

3rd World Conference on Women's Studies 2017



"Building Resilience: Dialogue, Collaboration and Partnerships across



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04th – 06th May, 2017 | Colombo, Sri Lanka



TECHNICAL PROGRAM

DAY 01 - THURSDAY, 04th May 2017

INAUGURATION SESSION

Thursday, 04th May 2017 | 08.30 to 09.20 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

07.45 – 08.30	Conference Registration
08.30 – 08.45	Lighting of the Oil Lamp and National Anthem
08.45 – 08.55	Welcome Address by the Program Chair Mr. Isanka P. Gamage (<i>Co-Founder & Managing Director - The International Institute of Knowledge Management (TIKM), Sri Lanka</i>)
08.55 – 09.15	Chair Message by Prof. Diana J. Fox (<i>Chairperson, Department of Anthropology, Journal of International Women's Studies, Bridgewater State University, USA</i>)
09.15 – 09.20	Web Launch
09.20 – 09.30	Conference Photograph
09.30 – 09.50	Morning Refreshments

KEYNOTE FORUM

Thursday, 04th May 2017 | 09.50 to 10.30 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

09.50 – 10.30	Keynote Speech on "Moving towards Gender Equality: Start early, be comprehensive and Challenge Norms" by Dr. Ravi Verma (<i>Regional Director, International Centre for Research on Women's (ICRW), India</i>)
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PUBLICATION WORKSHOP

Thursday, 04th May 2017 | 10.30 to 11.30 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

10.30 – 11.30	Publication Workshop by, Prof. Diana J. Fox (<i>Chairperson, Department of Anthropology, Journal of International Women's Studies, Bridgewater State University, USA</i>)
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KEYNOTE FORUM Cont...

Thursday, 04th May 2017 | 11.30 to 12.10 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

11.30 – 12.10	Ms. Neela Marikkar (<i>Chairperson/Managing Director, Grant Group, Sri Lanka</i>)
12.10 – 13.10	Networking Lunch

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TECHNICAL SESSION 01: Violence against Women

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Thursday, 04th May 2017 | 13.10 to 15.10 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

13.10 – 13.25	Missing Women Pauline Edwin (<i>NMKRV College For Women, India</i>)
13.25 – 13.40	Knowledge, Attitudes, Practices and Associated Factors of Intimate Partner Violence against Women among Male Trainees of Colleges of Technology in Sri Lanka W.M.D.V.S. Wijekoon and W.L.S.P Perera (<i>University of Colombo, Sri Lanka</i>)
13.40 – 13.55	Narratives of Suffering and Notions of Solidarity and Hope amongst Young Women in Afghanistan A.-N. Ahmad and P. C. Langer (<i>International Psychoanalytic University Berlin, Germany</i>)
13.55 – 14.10	Harmful Social and Cultural Practices that Exist within South Asian Communities in the UK and Their Impact on Women Zinthiya Ganeshpanchan (<i>Midlands Centre for Women's Studies, United Kingdom</i>)
14.10 – 14.25	Violence against Women: An Impediment for Development S. Poulpunitha (<i>Centre for Women's Studies, Alagappa University, India</i>)
14.25 – 14.40	Reinforcing Sexism and Misogyny: Social Media, Symbolic Violence and the Construction of Femininity-as-Fail S. Barratt (<i>The University of the West Indies, West Indies</i>)
14.40 – 15.10	Q & A Session

TECHNICAL SESSION 02: Health and Well-Being: Body and Mind

Chaired by Dr. Shiromi Maduwage (*Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka*)

Thursday, 04th May 2017 | 13.10 to 15.00 (The Gregory Hall)

