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GW I UPDATE – 11 May 2022



GW I Young Members Network

GW I YMN SDGs AMBASSADORS WORKSHOP

Graduate Women International (GWI) Young Member Network (YMN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Ambassadors Workshop is being held Saturdays in May.

— Graduate Women International (GWI) News —

2022 Recognition Award winner deeply appreciates GWI support

Hebatallah Tolba, East London University, GWI 2022 Recognition Award winner, expresses her deep appreciation to GWI in a presentation about her work. Her interesting presentation can be found [HERE](#).

In the presentation, Tolba kindly said, “I am deeply appreciative of the Graduate Women International support. I am honoured to be the recipient of the GWI Recognition Award. This has given me a major boost of confidence in myself as a researcher and in my research idea. The generosity of the fellowship Committee and the fund provided to me will contribute towards my field research trips to Egypt this year. This will lighten my financial burden, allowing me to focus on my interviews, readings, and research”.

Her work consists of an interdisciplinary research project that aims to theorise the gendering nature of religious rituals, fasting, praying, funeral and burial, as techniques of self-formation. Tolba's research focuses on religious rituals as an educational process. The study of rituals is a window into the study of the society we belong to. **GWI wishes her the best of luck in her future endeavours moving forward.**

World Book and Copyright Day

On World Book and Copyright Day, 23 April, GWI celebrated women and girls' inclusion in literature. World Book and Copyright Day is an international day to celebrate and promote the enjoyment of books and reading. In 1995, UNESCO created this Day of Observance as a tribute to prominent authors such as Emily Dickinson, Agatha Christie, Jane Austen, William Shakespeare, Miguel Cervantes and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega (UNESCO). The theme for this year is “*Read, so you never feel low.*”

GWI observes this day to highlight the achievements of literary women all over the world, as well as emphasise the need to continue promoting increased female literacy rates for women's empowerment. Deplorably, two thirds of the 759 million illiterate adults around the world are women

despite shared efforts to improve. GWI continues to work tirelessly to positively impact women and girls' equal access to quality education.

— GWI Member News —

GWI National Federations and Associations (NFAs) host a variety of events in May

In the coming weeks, GWI NFAs are hosting several exceptional events that cover a variety of important topics. Take a look at this line up and register for any of the following events. **The official event flyers can be found at the end of the Update.**

UWAsia Regional NFA Virtual Event

University Women Asia will host on 13 May at 13:30-15:00 CEST a webinar on **“Education, Gender and Inclusive Society”**. [Click here](#) to register for this noteworthy event.

GWI YMN SDGs Ambassadors Workshops

GWI YMN SDG Ambassador Workshop series will run Saturdays in May at 16:00 CEST. The next workshop will be 14 May. All GWI young members who participated in Workshop 1 are invited to [register HERE as a continuation of the series](#).

An SDG Ambassador certificate will be issued to all who participate in all four workshops. GWI YMN stands for passionate, proactive female change makers who empower, to embrace diversity, inclusiveness, friendship, freedom and peace, that leads to strategic action and positive solutions. To read more about the events' content please click the [link](#). If you are not yet a member of the GWI YMN we invite you to click [HERE](#) for more information.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) side event

GWI Women Graduates-USA members, Linda MacDonald and Jeanne Sarson, will serve as panelists at the 19 May (13:10 – 14:00 CEST) CCPCJ, “Gender based violence as torture inflicted by non-State actors” side event. The aim of this side event is to recommend a declaration that addresses torture by non-State actors as a model strategy to promote global awareness to end non-State torture crimes against women and girls. Speakers will make presentations defining torture by non-State actors against women and girls. Please access the side event via Zoom [HERE](#).

Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Peer-to-Peer Event “Environmental Discrimination: A Global Problem”

In commemoration of World Environment Day (5 June), on 27 May at 16:00 CEST CFUW Edmonton and UWC Vancouver will host the next installment of the GWI Peer-to-Peer Conversation. Environmental discrimination occurs when development, policies, or practices result in more pollution and health risks in specific communities. Solutions are available to assess, decrease, and prevent this discrimination in historically and newly affected communities. [To register for this event click HERE](#).

— GWI at the United Nations —

GWI VP Advocacy and Education Commission on the Status of Women 66 (CSW66) Summary

Louise McLeod, GWI Vice President of Advocacy and Education has assembled an excellent recap of the CSW66 session held virtually in March 2022. This review is an excellent resource and comprehensive recap of the CSW66 session. In one summary document readers can easily locate the information about CSW66 such as Agreed Conclusions, resolutions adopted, initiatives to address

climate change, links to statements, history of the CSW and more! The summary also offers specific GWI documents such as the GWI written statement, cosponsored statements and parallel event recordings held. GWI thanks Louise for this exceptional account of CSW66. “Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes”, says McLeod. [Click HERE to access the Full CSW66 Summary Report.](#)

GWI UN Representative, Elisabeth Francis report on CSW66 climate justice side event

On 22 March 2022 GWI UN representative, Elisabeth Francis, participated in the UN Women CSW66 side event: “Climate Justice for Women and Girls: Approaches to combating Ecocide”. A distinguished panel of visionary leaders from the UN and civil society came together for this interactive discussion which explored how women’s civil society organisations can bring perpetrators of ecocide to justice; protect grassroots environmental actors; hold governments accountable for implementing existing conventions; and provide women and girls with knowledge and tools to contribute to healthy, sustainable environments. It discussed what the NGO community can do to support global efforts to combat crimes that affect the environment. Please watch the recording of the event via this [link](#). GWI invites you to read the full report [HERE](#)

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Trade and Gender course

UNCTAD is organising an online course on **Trade and Gender Linkages with a Focus on the Least Developed Countries**, from **13 June to 17 July 2022**. This course will be offered in English. The deadline for submitting applications is **29 May 2022**. The course targets policymakers, academics from universities and research centres, and representatives of civil society in developing and least developed countries involved in policy formulation and implementation, research, teaching, advocacy or field work in the area of trade and gender. For more information about this interesting online course, [click HERE](#).

