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Program

Law Foyer, Level 2, New Law Building, University of Sydney

| Time | Session | Details |
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| 12pm | <i>Registration and coffee and tea on arrival</i> | |
| 12.30pm | Welcome | Professor Stephen Garton , Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor |
| 12.45 | Keynote <i>Women in ASEAN: Creating substantive empowerment</i> | Dr Kelly Gerard Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Western Australia |
| 1.30pm | Lunch | |
| 2.30pm | Three Minute Thesis competition | |
| 3.15pm | Concurrent sessions <hr/> <i>Women and politics</i> <hr/> <i>Women and work</i> <hr/> <i>Women in development</i> | This session brings together leading academic thinkers, activists and policy makers to discuss and debate the position of Southeast Asian women across three key domains, and what is being done to advance the standing of women in the ASEAN region. |
| 5pm | Cocktail reception | |
| 5.20pm | Three Minute Thesis competition winner announced | |
| 6pm | Program ends | |

Keynote

**Dr Kelly Gerard,
Department of Political
Science and International
Relations, University of
Western Australia**



Women in ASEAN: Creating substantive empowerment

Dr Kelly Gerard is Senior Lecturer in Political Science and International Relations at the University of Western Australia. Kelly's research interests lie at the intersection of political participation and development policy, focusing on ASEAN's engagement of civil society, as well as the determinants of aid programming for women's empowerment. Kelly completed postdoctoral training at the Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, and the Southeast Asia Research Centre, City University of Hong Kong. Kelly is an Endeavour Cheung Kong Award recipient, and a research associate of the Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University. Her research has been published in *Globalizations*, *The Pacific Review*, *Contemporary Politics*, and *Asian Studies Review*. Kelly is the author of *ASEAN's Engagement of Civil Society: Regulating Dissent* (Palgrave 2014) and co-editor of the Palgrave series, *Studies in the Political Economy of Public Policy* (with Toby Carroll, Darryl Jarvis and Paul Cammack).



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Program – Concurrent Sessions

| Theme | Speaker | Institution | Title |
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| Women and politics <i>New Law Lecture Theatre 024</i> | Chaired by Dr Aim Sinpeng, Department of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney | | |
| | Associate Professor Maznah Mohamad | National University of Singapore | Getting more women into formal politics in ASEAN: Some models in electoral reforms and their challenges |
| | Dr Khin Mar Mar Kyi | University of Oxford | Globalisation, religion and women's leadership in transitional Myanmar |
| | Ms Nava Nuraniya | Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict (IPAC), Jakarta | Gender politics in Indonesian extremist groups |
| Women and work <i>New Law Lecture Theatre 026</i> | Chaired by Trisha Gray, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) | | |
| | Dr Do Quynh Chi | Research Centre for Employment Relations, Vietnam | Female migrant workers in industrial zones and labour activism in Vietnam |
| | Professor Michele Ford | University of Sydney | Woman and work in Indonesia |
| | Dr Mary Barby P. Badayos-Jover | University of the Philippines Visayas | Recasting the net: A focus on women in fisheries in the Philippines |

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| Women in development | Panel discussion - Chaired by Dr Jacqueline Thomas, Humanitarian Engineering, University of Sydney | | |
| <i>Law Lounge Level 1</i> | Ms Ivonia Pinto Tsia | Centre of Studies for Peace and Development, Timor | Timorese women are strong advocates against the corrupt behaviours that negatively impact upon the lives of them and their families |
| | Ms Vichhra Mouyly | International Labour Organisation, Cambodia | Working conditions in Cambodian factories put high pressure on women's reproductive role. |
| | Ms Karen Mae Bantang | Commission on Human Rights, The Philippines | Women's empowerment and gender equality opportunities in all public policies and programs are the key to promoting and protecting the welfare and development of women in the Philippines |

Women and politics

Chaired by Dr Aim Sinpeng, Department of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney



Associate Professor Maznah Mohamad

Department of Malay Studies and Department of Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore

Maznah Mohamad was formerly Associate Professor with Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang and Visiting ASEAN Chair at the Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto. Her areas of teaching and research include Gender Studies, Religion in Southeast Asia, Malaysian Politics and the Politics of Islamisation. Her published books include *Feminism and the Women's Movement in Malaysia* (co-authored, 2006), *Malayu: The Politics, Poetics and Paradoxes of Malayness* (co-edited, 2011), and *Family Ambiguity and Domestic Violence in Asia* (co-edited, 2013). Her recent journal publications have appeared in *Pacific Affairs* (2015), *JMBRAS* (2016), *Kajian Malaysia: Journal of Malaysian Studies* (2016) and *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies* (2017).