13.10 – 13.25	Reducing Gender Inequities in Health and Wellbeing through Positive Youth Development Margarida Gaspar de Matos, Teresa Santos, Marta Reis, Cátia Branquinho and Adilson Marques (<i>FMH Lisbon University, Portugal</i>)
13.25 – 13.40	Gendered Care of The Elderly in China Yun Zhou and Ting Feng (<i>Peking University, China</i>)
13.40 – 13.55	Three Stages of Demystification and Discipline: The Menstruation in Contemporary Chinese Patriarchal Society Shang Shu (<i>Peking University, China</i>)
13.55 – 14.10	A Study of Aggressive (Abnormal) Behavior among Female Teenagers Khadijeh Emami (<i>Cultural Heritage and Tourism Research Center, Iran</i>)
14.10 – 14.25	Feminist Counselling: Empathising Suicidal Tendencies among Teenage Girls H. S. Roopa and S. P. Srimathi (<i>NMKRV College For Women, India</i>)
14.25 – 15.00	Q & A Session

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POSTER SESSION

Chaired by Prof. Diana J. Fox (*Bridgewater State University, USA*)

Thursday, 04th May 2017 | 15.10 to 15.30 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

15.10 – 15.30	Gender Differences in Visual-Spatial Ability in Oman and Germany P.Jansen ¹ , K. Zayed ² , & R. Osmani ³ (<i>University of Regensburg, Germany¹; Sultan Qaboos University, Oman^{2,3}</i>)
	Effects of WLB Policies on the Work of Female Employees-Evidence from Japanese Data Mamiko Takeuchi (<i>Kyushu University, Japan</i>)
15.30 – 15.45	Evening Refreshments

TECHNICAL SESSION 03: Legal Challenges: Gender and Sexuality

Chaired by Prof. Bishnu Raj Upreti (*Nepal Centre for Contemporary Research, Nepal*)

Thursday, 04th May 2017 | 15.45 to 17.05 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

15.45 – 16.00	Colonial Legacies and Competing Masculinities: The Supreme Court of Canada's Return to Reason in <i>R. V. Kapp</i> C. Hodes (<i>University of Lethbridge, Canada</i>)
16.00 – 16.15	Caribbean Feminist Visioning & Decolonial Praxis: The Struggle for Gender and Sexual Justice A. V. Nixon (<i>The University of the West Indies, West Indies</i>)
16.15 – 16.30	Recognition and Criminalisation: A Study of Legal Challenges to Transgender Rights in India N. Choudhury (<i>Jawaharlal Nehru University, India</i>)
16.30 – 16.45	Neeva Foundation: An Effort for The Women, by The Women, to Empower Them and Create Awareness about Decreasing Child Sex Ratio in India Smita Gyan (<i>Neeva Foundation, India</i>)
16.45 – 17.05	Q & A Session

TECHNICAL SESSION 04: Social Media, Feminisms and Entertainment

Chaired by Dr. G. T. Madubashini (*The Open University of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka*)

Thursday, 04th May 2017 | 15.45 to 16.45 (The Gregory Hall)

15.45 – 16.00	Seeker are You Protected: Facebook and Privacy Concern of Women in Sri Lanka B.A.H.C Mendis (<i>General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka</i>)
16.00 – 16.15	Contemporary Inuit Singer Tanya Tagaq in A Cross-Cultural Perspective Sophie Stévanec (<i>Université Laval, Canada</i>)
16.15 – 16.30	Social Media and Feminism: The Millennial Movement S. P. Srimathi and H.S .Roopa (<i>NMKRV College for Women, India</i>)
16.30 – 16.45	Q & A Session

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Thursday, 04th May 2017 | 17.10 to 18.10 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

17.10 – 18.10	Student Gathering
19.00 Onwards	Cultural Show and the Networking Dinner

DAY 02 - FRIDAY, 05th May 2017

TECHNICAL SESSION 05: Women, Gender, Empowerment and The Law

Chaired by Dr. Caroline Hodes (*University of Lethbridge, Canada*)

Friday, 05th May 2017 | 08.30 to 10.10 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