—Give the gift of membership —

[Give the gift of membership](#) to the outstanding graduate women in your life! GWI membership allows graduate women to join the leading women’s international organisation that works to empower girls and women through access to lifelong, quality education and training. Give the gift of membership to become part of a global community of some 16’000 members in 60 countries, either as a [GWI independent member](#) or national member of one of our [NFA](#).

— Did you know? —



*Sonia Soria Gomez, GWI
Intern January – May 2022*

Did you know that Sonia Soria Gomez completed an exceptional five months at GWI? **“GWI congratulates Sonia for her outstanding contributions to GWI during her five-month internship and wishes her all the best and the utmost success in her future endeavours”,** says GWI Executive Director, Stacy Dry Lara.

—Dates and events worth noting —

13 May	UWAsia, Education, Gender and Inclusive Society, Global GWI members
7,14,21, 28 May	GWI YMN SDG Ambassador Series, Zoom
27 May	Environmental Discrimination - a Global Problem, Global GWI members
28 May	Menstrual Hygiene Day
12 June	World Day against Child Labour, Global
13 June-8 July	50 th session Human Rights Council, Geneva
19 June	Intl Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, Global
20 June	World Refugee Day, Global
23 June	International Widows Day, Global
15 July	Youth Skills Day, Global
30 July	International Day for the Elimination of Trafficking in Persons, Global
31 July	Pan-African Women's Day, Global
9 August	Indigenous Peoples' Day, Global
20-23 August	100th Anniversary Jubilee - Graduate Women's Association, Austria, GWI members

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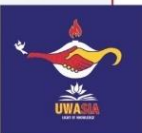
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Please see the official event flyers in the next four pages below.



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Janice Pan (PhD)
Chair - International Relations, HKAUW,
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UWAsia Regional NFA Virtual Event

EDUCATION, GENDER AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

Issues & Perspectives After/With COVID-19



As we face a post-Covid future,
we need to build resilience among
women and girls who are the most
vulnerable in our society.



13 MAY 2022 (FRIDAY)

TIME: 13:30 - 15:00 (CET)



PANEL SPEAKERS



Chizuko Suzuki

CIR JAUW PhD,
Visiting Professor of Nagasaki
Junshin Catholic University

*Varied Projects to
Implement "No one left
behind": Use of ICT,
Provision of Sanitary Goods,
and Support of Immigrants
Language Learning*



Winky Cheng

Member, HKAUW, MPhil Student,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

*Sex Education under the
Pandemic: Insights and
Barriers from the Experience
in Hong Kong*



Candace Chui

Exco Member, HKAUW

*Going beyond the Boundary:
Supporting Female Students
in Impoverished Regions*



Irene Boey

Project Chairperson, GWAS
Data Scientist, Singapore Focal
Point for ASEAN Women
Entrepreneurs Network, APEC
Researcher

*GWAS SEP for Children:
A smart collaborative
approach for STEM related
subjects using personalised
learning, by augmenting
between Artificial Intelligence
(AI) and human mentors.*

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[Click HERE to register for the UWAsia Event "Education, Gender and Inclusive Society".](#)



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GWI YMN SDGs AMBASSADORS WORKSHOP

*Save the
Date*



SESSION 2

MAY 14 | 04:00 pm CEST

Participants attending all four sessions
will receive a Certificate of Completion

QUALITY EDUCATION & GENDER EQUALITY

Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 5



STACY DRY LARA

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AMANDA ABROM

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SUDHA SRIVASTAVA

President-Young Members Network GWI, Director of a Multi Academy in London, Previous Lecturer, Expert in Gender, Education and Sustainable Development, Alternate Coordinator of International & European Relations British Federation of Women Graduates



[Click HERE to register for the GWI YMN SDGs Ambassadors Workshop.](#)

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AS TORTURE INFLECTED BY NON-STATE ACTORS

Side event at 31st Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice



Jeanne Sarson and Linda MacDonald
NST activists



Rashida Manjoo
Former Special Rapporteur on
Violence against Women



Manfred Nowak
Former Special Rapporteur on Torture



Julissa Villanueva
Undersecretary of Security, Honduras



Eduardo Vetere
Executive Secretary of the Eighth, Ninth and
Eleventh UN Crime Prevention and Criminal
Justice Congresses; Former Director of the
Division for Treaty Affairs of UNODC



THURSDAY, 19 May 2022



1:10 PM – 2:00 PM (CET)



ONLINE



Zoom Meeting: shorturl.at/nqJ47

Moderator:



Aarne Kinnunen
Ministry of Justice, Finland

[Click HERE to join the CCPCJ Event “Gender-Based Violence as Torture Inflicted by Non-State Actors”.](#)



Environmental Discrimination
A Global Problem

May 27, 2022 10:00 AM EDT
GWI Peer-To-Peer Event
hosted by CFUW Edmonton & UWC Vancouver



A wide-angle photograph of a dense coniferous forest. The trees are tall, slender, and covered in vibrant green needles. They are packed closely together, with some trees in the foreground appearing sharper than others in the background. The lighting is soft and diffused, creating a misty or foggy atmosphere that obscures the distant trees. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of green and a pale, hazy white/grey in the background.

Please Register in advance for this meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrdeGqrzMoEt3aBCrJTtAkjX8wO7BwGW7D>



[Click HERE to register for the CFUW Event “Environmental Discrimination: A Global Problem”.](#)