

National Symposium on "GENDER IN HIGHER EDUCATION" 10-11 August 2018, UGC Auditorium PROGRAMME		
Time	Title	Speaker
DAY ONE	OPENING SESSION	
SESSION ONE		
08.30 – 09.00	Registration	
09.00 – 09.10	Welcome	Prof Kumudu Wijewardena University of Sri Jayawardanepura and Co-Chair, Standing Committee on Gender Equity/Equality
09.10 – 09.30	Address by Chairperson/UGC	Prof Mohan de Silva, Chairperson, University Grants Commission
09.30 – 10.00	Opening Keynote Address "Women and higher education leadership: An object of desire or something to be avoided?"	Prof. Louise Morley, University of Sussex
10.00 – 10.30	REFRESHMENTS	
SESSION TWO		
10.30 – 11.30	Gender Issues in Higher Education : Responses of UGC	Emeritus Prof Uma Coomaraswamy, Director, UGC Centre for Gender Equity/Equality Ms. Tharanga Widanachchi, Project Manager, ICT Agency of Sri Lanka
11.30 – 12.30	Panel Discussion The Quality of Quality in Higher Education – Globalization, Localization and Gender	Prof. Nivedhita Menon, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India Prof. Louise Morley, University of Sussex, UK Emeritus Prof. Jayadeva Uyangoda Dr. Wijaya Jayathilaka, University of Peradeniya and Member of the Standing Committee on Gender Equity/Equality
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
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SESSION THREE	CLOSED SESSIONS	
13.30 – 15.00	PEDAGOGY & TEACHING PRACTICE	Impact of gender in pedagogy: a study on gender based violence and discrimination in teaching in Sri Lankan universities <i>A I Kumara, F Hanaa, IDQ Balendra, S Nimishan</i>

		<p>Problematizing dominant patriarchal ideologies in a hegemonic framework: analyzing practices of a Sinhala Department through critical pedagogy <i>LMS Wijetunge</i></p> <p>“She’s too much!”: perspectives on student participation in pedagogical humour <i>S Abayasekara</i></p> <p>Does Risk behavior explain female reluctance to take up STEM subjects and challenging careers? Case of undergraduates in Sri Lanka <i>TMH Himasara & S Peter</i></p>
15.00 – 15.30	REFRESHMENTS	
15.30 – 17.30	LEADERSHIP	<p>Unidentified Trade-Offs of Work-Life Experiences of Women Academics - Dr Thilakshi Kodagoda</p> <p>Career orientation and work life balance: does gender make a difference? <i>SM Aloysius</i></p> <p>Gender division of labour in Sri Lankan state universities: A case study <i>PDHD Gunatilake & RPCR Rajapakse</i></p> <p>Women and leadership in Higher Education Institutions in Sri Lanka <i>M A N R. Perera</i></p>

DAY TWO		
SESSION FOUR	CLOSED SESSIONS	
9.30-10.00	Keynote Address "Gender pedagogy and feminist politics"	Prof. Nivedita Menon
10.00-10.30	Refreshments	
10.30 – 12.30	EMPLOYMENT & EMPLOYABILITY	Employability and exploring women's employment: A review of Literature <i>S Kumar</i> Trends in employment characteristics of Arts Graduates by gender <i>I T Jayamanne & K P A Ramanayake</i> The employability of female Arts Graduates at the public universities in Sri Lanka: <i>G P S Nalaka & S M N C Samarakoon</i>
12.30-1.30	Lunch	
SESSION FIVE		
13.30-15.30	UNIVERSITY SUBCULTURES	Gender in university sub-culture: with special reference to applied university sub-language in Sri Lanka <i>R A D N Rajapaksha, L D M Premarathna, S B M N W Jayasooriya, M D Jayasena, G M M Dukgannarala, H M S N Batagalla</i> "I started a joke": What do humorous tales told by female and male undergraduates tell us about their gendered worldview/s? <i>L. Medawattegedara</i> Disciplining of women through 'respectable' attire: A Study among women undergraduates in University <i>M.N De Costa & I.Nazeer</i> A review study on attitudes of Sri Lankan undergraduates towards Gender Based Violence <i>D. Randeniya & G P Gamage</i>
SESSION SIX		
15.30 - 15.45	Closing Remarks	Dr. Wijaya Jayathilake, University of Peradeniya and Member of the Standing Committee on Gender Equity/Equality

15.45-16.00	Vote of Thanks	Mrs. Bharathy Kennedy, Eastern University of Sri Lanka and Member of the Standing Committee on Gender Equity/Equality
16.00 - 16.30	Refreshments	