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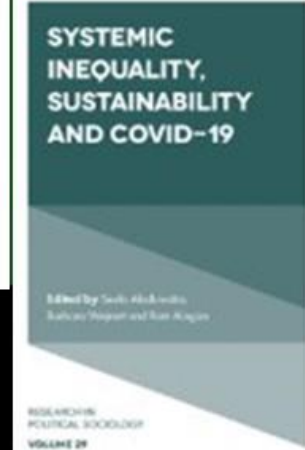
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Inaugural Lecture

***45 Years of the UN Convention
on the Elimination of All Forms
of Discrimination against
Women (CEDAW):
Achievements
and Prospects***

**KATARZYNA SĘKOWSKA -
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**Professor at the Institute of Law
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Concluding Lecture

Promoters of Peace and Equality in Polarized Modern Societies

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Program



OPENING CEREMONY & KEYNOTE SPEECH
20-02-2025

Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
Thursday 10:00 – 10:30 AM	Faculty of History Adam Mickiewicz University Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 7 St. Conference Room (ground floor)	Opening Ceremony	<p>Professor Rafał Witkowski (Vice Rector of the Adam Mickiewicz University)</p> <p>Professor Sudhi Rajiv (Vice Chancellor Haridev Joshi University of Journalism and Mass Communications Jaipur)</p> <p>Professor Barbara Wejnert (President of the World-CWS, Buffalo University)</p> <p>Professor Maciej Michalski (Vice Dean, Faculty of History, Adam Mickiewicz University)</p>	
Thursday 10:30 – 11:00 AM		Keynote Speech	<p>Professor Katarzyna Sękowska-Kozłowska</p> <p>Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences (ILS PAS)</p>	<p><i>45 Years of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW): Achievements and Prospects</i></p>
Thursday 11:00 – 11:10 AM		Coffee Break		

PLENNARY SESSION 1

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Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
<p>Thursday 11:10 – 1:10 PM</p> <p>(20 minutes - presentation + 20 minutes – discussion)</p>	<p>Faculty of History Adam Mickiewicz University Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 7 str. Conference Room (ground floor)</p>	<p>Plenary Session 1 (On Person)</p>	<p>Katarzyna Witek-Dryjańska</p>	<p>Talking about hygiene and menstruation – underwear as a catalyst for women's conversations</p>
		<p>Women & Girls Education – Science - Health</p>	<p>Manorama Upadhyaya</p>	<p>Aanganwadi Workers: Promoters of Health and Medicine <i>among the Disadvantaged Classes. (A Case Study of Jodhpur)</i></p>
		<p>Chair Professor Beata Halicka</p>	<p>Hanna Kroczak</p>	<p>Research and academic work as a mission. A sense of agency in the lived experience of women in social science in Poland</p>
			<p>Seela Aladuwaka Sandu K. Aladuwaka Ram Alagan Mishra Manoj</p>	<p>Social Determinants of Health Influence in Breast Cancer Epidemic in Alabama</p>
			<p>Ram Alagan Sandu K. Aladuwaka Seela Aladuwaka Mishra Manoj</p>	<p>Examining African American Students Representation in STEM Education and Research Using Geospatial Technology: A Case of Alabama</p>
<p>Thursday 1:10 – 2:00 PM</p>		<p>Lunch</p>		

PLENARY SESSION 2

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Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
<p>Thursday 2:00 – 3:50 PM (20 minutes – presentation + 20 minutes discussion)</p>	<p>Faculty of History Adam Mickiewicz University Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 7 St. Conference Room (ground floor)</p>	<p>Plenary Session 2 (In Person)</p> <p>Women & Girls <i>Presence & Narrative</i></p> <p>Chair Professor Anupama Vohra</p>	<p>Pratibha N.A.</p>	<p>Education as a Contradictory Resource for Dalit Women’s Development: Perspectives from Autobiographical Narratives</p>
			<p>Marta Studenna-Skrukwa</p>	<p><i>A Week Like Any Other</i> by Natalya Baranskaya as a Literary Image of Gender Inequality in the Late Soviet Union.</p>
			<p>Kshamata Chaudhary</p>	<p>Daring to break convention & Humanizing the Villain: An Exploration of Kavita Kane’s Lanka’s Princess</p>
			<p>Marcelina Kilińska</p>	<p>Women before the Poznan Consistory Court in 1430</p>