08.30 – 08.45	Justice and Muslim Women: The Status of Triple Talaq in India Today Syed Tanveer Nasreen (<i>The University of Burdwan, India</i>)
08.45 – 09.00	Sumangali Contract System in Southern India: An Intersection of Class, Cast and Gender Nishu (<i>Jawaharlal Nehru University, India</i>)
09.00 – 09.15	Women and Law: Socio- Legal Issues Related to Women Empowerment in India Sony Kulshrestha (<i>Manipal University Jaipur, India</i>)
09.15 – 09.30	Role of 'Family' in Crime Causation - The Comparative Study of 'Family of Orientation' and 'Family of Procreation' (A Study of Women Prisoners in Central Jails of Rajasthan) Asha Bhandari (<i>National Law University, India</i>)
09.30 – 09.45	Piil Pesenggiri in The Democracy of Women of Komerling Tribe Meita Istianda (<i>Universitas Terbuka, Indonesia</i>)
09.45 – 10.10	Q & A Session
10.10 – 10.30	Morning Refreshments

TECHNICAL SESSION 06: Representation and Gender Identity

Chaired by Prof. Bishnu Raj Upreti (*Nepal Centre for Contemporary Research, Nepal*)

Friday, 05th May 2017 | 08.30 to 10.10 (The Gregory Hall)

08.30 – 08.45	13 Lunas 13 / 13 Moons 13 Video of Testimonies about Sexuality and Menstruation Tina Escaja (<i>University of Vermont, USA</i>)
08.45 – 09.00	Writing With Vs Writing About: Co-Producing Conciousness-Raising Fiction with Young Women from Aid-Supported Communities E. Makepeace (<i>Queensland University of Technology, Australia</i>)

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09.00 – 09.15	Pushan – A Solar Journey Abha Chatterjee and Rihana Shaik (<i>IIM Indore, India</i>)
09.15 – 09.30	Western Representation of The “Muslim Woman”: From Obedient to Exotic Nima MESBAHI (<i>Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Qatar</i>)
09.30 – 09.45	Women’s Representation in National Decision Making Institutions: A Comparative Study of Pakistan and Sri Lanka Rahat Zubair (<i>Quaid-i-Azam University, Pakistan</i>)
09.45 – 10.10	Q & A Session
10.10 – 10.30	Morning Refreshments

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Friday, 05th May 2017 | 10.30 to 11.10 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

10.30 – 11.10	Keynote Speech on “Other peoples’ lives: exploiting differences” by Prof. Patricia Mohammed (<i>Professor of Gender and Cultural Studies, Chair, School for Graduate Studies and Research at the University of the West Indies, Trinidad, West Indies</i>)
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TECHNICAL SESSION 07: Women, Gender, Empowerment and the Law Cont....

Chaired by Dr. Caroline Hodes (*University of Lethbridge, Canada*)

Friday, 05th May 2017 | 11.15 to 12.30 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

11.15 – 11.30	Feminism: Through the Eye of The Woman and International Law Sheneli M Dona (<i>Australian Catholic University, Australia</i>)
11.30 – 11.45	Narrowing the Wage Gap: Using Data to Implement Policy Madhavi Venkatesan (<i>Bridgewater State University, USA</i>)
11.45 – 12.00	Changing Equations: Empowerment, Entrepreneurship and Welfare of Women Varsha Raghunandan (<i>School of Law Christ University, India</i>)
12.00 – 12.15	My Hijab is My Strength: My Hijab is my Strength: Analyzing Hijab as a Weapon for Agency & Self-identification in Pakistani Muslim Women’s Context Aqleem Fatimah and S. Adnan Haider (<i>Allama Iqbal Open University Islamabad, Pakistan</i>)
12.15 – 12.30	Q & A Session
12.30 – 13.10	Networking Lunch

TECHNICAL SESSION 08: Women’s Lives in Historical Perspective

Chaired by Prof. Bishnu Raj Upreti (*Nepal Centre for Contemporary Research, Nepal*)

Friday, 05th May 2017 | 11.15 to 12.20 (The Gregory Hall)

