



The 2nd World Conference on Women's Studies - WCWS 2016



The main objective of the WCWS was to serve and benefit men, women, and women's organizations that provide service, research, and support to worldwide women's empowerment, as well as advocate for global gender equality. Through the exchange of information about academic empirical research and case studies in the field of women's studies, WCWS 2016 hoped to benefit women worldwide by carefully designing, establishing, and testing grassroots programs and policies that improve women's daily life.

WCWS 2016 was held on 5th and 6th of May 2016 in Colombo, Sri Lanka with a greater platform to intensify the exchange of information on results of academic empirical research and case studies in the field of women's studies especially focusing on "Empowering Future Generations of Women and Girls – Empowering Humanity" by increasing education, decision making power, and securing rights and opportunities for women and girls worldwide.

Main conference tracks were,

- Women and Media in Global Perspective
- Securing Women's and Girls' Health
- Religion and Women's Rights
- Empowering Women through Education and Entrepreneurship
- Addressing Violence against Women and Girls
- Advancing Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls
- Women's Leadership in Law Enforcement
- Violence in Feminist, Gay and Postcolonial Discourses
- Women's Artistic Expression
- Feminization of Poverty.

The Conference was chaired by Prof. Diana J. Fox from the Bridgewater State University, USA. The Keynote forum consisted of speeches from Prof. Diana J. Fox, Dr. Sepali Kottegoda, Executive Director of the Women and Media Collective and Chair of Asia Pacific Women's Watch, Sri Lanka and Ms. Champika Liyanaarachchi, Consultant Editor, Daily Mirror Newspaper, Sri Lanka. A guest speech was delivered by Ms. Sarah Iqbal, World Bank Group and a plenary speech was from Dr. Mohammed Ilyas Khan, a Specialist in Public Health, Hamad Medical Corporation, Qatar.

The conference witnessed 100 participants from 22 countries;

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| 1. Sri Lanka | 6. USA | 11. Saudi Arabia |
| 2. India | 7. Turkey | 12. Australia |
| 3. Israel | 8. UAE | 13. Japan |
| 4. Nepal | 9. Netherland | 14. Greece |
| 5. Taiwan | 10. Belgium | 15. Algeria |

16. Nigeria
17. Pakistan
18. Iran

19. China
20. Bangladesh
21. Qatar

22. Canada

