

## Empowerment of Girls and Women in Armenia EGWA Preliminary Conference Program

### **Friday, April 21**

9:00 - 9:45 Registration

9:45 - 11:15 Opening Session

Manoogian Hall, Paramaz Avedisian Building, American University of Armenia

- Convocation, Conference Chair, Shakeh Kaftarian
- Welcome, President, American University of Armenia, Armen Der Kiureghian
- Opening Keynote Address, Minister of Justice of RoA, Arpine Hovhannisyanyan
- Opening Keynote Address, President, San Jose State University, Mary Papazian

11:15 - 12:00

Plenary Panel I: Reclaiming Our Future through Mentoring and Supporting Girls and Women

Manoogian Hall, Paramaz Avedisian Building, American University of Armenia

Moderator: Valentina Gevorgyan

Panelists:

- Varduhi Baloyan
- Leigh Carter
- Shushan Doydoyan
- Naira Manukyan

12:00-12:30 Coffee Break

12:30-1:45 Parallel Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session IA: Challenging the Traditional Structures

Room 307E, Paramaz Avedisian Building, American University of Armenia

Note: English only

Moderator: Laura Dirtschian

Panelists:

- Lilit Grigoryan: Preventing Violence through Transforming Gender Norms of Masculinity
- Alis Marachelian: The Social Change Model Applied to Creating Gender Equity, one family at a time
- Lale Pakradounian: Breaking Gender Roles: Armenian Women and the Army
- Sevan Petrosyan: Engaging Men in Gender Related Work

Breakout Session IB: Republic of Armenia Frameworks and Compliance

Manoogian Hall, Paramaz Avedisian Building, American University of Armenia

Moderator: Ani Jolizian

Panelists:

- Lilit Avetisyan: Analysis of the State Budget from the Gender Sensitive Budgeting Perspective
- Maria Abrahamyan: Law Enforcement as a Means to Empower Women and Girls: Why is it Important?
- Arman Gharibyan: Preventing and Combating Domestic Violence in Armenia: National and International Legal Framework
- Vladimir Osipov: Gender Stereotypes: Their Prevalence and Effective Ways to Combat Them

Breakout Session IC: Ten Years of Entrepreneurship and Development: The Impact on Women and Society

Small Auditorium, Main Building, American University of Armenia

Moderator: Judy Norsigian

Panelists:

- Anahit Ghazaryan
- Arpine Grigoryan
- Aghunik Hazryan
- Zorayr Kirakosian
- Ayta Santuryan

1:45 - 2:30 Lunch and music

2:30 - 3:15

Plenary Panel 2: The Power of Sharing: Empowered and Empowering Women of Armenia  
Manoogian Hall, Paramaz Avedisian Building, American University of Armenia

Moderator: Sara Anjargolian

Panelists:

- Sara Anjargolian
- Larisa Hovannisian
- Taline Kevonian
- Karin Sarkissian

3:30 - 4:45 Parallel Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session 2A: The Armenian Landscape

Room 207E, Paramaz Avedisian Building, American University of Armenia

Note: English only

Moderator: Gohar Shahnazaryan

Panelists:

- Tereza Amryan: Changing Image of Yezidi Women
- Arev Papazian: The Effects of Armenian Nationalism on the Lives of Women in Armenia
- Dhamodharan Ramasamy: Are Women in Armenia already Empowered or yet to be Empowered?
- Shanmugapriya Vinayagam: Immediate and Long-Lasting Impact of Female Risk Factors on the Lives of Girls, Women and Society

Breakout Session 2B: Motivational Models of Empowerment

Room 208E, Paramaz Avedisian Building, American University of Armenia

Note: English only

Moderator: Hilda Grigorian

Panelists:

- Svetlana Aslanyan: Strengthening Rural Communities through Empowering Rural Women
- Ani Kalayjian: Transforming Horizontal Violence: Through Empowerment of Women, Establishing EQ & Mindfulness through the 7-Step Integrative Healing Model
- Armine Matentsian: Find Your Voice, Follow Your Passion, Move Forward
- Arshaluys Mushkambaryan: "Peace Circles" as a Successful Project to Support and Empower Women

Breakout Session 2C: The Psychological Functions of Home and Society

Small Auditorium, Main Building, American University of Armenia

Moderator: Mimi Zarookian

Panelists:

