



6th KANITA International Conference on Gender Studies (KICGS-2025)

12 November 2025

Theme: “Gender and Its Intersections: Contemporary Issues and Discourses”

PROGRAMME

*Time used in this programme is UTC+08:00 (Kuala Lumpur, Singapore)

12 November 2025 (WEDNESDAY) (Mode: Hybrid)	
Time	Programme
8.30- 9.00 am	Registration and Admission to conference (Cisco Webex)
9.00-9.30am	USM Official Song & Multimedia Presentations: USM & KANITA Welcome Remarks by Professor Dr. Intan Hashimah Mohd Hashim Director, Centre for Research on Women and Gender (KANITA), Universiti Sains Malaysia Opening Speech and Official Opening of KICGS 2025 by: YBrs. Prof. Dr. Azlan Amran Deputy Vice Chancellor (Industry and Community Network), Universiti Sains Malaysia Exercising the Function of the Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Sains Malaysia Group Photo Session (physical and online)

9.30-10.30am	Opening Keynote Address <i>Title: Gender, Intersectionality and Equality: International and Regional Discourses</i> By: Hon. Dr. Julitta Onabanjo UNFPA in Malaysia Representative UNFPA in Thailand Country Director Moderator: Prof. Dr. Intan Hashimah Mohd. Hashim (Director, KANITA) https://usm-cmr.webex.com/usm-cmr/j.php?MTID=mbe7677f65cc2dbb1fda3294eec0d7d6a Meeting number: 2517 242 4462 Meeting password: 8FQy3yTuFk7
10.45 – 11.15 am	Break
11.15-12.45 pm	PARALLEL SESSION 1
ROOM 1 (UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE HALL/ DEWAN PERSIDANGAN UNIVERSITI, DPU) Sub-theme: DOING GENDER Moderator: Associate Prof. Dr. Zaharah Sulaiman (Online) https://usm-cmr.webex.com/usm-cmr/j.php?MTID=mbe7677f65cc2dbb1fda3294eec0d7d6a Meeting number: 2517 242 4462 Meeting password: 8FQy3yTuFk7	
<i>Elucidating Sexual Victimization Experiences and Coping Mechanisms among Higher Education Students and Their Families: A Systematic Review.</i> Chan Li Kwan (Universiti Sains Malaysia)	

Aging with Dignity? Exploring Gender and Vulnerability Among Thai Elderly

Natadech Choomplang
(Thammasat University)

Are We Measuring Self-Compassion Correctly? Examining Construct Validity and Its Implications for Vulnerable Populations

May Yee Lim, Soon Aun Tan, Wan Ying Lee
(Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman)

Feminist Participatory Action Research: Advancing Environmental Justice – Right to Water for Indigenous Women and Indigenous Women with Diverse SOGIESC (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Gender Expression, and Sex Characteristics)

Matcha Phornin
(Thammasat University)

Contesting Women's Rights in Cold War Discourse: A Study of Akhbar Bebas by the United States Information Service in 1950s Malaya

Noorilham Ismail
(Universiti Malaya)

ROOM 2 (BPA CANSELORI)

Sub-theme: GENDER, HEALTH AND WELLBEING
Moderator: Associate Prof Dr. Premalatha Karupiah

Just for Fun? Male Perceptions, Motivations, and Social Dynamics Behind Sexual Harassment in Malaysia

Sakeena Zahidah Mohamed Shah Redza¹, Zaharah Sulaiman² & Roohaida Othman³
(¹Pertubuhan Agenda Wanita Malaysia, ²Universiti Sains Malaysia, ³Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia)

Digital Health Information-Seeking and Well-Being Among the Pre-Elderly: Exploring Gendered Patterns during the 2020 Pandemic

Rahmanie Kamarazaman, Khauthar Ismail, Zulnaidi Yaacob
(Universiti Sains Malaysia)

Coping Strategies Among Secondary School Teachers in Pulau Pinang: A Qualitative Analysis

Fathatul Awla Binti Badorul Hisham & Paramjit Singh Jamir Singh
(Universiti Sains Malaysia)

Family Communication Patterns in Single-Mother Households: A Systematic Literature Review

Shangitha Sadayan and Mahadevan Krishnan
(Universiti Sains Malaysia)

Detransition Lived Experiences of Female Transgender: A Qualitative Study

Nurul Shazwani Sulaiman¹, Nani Draman¹, Rosediani Muhamad¹, Lili Husniati Yaacob¹,
Samsul Draman²
(1Universiti Sains Malaysia, 2 International Islamic University)

ROOM 3 (KANITA CONFERENCE ROOM)

