at The University of Hong Kong)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch	

Afternoon Session

Session 1: The Power of Education

Time	Topic	Speaker
14:15 – 14:35	From Grass to Grace: The transformative power of education on the lives and livelihoods of rural African women	Dr. Linda Rebecca Williams <i>Sierra Leone Association of University Women</i>
14:35 – 14:45	<i>Q&A</i>	
14:45 – 15:05	Global Voices on Women’s Education and Empowerment: Narratives from Australia and Rwanda	Professor Jaya Dantas <i>Curtin University, Western Australia</i> Professor Shirley Randell <i>University of Rwanda</i>
15:05 – 15:15	<i>Q&A</i>	
15:15 – 15:35	Building the Bridge	Mrs. Geeta Desai <i>Graduate Women International (GWI)</i>
15:35 – 15:45	<i>Q&A</i>	
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break	

Session 2: Where are we and where to next?

Time	Topic	Speaker
16:00 – 16:20	Between Career and Motherhood: Voices of Female Professors in Hong Kong	Dr. Anna Wing-bo Tso <i>The Open University of Hong Kong</i>
16:20 – 16:30	<i>Q&A</i>	
16:30 – 16:50	Women Empowerment in Different Socio-cultural Settings: Intersectionality of Multilevel Factors	Ms. Gizem ARAT <i>The University of Hong Kong</i>
16:50 – 17:00	<i>Q&A</i>	Ms. Yulia NESTEROVA <i>The University of Hong Kong</i>
17:00 – 17:20	Where to next? Future directions for graduate women and education	Dr. Tivoli Tawfik Shalaby <i>Egyptian Association of University Women</i>
17:20 – 17:35	<i>Q&A</i>	

Keynote Speakers



Mrs. Geeta Desai

President, Graduate Women International

Geeta has previously represented Graduate Women International GWI at the UN where she worked with its functional commissions, agencies and funds to help women and girls create lives of sustainable independence. In this capacity, she has also worked with UN Women, the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, supporting the development of workshops for the Commission on the Status of Women parallel events.

She has also served as Advocacy Convener for Women Graduates – USA, the American affiliate of GWI. There she maintained a blog about international women’s issues and the internationalization of American women’s issues at WG –USA at wg-usa.org/advocacyblog.

Geeta has been the featured speaker at numerous women’s conferences in the United States as well as in Asia. She has spoken on topics that cover the Global Women’s Crisis, Human Rights, and Social and Economic Justice in South Asia. Specifically, her work has focused on India and she travelled frequently to that country to research Indian and multi-national NGOs that are working to end sex-trafficking and other crimes against women.

For the last twenty –nine years, she has worked as an Organizational Development Consultant to private foundations in the United States to help nonprofits with Program Development and Evaluation, Resource and Capacity Development, Human Resource Development, Management Training, Executive Coaching and the Management of Diversity.

She has chaired several national conferences on diversity in America, the most recent being “Diversity on Non-Profit Boards”, and she has developed a series of leadership workshops, seminars and discussions on the subjects of diversity and inclusiveness that are being taught nationally by a number of trainers.

Her other accomplishments include the creation of a residence for homeless AIDs patients in collaboration with the Gannett Foundation and the Dutchess County Department of Social Services; the development of the first NY regional Community Needs Assessment Study; development of a blueprint for inter-racial dialogue for New State’s media, criminal and law enforcement, housing, business and education representatives; creation of the first Universal Response to Domestic Violence System for Dutchess County and the convening of the first conference on Corporate Social Responsibility in the country

She has also served as Past President of the American Association of University Women. In this capacity, she has worked for gender equity for women and girls through local and national programs, particularly in the areas of access to education and employment.



Professor Terry Au
Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor
(Academic Staffing and Resources)
The University of Hong Kong

Professor Terry Au obtained her A.B. from Harvard University and Ph.D. from Stanford University. She was Associate professor at Brown University and Professor at UCLA, prior to joining the University of Hong Kong in 2002 as Chair Professor of Psychology and became Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Staffing and Resources) in 2016. She works with the President and the Provost in recruiting, nurturing, promoting and retaining academic talents – by modernizing the University’s human resources policies and practices to create a more supportive, motivating, just, and diverse work environment for colleagues.

Plenary Speakers



Professor Emily Chan

Professor and Assistant Dean (Development)

Faculty of Medicine

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Professor Emily Ying Yang Chan serves as Professor and Assistant Dean (Development), Faculty of Medicine, and Associate Director (External Affairs and Collaboration), JC School of Public Health and Primary Care, CUHK. She is Director of the Collaborating Centre for Oxford University and CUHK for Disaster and Medical Humanitarian Response (CCOUC), and Director of the Centre for Global Health (CGH) and Centre of Excellence (ICoE-CCOUC), Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR). Professor Chan is Co-chairperson, WHO Thematic Platform for Health Emergency & Disaster Risk Management Research Group, and a member of the Asia Science Technology and Academia Advisory Group (ASTAAG). She is Visiting Professor, Oxford University Nuffield Department of Medicine, Honorary Professor, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, University of Hong Kong a Senior Fellow, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, and Visiting Scholar, FXB Center, Harvard University.

Her research interests include disaster and humanitarian medicine, climate change and health, global and planetary health, Human Health Security and Health Emergency and Disaster Risk Management (H-EDRM), remote rural health, implementation and translational science, ethnic minority health, injury and violence epidemiology, and primary care. Awarded the 2007 Nobuo Maeda International Research Award of the American Public Health Association, Professor Chan has published more than 200 international peer-reviewed academic/technical/conference articles.

Professor Chan also had extensive experience as a frontline emergency relief practitioner in the mid-1990s that spanned across 20 countries. She was awarded the Hong Kong Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award in 2004, Caring Physicians of the World Award in 2005, Ten Outstanding Young Persons of the World Award in 2005, Hong Kong Humanity Award in 2007, Leader of the Year Award in 2015, National Geographic Chinese Explorer Award in 2016, and UGC Teaching Award in 2017.



Professor Puja Kapai

Associate Professor of Law

Convenor of the Women's Studies Research Centre

The University of Hong Kong

Puja Kapai is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Hong Kong where she serves as the Convenor of the Women's Studies Research Centre and Chairs the Equal Opportunity Committee's Working Group on Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation and Race. She is also Director of the Summer Social Justice Internship Programme and until July 2017, was Director of the Centre for Comparative and Public Law. She read law at The University of Hong Kong, graduating with Honours and obtained a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School. She was a practicing barrister at the Hong Kong Bar before entering academia.

Her research expertise lies in international human rights law, in particular, equality law, minority rights (including race, ethnicity, gender, religion, children), identity politics, and citizenship theory. She has also led numerous research projects and served as consultant on various aspects of social justice, including the rights of migrant workers, ethnic minority children, children with special education needs and domestic violence. She has published widely on these themes, including a comparative study on children's rights education funded by the Hong Kong Committee for UNICEF, and the experiences and help seeking behaviours of ethnic minority and immigrant victims of domestic violence and produced a comprehensive report on the Status of Ethnic Minorities in Hong Kong 1997-2014 (which was presented to the Chief Secretary for the HKSAR Administration, Mrs. Carrie Lam).

Puja served as Expert Consultant to the Due Diligence Project on Violence Against Women for the Asia Pacific Region and presently serves as a Founding member of the Every Woman Every Where initiative at the Carr Centre for Human Rights, Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Puja was awarded the International Women of Courage Hong Kong Award 2015 by the Secretary of State of the United States of America and received the Faculty of Law's Outstanding Teaching Award 2016 and its Knowledge Exchange Award 2017 in recognition of the impact of her work in the community.