- Gabriel Armas-Cardona: (Dis)Empowered Women: Armenian Women as both Victim and Perpetrator of Sex-Selective Abortion
- Ani Jilozian: Domestic Violence in Armenia: Challenges and Hopes
- Nvard Manasian: Engendering the Images in the Articles on Prenatal Sex Selection
- Yelena Sardaryan: Shelter and Crisis Centers: A Women's Empowerment Model

Breakout Session 2D: Armenian Experience in Fighting Trafficking  
Manoogian Hall, Paramaz Avedisian Building, American University of Armenia  
Moderator: Gulnara Shahinian

Panelists:

- Vicktoria Avakova
- Hasmik Edilian
- Vahram Kazhoyan
- Eleonora Virapian

Manoogian Hall, Paramaz Avedisian Building, American University of Armenia  
5:00 – 5:15 Victoria Aslanian, TED<sup>x</sup> talk

Akian Art Gallery, Paramaz Avedisian Building, American University of Armenia  
5:30 – 6:45 Jazz concert by Vahagn Hayrapetyan, opening of exhibition, book signing, wine & cheese reception.

### **Saturday, April 22**

9:00 – 9:45 Registration and coffee

9:45 – 10:20

Manoogian Hall, Paramaz Avedisian Building, American University of Armenia

- Plenary Keynote Address, Founding Partner and Chair of Board of Governors, UWC Dilijan College, Veronika Zonabend

10:30 - 11:30

Plenary Panel 3: Empowerment through Education and Career Development  
Manoogian Hall, Paramaz Avedisian Building, American University of Armenia  
Moderator: Melissa Brown

Panelists:

- Siran Hovhannisyan: Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in the Economic Sector
- Hasmik Sahakyan: Women Empowerment through Professional Training
- Gohar Shahnazaryan: Representation and Participation in the Political Parties and Political Initiatives in Armenia: Gender Analyses
- Lara Tcholakian: Advancing the Role of Women in Armenia's Business Environment

11:40 – 12:50 Parallel Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session 3A: Women and their Career Development  
Small Auditorium, Main Building, American University of Armenia  
Note: English only

Moderator: Marine Gouchian

Panelists:

- Narine Abazian and Ani Manukyan: Empowerment of Girls and Women through Information and Communication Technologies
- Natalya Harutyunyan: Women Empowerment for Local Political Engagement
- Anna Ohanjanyan: Encouraging Female Uptake of STEM Subjects in Armenian Primary and Secondary Schools

Breakout Session 3B: Women in the Health Care System  
Room 113W, Paramaz Avedisian Building, American University of Armenia

Note: English only

Moderator: Madlene Minassian

Panelists:

- Zaruhi Arakelyan: Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Healthcare Providers who may come in Contact with Women who have Experienced Intimate Partner Violence
- Khachanush Hakobyan: Best Practices in Women's Health Care in Armenia
- Mariam Manoukian: Empowering Women in Medicine

Breakout Session 3C: Academic Approaches to Women's Empowerment  
Room 114W, Paramaz Avedisian Building, American University of Armenia

Note: English only

Moderator: Jacqueline Karaaslanian

Panelists:

- Tanya Saroj Bakhru: Global Citizenship in Women's Studies Classroom
- Nancy Bocskor: Your Path to Public Service: Empowering Women to Change their Communities
- Barbara Merguerian: Empowerment of Women by Learning the Lessons of the Past
- Nayereh Tohidi: Challenges of Developing Gender and Women's Studies

Breakout Session 3D: Women as Media Leaders

Manoogian Hall, Paramaz Avedisian Building, American University of Armenia

Moderator: Maria Titizian

Panelists:

- Anna Israelyan
- Nouneh Sarkissian
- Satik Seyranyan

Breakout Session 3E: Economic Empowerment: The Prime Minister's 2017 Award Winning Women  
Entrepreneurs of Armenia

Room 314W, Paramaz Avedisian Building, American University of Armenia

Note: Armenian only

Moderator: Elen Manukyan

Panelists:

- Irina Chibookhyan
- Narine Khojoyan
- Araksia Martirossian
- Zaruhi Muradyan

Akian Art Gallery, Paramaz Avedisian Building, American University of Armenia

12:50 – 3:00 Closing remarks, concert by Lilit Pipoyan and lunch reception.