GENDER, MINORITY AND VULNERABLE GROUPS & GENDER IN THE CONTEXTS OF POLITICS, LAW AND POLICY

Moderator: Associate Professor Dr. Amelia Zuliyanti Siregar

*Rethinking contemporary discourses on women and post-independence state building:
A historical reflection on women's role in and collective memory of the establishment of
the legal foundation of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (1970–1990)*

Sarah Ahmed
(Central European University, Hungary)

Gendered Voices and Digital Activism in Malaysian-Chinese Independent Cinema

Jia Liu
(Independent Researcher)

From ‘Virtuous Wife and Good Mother’ to ‘Revolutionary Vanguard’: The Dialogue and Confrontation between Ethnic Chinese Women in Japanese-Occupied Malaya and the Japanese Feminist Movement (1941–1945)

Song Qingly
(Universiti Sains Malaysia)

Implementation and Acceptance of Gender-Responsive Participatory Budgeting (GRPB) in Penang: A Qualitative Study

Nurul Shamimi Rosli & Dr. Zaireeni Azmi
(Universiti Sains Malaysia)

ROOM 4 (BILIK MUTIARA KANITA)

Sub-theme: GENDER, MEDIA AND THE ARTS

Moderator: Dr. Abdul Rais Abdul Latiff

A Study of Malaysian Streamers on Gender, Identity, and Language in the Gaming Industry

Ameera S. Hairudin & Noraida Endut
(Universiti Sains Malaysia)

Jane Eyre and Wuthering Heights: The Marxist Siblings

Chowdhury Omar Sharif & Halimah Mohamed Ali
(Universiti Sains Malaysia)

Exploring Gender and Digital Creativity in Digital Content Creation Among the Future Creative Professionals

Wang Jinglei & Lim Jing Yi
(Universiti Sains Malaysia)

Creating spaces and voices online: A digital ethnography of Malaysian Youth Podcasts as Social Innovation

Farah Syazwani Hayrol Aziz¹² & Nor Hafizah Selamat²
(¹Albukhary International University, ²Universiti Sains Malaysia)

NEVER TOO OLD TO TRAVEL: Exploring the Technology Enhanced Travel Experiences of Older Malaysian Women

Nor Hafizah Selamat¹ & Senutha Poopale Ratthinan²

¹Universiti Sains Malaysia, ²Penang State Health Department)

12.45 -2.00 pm

Lunch

2.00-3.30 pm

PARALLEL SESSION 2

ROOM 1(DPU)

Sub-theme: DOING GENDER AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Moderator: Dr. Zaireeni Azmi

Appearance Centric Discourse & Identity Formation: Lived Experiences of Malaysian Indian Women

Archanaa Maniappan & Marlina Jamal
(Universiti Sains Malaysia)

Strengthening Socio-Economic Resilience through Precision Village Model: A Gender Perspective from Coastal Communities in Deli Serdang, Indonesia

Ritha F Dalimunthe¹, Arlina Nurbaity Lubis¹, Fadli¹, Nor Hafizah Selamat², Muhammad Bangun Siregar¹, Ramadan³, Rizky Putra¹
(¹Universitas Sumatera Utara, ²Universiti Sains Malaysia, ³Universitas Nahdlatul Ulama Sumatera Utara)

A Comparative Study of Cognitive Abilities between Urban Left-behind and Non-left-behind Preschool Children in China: The Mediating Role of Sensory Cognition

Jinghong Zhou & Mageswaran Sanmugan
(Universiti Sains Malaysia)

Systematic Literature Review on the Impact of Flexible Work Arrangement Implementation in Malaysia Across Genders: A Study on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Pre and Post COVID-19 Context

Mohamad Sukor Abdul Karim, Norhanisah Mohamad Yunus & Khauthar Ismail
(Universiti Sains Malaysia)

Disabled Entrepreneurship 'Distrip' Community Strategy to Support Agripreneur in Medan City, Northern Sumatera, Indonesia

Ameilia Zuliyanti Siregar¹, Ritha F. Dalimunthe¹, Hairani Siregar¹, Sri Dewi F. Natadiningrat²

(¹Universiti Sumatera Utara, ¹Khadijah Saraswati Indonesia)

ROOM 2 (BPA CANSELORI)

Sub-theme: DOING GENDER AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2

Moderator: Dr. Meutia Naully

Industry-Infused Program: Perspectives on Female Engineering Students' Readiness, Issues, and Challenges

Rosmiwati Mohd Mokhtar, Muhammad Nasiruddin Mahyuddin, Shahrel Azmin Sundi
(Universiti Sains Malaysia)

Negotiating Maternal Belonging Through Gendered Socialisation in Chetti Melaka Families

Wong Yee Von
(Universiti Malaya)

Gender-Specific Neural Activation and Connectivity During Single- and Double-Digit Arabic Numeral Processing: Insights from Young Adult Females

