

# CONFERENCE REPORT

11<sup>TH</sup> WORLD CONFERENCE ON  
WOMEN'S STUDIES



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**BALI, INDONESIA**

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## Dear **WCWS** Community,

We are delighted to present a summary of the key moments and achievements from the **11th World Conference on Women's Studies (WCWS) 2025**, held in Bali, Indonesia, from May 29 to 30, 2025.

Under the theme “**Talking Shop: Feminisms and the Crucial Issues of Our Times**,” the conference provided a dynamic platform for exploring several topics ranging from Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality to Feminist Analytical Lenses and Praxes. The event brought together a diverse group of scholars, researchers, activists, and practitioners from across the globe to engage in a comprehensive exploration of global feminisms, examining both the theoretical and practical dimensions of Women's Studies. The gathering provided a platform for the development of collaborative partnerships, facilitated publishing opportunities, and contributed to advancing the discourse on achieving a more equitable and just world.





## Conference overview

For 2025, the 11th World Conference on Women's Studies (WCWS) was held under the theme, **“Talking Shop: Feminisms and the Crucial Issues of Our Times”**. This theme was thoughtfully designed to address the most pressing issues within the field of Women's Studies today. In alignment with this theme, the paper submission tracks spanned a broad range of topics.

### Key data of the conference:

Total number of abstracts received: 344

Number of Research Papers Presented: (physical presenters: 131, virtual presenters: 65)

Sessions Held: 27 Technical Sessions

Countries Represented: 30+

Special Features: Keynote Speech | Plenary Panel | Workshops | Speed Networking Session for Partners | Participants Networking Spaces | Awarding Ceremony





## Research Paper Presentations

Key highlight of the conference was the extensive range of high-quality research papers presented by academics and industry experts. These papers covered a broad spectrum of topics, including, but not limited to;

- Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality
- Women's Rights, Law and Accountability
- Women's Leadership, Women in Politics and Public Administration
- Women Media and Technology
- Feminisms Sovereignty and Livelihoods
- Gendered Challenges in Academia
- Culture, Identity and Religion
- Feminist Analytical Lenses and Praxes
- Ending Gender Based Violence
- Precarities and Vulnerabilities
- Climate Crisis and Environmental Activism
- Women's Health and Wellness
- Mother's and Wives: Cross Cultural Experiences



## Global Reach

This year, WCWS welcomed submissions from over **50 countries** across Asia, Africa, Europe, and beyond. The most significant number of papers came from Asia, underscoring the region's growing academic engagement. Reflecting global reach, the conference welcomed participants from over **30 countries**, including:

*Australia, Barbados, Bangladesh, Canada, Cameroon, Chile, China, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Nepal, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Tanzania, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Uganda, Uzbekistan, and Zimbabwe.*

More than **100 universities** were represented, and the participant pool was equally diverse in roles and expertise including, University leadership (Deans, Heads of Departments), Faculty members and academic researchers, Doctoral and postgraduate students, Civil service professionals, Social and community activists.



## Post-Conference Publication Activities

By the initial full paper submission deadline, a total of 25 participants submitted their full papers for further processing. An additional 15 authors are currently in the process of revising their manuscripts and have indicated their intention to submit shortly. Up to mid June date 58 participants have submitted the AIS copyright transfer form.



## Special Features

### KEYNOTE SPEECH

**Title:** “Caribbean Feminism from Academia to Community: What has the Caribbean Taught the World?”

**Speakers:**

Dr. Dalea Bean

Head of the Mona Unit

Institute for Gender and Development Studies, Regional Coordinating Office

The University of the West Indies

Jamaica

Dr. Natasha Mortley

Senior Research Fellow

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## WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSIONS

“Expert Session on Academic Publishing: Strategies for Success”

**Moderator:** Prof. Diana Fox, Professor and Chair, Anthropology Department, Bridgewater State University, USA

“Policy Brief Session”

**Moderator:** Made Diah Lestari, S.Psi., M.Psi., Ph.D, Study Program of Psychology, Faculty of Medicine, Udayana University, Bali

“Syllabi Workshop”