11.15 – 11.35	Muted Voices: Devolution of Women through History Dhanisha O Girijan and Vedashree Kurukuri (<i>Alliance University, India</i>)
11.35 – 11.50	Women Empowerment in The Bahawalpur State During Nineteenth Century Samia Khalid (<i>Islamia University of the Bahawalpur, Pakistan</i>)
11.50 – 12.05	Desired Needs of the Visually Impaired T. Poongkothai (<i>Bharatidasan University, India</i>)

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12.05 – 12.20	Q & A Session
12.30 – 13.10	Networking Lunch

TECHNICAL SESSION 09: Gender and Education

Chaired by Prof. Madhavi Venkateshan (*Bridgewater State University, USA*)

Friday, 05th May 2017 | 13.10 to 15.30 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

13.10 – 13.25	Social Construction of Boyhood in Schools Shailly (<i>Gargi College Delhi University, India</i>)
13.25 – 13.40	Female Principal Leadership and Teacher Culture T. Lin (<i>Taichung University of Education, Taiwan</i>)
13.40 – 13.55	Women in Higher Education Science P.S. Sreedevi (<i>The Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University, India</i>)
13.55 – 14.10	Care Work by Adolescent Girls, A Major Determinant of School Drop Out in Odisha Meher Beenita (<i>Landesa, India</i>)
14.10 – 14.25	Socio - Psychological Passion of Women Teachers Working in Special Education and Rehabilitation Centre T. Murugesan and K. R. Murugan (<i>Alagappa University, India</i>)
14.25 – 14.40	Gender Mainstreaming for Transformational Leadership: The Case of African Higher Education Institutions in Ivory Coast & Tanzania Nerisa N. Paladan ¹ and Josephine Philip Churk ² (<i>International University of Grand-Bassam, Ivory Coast¹ and College of Business Education (CBE), Tanzania²</i>)
14.40 – 14.55	Women Education: Preamble for Gender Parity N. K. Bhuvaneshwari (<i>Alagappa University, India</i>)
15.55 – 15.30	Q & A Session
15.30 – 15.50	Evening Refreshments

TECHNICAL SESSION 10: Unlocking The Potential of Feminisms and Women's Movements

Chaired by Dr. Tina Escaja (*University of Vermont, USA*)

Friday, 05th May 2017 | 13.10 to 15.30 (The Gregory Hall)

13.10 – 13.25	Re-Examining Agency in Agriculture: The Feminization Debate in Nepal Hritika Rana (<i>Kathmandu University, Nepal</i>)
13.25 – 13.40	A Study on Empowerment of Rural Women Farmers for Agricultural Development V. Kalyani (<i>Alagappa University, India</i>)
13.40 – 13.55	Women Movements and Activism Vini Pandita and Balwinder Kaur Sandhu (<i>Hidayatullah National Law University, India</i>)

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13.55 – 14.10	The Individual and the Collective: Understanding the Empowerment Process of Mahila Samakhya in India Niveditha Menon, Maithreyi R, Priyanka Dutta, Neha Ghatak, Jyotsna Jha, Lokesh, Anita Goudar, Padmaja Pancharatnam and Shreekanth Mahendiran (<i>Centre for Budget and Policy Studies, India</i>)
14.10 – 14.25	The 'Fairer Sex' Revolution Gauri Singh (<i>University of Delhi, India</i>)
14.25 – 14.40	Feminist Science Studies: A Modern Perspective S. Aswathy Babu (<i>National University of Advanced Legal, India</i>)
14.40 – 14.55	Transfeminism and World Politics: Expanding Horizons and Breaking Limitations? Chamindra Weerawardhana (<i>Queen's University Belfast, United Kingdom</i>)
14.55 – 15.30	Q & A Session
15.30 – 15.50	Evening Refreshments

TECHNICAL SESSION 11: Women's Stories: Writing, Literature and Ritual

Chaired by Dr. Tina Escaja (*University of Vermont, USA*)

Friday, 05th May 2017 | 15.50 to 17.05 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