Ms Nava Nuraniya

Analyst at the Institute of Policy Analysis of Conflict, Jakarta

Nava Nuraniyah is an analyst at the Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict (IPAC), Jakarta. Prior to joining IPAC, she worked as a terrorism analyst at the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS), a research unit of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. She holds a Master of Arts in International Relations, with Honours, and a Masters of Diplomacy, with distinction, from the Australian National University (ANU), where she received the James Ingram Prize for Excellence in Diplomatic Studies. Nava has published a number of articles for both academic journals and newspapers, and spoke at various international conferences. Her research interests include religiously motivated terrorism, online extremism, women in jihadi community, and the anti-Shia campaign in Indonesia.



Dr Khin Mar Mar Kyi

Research Associate in Anthropology, University of Oxford

Dr Ma Khin Mar Mar Kyi is the *Excellence in Gender Research* award-winning anthropologist and the inaugural Burmese and Female Senior Research Fellow at Lady Margaret Hall at the University of Oxford. She is also the Daw Aung San Suu Kyi Senior Gender Research Fellow and a co-investigator on an ESRC-funded project entitled *Gender, Buddhist Nationalism, and Violence in a Political Transition in Myanmar*. Dr Mar led the Oxford University delegation visiting Myanmar for four consecutive years (2013-2016) producing a landmark memorandum, pledging collaboration to develop higher education standards in Myanmar. She is also a member of The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities and a Research Associate of Lady Margaret Hall.

In addition to her academic work, Dr Mar is a Senior Advisor to Government and Non-Government organisations including the United Nations. She is a co-founder of the Oxford-Myanmar Academic Initiatives, One-Women-Myanmar, and Fight against Trafficking and Exploitation (FATE) of women and children. Dr Mar is a winner of many prestigious awards including, the 'Unsung Hero Award', the 'UN 100 Years 100 Women Award', and the *Dreams of Dutiful Daughters* documentary film award (2013). She was one of the few International Election Observers of the 2015 elections in Myanmar.

Women and work

Chaired by Ms Trisha Gray, Assistant Director Gender Technical Support Section Gender Equality Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



Dr Do Quynh Chi

Research Centre for Employment Relations, Vietnam

Dr Do Quynh Chi is the co-founder and director of the Research Center for Employment Relations (ERC). She earned her doctorate in industrial relations from the University of Sydney, Australia. She has 16 years of experience researching labour relations in Vietnam and has been publishing frequently in international journal articles. Dr Chi is currently researching labour relations in the global value chains, gender issues in manufacturing industries, and labour law reform.



Professor Michele Ford

Director, Sydney Southeast Asia Centre, University of Sydney

Michele Ford is Professor of Southeast Asian Studies and Director of the Sydney Southeast Asia Centre at the University of Sydney, where she holds an Australian Research Council Future Fellowship. Michele's research interests focus on Southeast Asian labour movements, trade union aid, and trade union responses to labour migration in East and Southeast Asia. Michele is the author of *Workers and Intellectuals: NGOs, Unions and the Indonesian Labour Movement* (NUS/Hawaii/KITLV 2009) and (co)-editor of several volumes including *Beyond Oligarchy: Wealth, Power, and Contemporary Indonesian Politics* (Cornell SEAP 2014) and *Social Activism in Southeast Asia* (Routledge 2013). In addition to her academic work, Michele has a strong record of disciplinary service and extensive consultancy experience for the Australian Government and the international labour movement.