PLENARY SESSION 3
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Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 3:50 – 5:10 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(20 minutes – presentation + 20 minutes discussion)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Faculty of History Adam Mickiewicz University Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 7 St. Conference Room (ground floor)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary Session 3 (In Person)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Women & Girls <i>Economy & Law</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair Professor Marta Studenna – Skrukwa</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Anupama Vohra</p>	<p>Insights into the Politics of Rape through selected Case Studies</p>
			<p style="text-align: center;">Jasbir Singh</p>	<p>Economics of Socio-Economic Inequality among Women Workers: A Case Study of Paid and Unpaid Work in the Care Economy</p>
			<p style="text-align: center;">Katarzyna Balbuza</p>	<p>Pudicitia on coins of Roman empress Herennia Etruscilla - the story of one issue</p>

PLENNARY SESSION 4

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Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
<p>Thursday 5.10 – 6:50 PM (20 minutes presentation + 20 minutes discussion)</p>	<p>Faculty of History Adam Mickiewicz University Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 7 St. Conference Room (ground floor)</p>	<p>Plenary Session 4 (In Person)</p> <p>Women & Girls <i>Popular Culture & Resistance Cultures</i></p> <p>Chair Professor Maria Anita Stefanelli</p>	<p>Jagriti Upadhyaya</p>	<p>Debunking Gender Stereotypes: Meet Hooda as an Advocate for Gender Equality- A Feminist Reading of the TV Serial Meet.</p>
			<p>Marta Rybczyńska Jakub Nowocin</p>	<p>“<i>Girls to the front</i> – the impact of Riot Grrrl”</p>
			<p>Grażyna Gajewska</p>	<p>Hydrofeminist reading of nature-culture texts</p>
			<p>Doroła Jewdokimow</p>	<p>Mom has a secret. The cultural specificity of Russian women's anti-war activism</p>

PLENARY SESSION 5
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Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
Thursday 6:50 – 8:00 PM (20 minutes presentation + 20 minutes discussion)	Faculty of History Adam Mickiewicz University Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 7 St. Conference Room (ground floor)	Plenary Session 5 (In Person) Women & Girls Art & Performace Chair Professor Dorota Jewdokimow	Justyna Budzińska	A Story of Emotions – a Woman in “Tears of Joy”.
			Colette Szczepaniak	Narratives of seafarers’ female partners as the reflection of maintaining the sea wolf archetype and invalidating the role of their female partners. Female heros of everyday life.
			Maria Anita Stefanelli	'Prayer of the Mothers': a hymn for peace
			Ula Kijak	Battlegrounds: Reclaiming Art as a Form of Activism for Equality
Thursday 8:00 PM			Dinner	



SPECIAL SESSION
21-02-2025

Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
<p>Friday 9:00-9:45 AM</p>	<p>Senate Hall Adam Mickiewicz University Wieniawskiego 1 St.</p>	<p>Special session</p> <p>Chair Professor Maciej Michalski</p>	<p>Professor Bogumiła Kaniewska (Rector of the Adam Mickiewicz University)</p> <p>Dominika Gapska, Ph.D. (AMU GEP Coordinator, Adam Mickiewicz University)</p> <p>Professor Iwona Chmura-Rutkowska, Professor Edyta Głowacka-Sobiech, Anna Schmidt-Fiedler, Katarzyna Wala (Adam Mickiewicz University)</p>	<p><i>When Science Is a Woman.</i> Women in academia as promoters of equality and sustainability</p>
<p>Friday 9:45-10.00 AM</p>		<p>Coffee Break</p>		

PLENNARY SESSION 6
21-02-2025

Time	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 10:00 – 12:00 AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(20 minutes – presentation + 20 minutes discussion)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(please note the time difference between your location and Central European Time)</p>	<p>Senate Hall Adam Mickiewicz University Wieniawskiego 1 St.</p>	<p>Plenary Session 6 (ZOOM)</p> <p>Women & Girls Narrative, Testimony & Law</p> <p>Chair Professor Sudhi Rajiv</p>	<p>Heemal Pandey</p>	<p>Relevance of the Nāṭyaśāstra's concept of nāyikās (heroines) in navigating the complexities of modern life</p>
			<p>Himanshi Chandervanshi</p>	<p>The Importance of Reproductive Rights to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals: A Study of Crying in the Bathroom</p>
			<p>Simran</p>	<p>Where do I Stand? Question of the Autofictional/ Autobiographical Self in Hoshang Merchant's <i>The Man Who Would Be Queen</i></p>
			<p>ALKA</p>	<p>Re-reading Women's Suffering and Survival during the Holocaust through the Memoir of Anita Lobel</p>
			<p>Muthukuda Arachchige Dona Shiroma Jeeva Shirajanie Niriella</p>	<p>Understanding Cybercrime Against Women in Sri Lanka: A Criminological Analysis of Motivations and Legal Responses</p>