15.50 – 16.05	Tablecloth Shahparian, Women's Rituals in Iran Zhila Moshiri (<i>Research Institute of Cultural Heritage and Tourism organization, Iran</i>)
16.05 – 16.20	Edna's 'Moments of Being' and 'Wild Zone' of Female Sexuality : A Gynocritical Study of Kate Chopin's The Awakening Jannatul Ferdoush (<i>ASA University Bangladesh, Bangladesh</i>)
16.20 – 16.35	A Goodness Entirely Human: George Eliot's Incarnational Queens Saswati Halder (<i>Jadavpur University, India</i>)
16.35 – 16.50	Articulation of The Subaltern Women H.D. Sulistyani (<i>Diponegoro University, Indonesia</i>)
16.50 – 17.05	Q & A Session

TECHNICAL SESSION 12: Women's Labor and Migration

Chaired by Dr. Helen McLaren (*Flinders University, Australia*)

Friday, 05th May 2017 | 15.50 to 17.05 (The Gregory Hall)

15.50 – 16.05	"While It is Glamorous on the Outside, This is Actually Hard Work": Narratives of Migrant Workers in Beauty Industry in India Supurna Banerjee (<i>Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India</i>)
16.05 – 16.20	The Wages of Gender: Remittances and Migrant Women Workers in Southeast Asia Denise L. Spitzer (<i>University of Ottawa, Canada</i>)
16.20 – 16.35	Migration and Women's Life: A Study of Migrated Women in The Border Area of Karnataka and Maharastra H.M Hemalatha (<i>PG and Research Extension Centre, India</i>)

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16.35 – 16.50	Involvement of Women in Municipal Solid Waste Composting in Sri Lanka Vijayapala Sinnathamby (<i>University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka</i>)
16.50 – 17.05	Q & A Session

Friday, 05th May 2017 | 17.10 to 18.10 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

17.10 – 18.10	Round Table Discussion
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DAY 03 - SATURDAY, 06th May 2017

TECHNICAL SESSION 13: Political Economy and Women's Agency

Chaired by Dr. Caroline Hodes (*University of Lethbridge, Canada*)

Saturday, 06th May 2017 | 08.30 to 10.30 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

08.30 – 08.45	Breaking the Glass Ceiling in Omani Women's Social Life S. Al Yahyai (<i>Former Minister of Social Development, Oman</i>)
08.45 – 09.00	Narratives of Agency: Women's Negotiations within a Gendered Third Space in Afghanistan R. Farhana (<i>University of Cambridge, UK</i>)
09.00 – 09.15	Case Study on Women's Access to and Use of Poverty Alleviation Monies in Bandung City, West Java H.J McLaren and I. Widianingsih (<i>Flinders University of South Australia, Australia and Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia</i>)
09.15 – 09.30	Unlocking Economic Potential of Women in Hospitality & Tourism: Barriers, Perceptions & Strategies P. Puvanewary & L. Dhungana (<i>World University Service of Canada, Sri Lanka</i>)
09.30 – 09.45	Engagement of Women in Shaping The Value Chain of Cash Crops: Evidences from Nepal Bishnu Raj Upreti and Sharmila Shivakoti (<i>Nepal Centre for Contemporary Research, Nepal</i>)
09.45 – 10.00	Microcredit and Motherhood: An Inquiry into The Household Relations of Women Borrowers in the Philippines S.A Parmanand (<i>University of Cambridge, UK</i>)
10.00 – 10.30	Q & A Session
10.30 – 10.50	Morning Refreshments

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TECHNICAL SESSION 14: Women in Government, Politics, and the Professions

Chaired by Prof. Madhavi Venkateshan (*Bridgewater State University, USA*)

Saturday, 06th May 2017 | 08.30 to 10.30 (The Gregory Hall)