Professor Mary Barby P. Badayos-Jover
Director of Gender and Development Program,
University of Philippines Visayas

Professor Mary Barby P. Badayos-Jover, is currently the Director of the University of the Philippines Visayas' Gender and Development Program. She is also the Coordinator of Ugsad, the Regional Gender Resource Center of Western Visayas in the Philippines and the current Vice President of the National Network on Women in Fisheries in the Philippines, Inc. Professor Badayos-Jover is likewise a certified member of the Philippine Commission on Women's GAD Resource Pool. She was a Fulbright scholar and earned her Dual-Title PhD in Rural Sociology and Women's Studies from the Pennsylvania State University, USA. She also holds an MA in Health Social Science from De La Salle University, Manila and an MM in Rural Development Management from University of Philippines Visayas. She took her BA Political Science and Psychology in University of Philippines Visayas and started teaching in the same university right after college. She has long been involved in gender mainstreaming advocacy as a faculty of the University of the Philippines Visayas, as well as a member of women's advocacy groups. Her research and advocacy interests include the intersections of gender, class and ethnicity in climate change discourses and interventions; gender(ed) concerns in disaster contexts; women's agency in extremely difficult circumstances; and institutional dynamics in gender and development (GAD) mainstreaming.

Women in Development

Chaired by Dr Jacqueline Thomas, Humanitarian Engineering,
University of Sydney



Ms Mouly Vichhra

International Labour Organisations, Cambodia

Ms. Mouly Vichhra has 10 years of professional experience in the apparel industry and three years of experience as a Trainer and Enterprise Advisor with International Labour Organization/ Better Factories Cambodia. Prior to her employment with BFC, she worked as a Legal Officer at the Arbitration Council Foundation where she provided support to hundreds of labour dispute cases from various sectors in Cambodia. Vichhra is a co-author of a journal article on employment relations and political transition in Cambodia, published by the *Journal of Industrial Relations Australian Labour and Employment Relations Association*. She holds a Masters degree from the University of Melbourne (Australia) in Employment and Labour Relations Law.



Ms Karen Mae Bantang

Commission on Human Rights, the Philippines

Karen Mae Bantang has been working for the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines since 2009. After six years with the Strategic and Development Planning Office, she moved to the Center for Gender Equality and Women's Human Rights. She has been involved with the administrative support and technical tasks of the Center's activities for the last 18 months including activities such as the CHR's National Inquiry on Reproductive Health Right with funding from the UNFPA, and a Consultation for the Amendment of CEDAW General Recommendation 19, in partnership with the Women's Legal Bureau. Karen completed a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at the University of the Philippines, Manila and is currently undertaking her Masters in Strategic Public Relations at the University of Sydney under the Australian Awards Scholarship.



Ms Ivonia Pinto Tsia

Centre of Studies for Peace and Development, Timor-Leste

Ivonia is the Coordinator for Anti-Corruption Department at the Centre of Studies for Peace and Development (CEPAD) in Timor-Leste. Previously, she was the lead researcher for the Women's Access to Justice in Plural Legal Systems Project which focused on women's ownership of land and property in Timor-Leste. She has been working at CEPAD for the past five years. She has extensive experience working in advance policy analysis and evaluation and has the innate ability to link theoretical approaches with pragmatic policy evaluations and recommendations.

Part of Ivonia's work includes Adapting the Participatory Action Research (PAR) tools, mechanisms and techniques that can best engage the participation of communities including individuals, women's groups, government officials, youths, traditional leaders and the Church.

Ivonia works in coordination with the District Liaison Officers throughout the 13 Municipalities in Timor-Leste and with 38 KKN (Corruption Collusion and Nepotism) Focal Points. She organises dialogues including informal and formal meetings, thematic workshops at the Municipality and National levels for data gathering and empowering the community about their rights in relations to Corruption.

Three Minute Thesis Competition

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The Sydney Southeast Asia Centre's Three Minute Thesis Challenge is an annual event for postgraduate students researching the countries or region of Southeast Asia. In just three minutes, postgraduate students are challenged to present a compelling oration on their thesis topic and its significance.

We invite you to join us at 2.30pm to hear the presentations from our finalists and vote on the winner.



| Speaker | School/Department | 3MT title |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Josto Luzzu | School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry | <i>Making and unmaking of space in the Lao Golden Triangle?</i> |
| Pradytia Pertiwi | Health Sciences | <i>People with disabilities saving lives</i> |
| Cocorkda Pramatha | School of Information Technologies | <i>Digital preservation of cultural heritage</i> |

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