Nurul Aiman Mohamed, Chong Khai Vern, Nur Amalina Hashim, Anis Kausar Ghazali, Aini Ismafairus Abd Hamid & Mohd Harizal Senik
(Universiti Sains Malaysia)

Career Expectations of Female Dental Practitioners in Malaysia: Balancing Aspirations and Responsibilities

Noor Azlinaliana Binti Ibrahim^{1,2}, Muhd Firdaus Che Musa³, Ponmalar N Alagappar¹, Norintan Ab-Murat¹
(¹Universiti Malaya, ²Universiti Sains Malaysia, ³International Islamic University Malaysia)

Work-family balance among Chinese working women: A qualitative study

Tianjiao Xu

ROOM 3 (KANITA CONFERENCE ROOM)

Sub-theme: DOING GENDER AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 3

Moderator: Dr Lai Wan Teng

Mechanisms of Economic Empowerment among Rural Women in Henan Province in the Digital Era: A Mixed-Methods Analysis Based on Social Media Usage

Zhang Hui & Mahadevan Krishnan
(Universiti Sains Malaysia)

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The Relationship between Dark Triad, Envy and Schadenfreude among female undergraduates in Malaysia

Lau Jia Le, Lim Wen Nee, Lim Yi Ling
(Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman)

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Malaysian women's understanding about their rights before, during and after the divorce process: preliminary findings (Kefahaman Wanita terhadap Hak Sebelum, Semasa dan Selepas Proses Perceraian di Malaysia: Dapatan Awal)

Noraida Endut¹, Intan Hashimah Mohd Hashim¹, Nor Hafizah Selamat¹, Zaireeni Azmi¹ & Mohd Faiz Fansuri Mohd Affandy²
(¹Universiti Sains Malaysia, ²Albukhary International University)

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Better or Battle: A case study of transnational marriage between China Women and Local Malaysian Men

Zi Yu Cheng & Wan Teng Lai
(Universiti Sains Malaysia)

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Gender, Culture, and Structure: Understanding the Barriers to Women's Political Participation in Plateau State, Nigeria

Patience Mamie Kolade & Zaireeni Azmi
(Universiti Sains Malaysia)

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Bridging the Divide: The Knowledge-Practice Gap in Menstrual Hygiene and its Association with Sociodemographic Factors Among Adolescent Females in Kelantan

Norhasmah Mohd Zain¹, Nur Hanis Hazirah Roslan¹, Salmi Ab Aziz¹, Muzaitul Akmal Mustapa Kamal Basha²

(¹Universiti Sains Malaysia, ²International Islamic University Malaysia)

ROOM 4 (BILIK MUTIARA KANITA):

WOMEN, WORK AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Moderator: Associate Prof. Tpr. Khoo Suet Leng

Family-Friendly Work Conditions: Are they working for Malaysian women?

Nadirah Mat Pozian, Yvette D Miller and Jenni Mays
(Queensland University of Technology)

“I’m Trying to Ease the Burden for my Wife”: Narratives of Fathers of Dual Income Families in Sabah Malaysia

Sabrina Melisa Aripin
(Universiti Malaya)

Unseen Gaps: Creative Self-Efficacy Mediates the Gender–Creativity Link Among Indonesian Working Adults

Chee-Seng Tan¹ & Immanuel Yosua²
(¹Wenzhou-Kean, University, ²Catholic University of Indonesia)

China’s emerging “Mama Jobs” initiative: state-promoted, flexible employment schemes targeting mothers re-entering the workforce after childbirth [working title]

Zhou Xuetong
(Ewha Womans University)

Entitled Silent Empowerment: A Feminist Exploration of Secret Informal Labour by Dependent Pakistani Immigrant Women in Malaysia

Saeeda Khan
(Universiti Malaya)

3.30-4.45 pm	Plenary session (DPU) Title: Addressing Gender Inequality through an Intersectionality Lens 1. Prof. Dr Nina Nurmila Dean, Faculty of Education Indonesian International Islamic University (UIII) 2. PM Dr Finaflor Taylan Dean, Faculty of Management and Development Studies University of the Philippines Open University (UPOU) 3. Dr Kartini Kamalul Ariffin Authentic Leadership Coach and Facilitative Trainer Moderator: Prof. Dato' Dr. Noraida Endut (KANITA) https://usm-cmr.webex.com/usm-cmr/j.php?MTID=mbe7677f65cc2dbb1fda3294eec0d7d6a Meeting number: 2517 242 4462 Meeting password: 8FQy3yTuFk7
4.45 – 5.00 pm	Closing remarks by Prof. Dato' Dr Noraida Endut Conference Chairperson https://usm-cmr.webex.com/usm-cmr/j.php?MTID=mbe7677f65cc2dbb1fda3294eec0d7d6a Meeting number: 2517 242 4462 Meeting password: 8FQy3yTuFk7
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