08.30 – 08.45	Of Struggles, Truces and Persistence: Everyday Experiences of Women Engineers in Sri Lanka Deborah Menezes (<i>University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom</i>)
08.45 – 09.00	Working through / across Difference: Structural Complicity and Global Solidarity Vidya Kalaramadam (<i>William Paterson University of New Jersey, USA</i>)
09.00 – 09.15	Boxed Women in The Public Administration: Between glass ceilings and glass walls Salma Shamel Nasser (<i>Future University in Egypt, Egypt</i>)
09.15 – 09.30	Gender Mainstreaming and Human Resource Development – An Analysis through Mdgs K.Vijaya (<i>Quaid – E-Milath Government College for Women, India</i>)
09.30 – 09.45	Gender Perspective on Role Performance of Elected Panchayat Leaders in Sivagangai District, Tamil Nadu P. Sindhuja (<i>Alagappa University, India</i>)
09.45 – 10.00	The Effect of Gender Inequalities in The Labour Market: A Study of Women's Involvement in The Nontraditional Employment in The Informal Sector in Matara District S. Kumarawadu (<i>University of Colombo, Sri Lanka</i>)
10.00 – 10.30	Q & A Session
10.30 – 10.50	Morning Refreshments

TECHNICAL SESSION 15: Women in Government, Politics, and the Professions Cont....

Chaired by Prof. Madhavi Venkateshan (*Bridgewater State University, USA*)

Saturday, 06th May 2017 | 10.50 to 11.50 (The Gregory Hall)

10.50 – 11.05	Gender Mainstreaming in Public Policy in Indonesia Darmanto (<i>Universitas Terbuka, Indonesia</i>)
11.05 – 11.20	The White-collar Women of Bangladesh: Confronting Domestic and Professional Work Sumaiya Habib (<i>University of Dhaka, Bangladesh</i>)
11.20 – 11.35	Soft Skills and Effective Networking Organization for Women's Utility. M. A. A. Yasintha (<i>University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka</i>)
11.35 – 11.50	Q & A Session

TECHNICAL SESSION 16: War, Violence, and Struggles for Peace

Chaired by Dr. Caroline Hodes (*University of Lethbridge, Canada*)

Saturday, 06th May 2017 | 10.50 to 12.10 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

10.50 – 11.05	Gender and Identity: The Rwandan Genocide John Stanlake (<i>Asian University for Women, Bangladesh</i>)
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11.05 – 11.20	Women and Armed Struggle in South Asia <i>S. Anuzsiya (South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka)</i>
11.20 – 11.35	Mapping of The Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Activities for Female Ex-Combatants in Nepal <i>Bishnu Raj Upreti and Sharmila Shivakoti (Nepal Centre for Contemporary Research, Nepal)</i>
11.35 – 11.50	Women, Conflict Management and Peace Building: The Implementation of UNSCR 1325 and Its Impact in The Context of Movements for Democratic Change (Egypt) <i>Salma Shamel Nasser (Future University in Egypt, Egypt)</i>
11.50 – 12.10	Q & A Session

CONFERENCE CHAIR WORKSHOP

Saturday, 06th May 2017 | 12.10 to 12.55 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

12.10 – 12.55	By Prof. Diana J. Fox <i>(Chairperson, Department of Anthropology, Journal of International Women's Studies, Bridgewater State University, USA)</i>
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Saturday, 06th May 2017 | 13.00 to 13.30 (Grand Crystal Ballroom)

13.00 – 13.20	Conference Concluding and Awarding Ceremony
13.20 – 13.30	Vote of Thanks <i>Mr. Oshadee Withanawasm (Co-Founder, CEO & Chairman - The International Institute of Knowledge Management (TIKM), Sri Lanka)</i>
13.30 Onwards	Networking Lunch

Sunday, 07th March 2017 | Post Conference Tour (Optional)

WCWS 2017 – Conference Chair

Prof. Diana J. Fox

(Chairperson, Department of Anthropology, Journal of International Women's Studies, Bridgewater State University, USA)

WCWS 2017 – Evaluation Panel Members

Prof. Diana J. Fox

Dr. Ravi Verma

Prof. Patricia Mohommed

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