PLENARY SESSION 7
21-02-2025

Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
Friday 12:00 – 2:00 PM (20 minutes – presentation + 20 minutes discussion) (please note the time difference between your location and Central European Time)	Senate Hall Adam Mickiewicz University Wieniawskiego 1 St.	Plenary Session 7 (ZOOM) Women & Girls Activity - Activism Chair Professor Grażyna Gajewska	Diksha Bhagat	<i>Awista Ayub's Kabul Girls Soccer Club: Insights into Afghan women's struggle for inclusion in sports</i>
			Ranjeet Kaur	<i>The Political Mobilization of Women during the Farmers' Protest: A Changing Dynamics of women's role in Agriculture</i>
			Thankam K. Abraham Anej Somaraj	<i>Ecotism: Ashvini Menon 's Ecological Take on Urbanscapes</i>
			Kriti Singh	<i>Adivasi women's activism: advocacy of peace and equality in Jacinta Kerketta's poetry</i>
			Asma Show	<i>Habba Khatoon: The discerning voice for freedom from the Himalayan vale of Kashmir</i>
Friday 2:00 – 2:45 PM		Lunch		

PLENARY SESSION 8
21-02-2025

Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
Friday 2:45 – 4:05 PM (20 minutes presentation + 20 minutes discussion) (please note the time difference between your location and Central European Time)	Senate Hall Adam Mickiewicz University Wieniawskiego 1 St.	Plenary Session 8 (ZOOM) Women & Girls Space of Experience – Horizon of Expectation Chair Professor Seela Aladuwaka	Ravita Sonia Goyal	Participation of Young Women in the Indian Labour Market
			Parveen Kumari	<i>Time and Memory in Shilpa Raj's the Elephant Chaser's Daughter and Yashica Dutt's Coming out as Dalit</i>
			Sharif Atiquzzaman	The Intersections of Gender, Arts and Sustainable Development Lessons from South Asia
			Sharma Neeru	Developmental Niche of the Children: Mothers, Family, Child Development and SDGs
			Maciej Bugajewski (Paper Shared)	Connected histories and woman's history. An attempt at methodological reflection

PLENNARY SESSION 9
21-02-2025

Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 4:05 – 5:45 PM (20 minutes presentation + 10 minutes discussion)</p> <p>(please note the time difference between your location and Central European Time)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Senate Hall Adam Mickiewicz University Wieniawskiego 1 St.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary Session 9 (ZOOM)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Women & Girls <i>Gender in Action</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair Professor Jasbir Singh</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Seema Thakur</p>	<p>From Resolution to Reality: Celebrating 25 Years of UNSCR 1325's Contributions to Global Peace</p>
			<p style="text-align: center;">Twinkle Suri</p>	<p>Women and Girls: Architects of Equality Peace, and a Sustainable Future</p>
			<p style="text-align: center;">Sarbjeeet Singh Harjinder Singh Jitendra Kumar Pal</p>	<p>Labour Market Dilemma of Young Women in India: An Analysis</p>
			<p style="text-align: center;">Nirupama Prakash Roumi Deb</p>	<p>Rethinking Women Empowerment: Women-Led Development</p>

PLENARY SESSION 10
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Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
Friday 5:45 – 7:05 PM (20 minutes presentation + 20 minutes discussion)	Senate Hall Adam Mickiewicz University Wieniawskiego 1 St	Plenary Session 10 (In Person) Women & Girls <i>Migration &</i> <i>Humanitarian Crises</i> Chair Professor Ram Alagan	Izabela Skórzyńska Agnieszka Chwieduk	Care and Justice: Women's Strategies to Help People Affected by the Migration Crisis in Central and Eastern Europe
			Soe G. Win	Forgotten War: A Fight for Democracy and Humanitarian Crisis in Burma (Myanmar)
			Beata Halicka	Polish Women in Postwar America. Female Agency, Migration and Knowledge Transfer



CONCLUDING LECTURE & CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

21-02-2025

Friday 7:05 – 7:35 PM	Senate Hall Adam Mickiewicz University Wieniawskiego 1 St.	Concluding Lecture	Barbara Wejnert (President - World -CWS)	Promoters of Peace and Equality in Polarized Modern Societies
Friday 7:35 – 8:00 PM		Closing of the Conference	Professor Barbara Wejnert (President - World -CWS) Professor Jasbir Singh (Vice President – World CWS) Professor Lucyna Błażejczyk - Majka (Vice Dean, Faculty of History Adam Mickiewicz University)	
Friday 8:00 PM		Dinner		