**Moderator:** Prof. Ni Luh Nyoman Seri Malini, Professor, Faculty of Humanities, Udayana University, Bali

“From Talk to Action: Implementing Feminist ideas”

**Moderator:** Prof. Diana Fox, Professor and Chair, Anthropology Department, Bridgewater State University, USA



## Partnerships and Networking Opportunities

WCWS 2025 served as an excellent platform for networking, where academics, researchers, and industry professionals connected and explored potential collaborations. The Speed Networking Session, powered by TIIKM Synergy Hub offered an exclusive platform for existing partners to reinforce and grow meaningful collaborations. Additionally, there were several networking spaces throughout both days of the conference, welcoming all participants to connect with peers, engage with TIIKM representatives, and explore collaborative opportunities.



### Support from Partner Universities

Partner universities were instrumental in ensuring the academic integrity and success of WCWS 2025. They generously provided reviewers who supported a smooth and unbiased review process, and contributed speakers, session chairs, and evaluators. Their involvement significantly enhanced the quality of academic discussions and overall event delivery, reinforcing the conference's reputation for excellence and credibility.



## Engagement of University Coordinators

A key highlight was the active involvement of University Coordinators through our network of partner universities. These coordinators played a pivotal role in connecting faculties and students with the conference and extending its academic reach. Their participation not only enhanced inter-university collaboration but also gave them the opportunity to expand their professional networks. In recognition of their invaluable contributions, particularly in promoting the conference within their academic communities and serving as a bridge between institutions they were formally acknowledged during the inauguration ceremony and through virtual recognition platforms.

## Volunteer Program and Capacity Building

Another vital component of the conference's success was the engagement of volunteers from partner universities. These individuals gained valuable exposure, expanded their professional networks, and honed their public relations and organizational skills. The current volunteer initiative also allowed us to broaden our volunteer base, paving the way for stronger institutional collaboration and future leadership development within our community.





## Visit and MoA signing with Bali Sruti

# “The Voice of Women in Bali”



As part of the WCWS mission to strengthen sustainable, grassroots communities, we organized a special visit to Bali Sruti—“The Voice of Women in Bali”—in connection with the 11th World Conference on Women’s Studies (WCWS) 2025. This engagement underscores our commitment to supporting local initiatives that promote women’s empowerment and advocacy. Bali Sruti was founded in 2004 by academician Luh Riniti Rahayu, gender expert and conference director Sita Van Bemmelen, and legal specialist Kusumawati. Comprising journalists, midwives, scholars, and lawyers, the organization’s diverse expertise amplifies our collective efforts for a brighter future for women worldwide.

Initiated by Conference Chair Professor Diana Fox from an idea generated at the previous conference, the visit featured Professor Fox, TIHKM Co-founder and Conference Convener Mr. Isanka P. Gamage, and some other conference attendees. It was a productive discussion, learning about their programs, discussions with women who are survivors of domestic violence, homeless needing support.

Through this collaboration, Bali Sruti will join the Future of Women 2026 conference organized by TIIKM. As a special highlight of the partnership, Bali Sruti will be facilitating a “Storytelling Session”—a platform where they will share their experiences and insights with the global community attending the conference.

In addition, TIIKM will support the development of Bali Sruti’s official website and journal website, further strengthening their digital presence. TIIKM will also assist them in identifying suitable reviewers to support the development of their academic journal.





## Presentation Awards

WCWS 2025 saw a significant number of paper submissions, with several outstanding works selected for presentation. Presenters were assessed by an expert evaluation panel based on a comprehensive set of criteria, including research quality, field contribution, originality, and time management. Final decisions regarding the award recipients were made under the careful oversight of the Conference Chair. Presenters were awarded under Superlative, Best Poster, Student Best and Overall Best categories, separately in physical and virtual platforms.





## Physical Awardees List:

## SUPERLATIVE PRESENTERS

PRESENTER	AFFILIATION	COUNTRY
Ampaso N.B..	Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology	Philippines
Ghosal M.S.	NIT Goa	India
Evedanie G. Beldad	Mindanao State University- Iligan Institute of Technology	Philippines
Rajpurohit G	Central University of Gujarat	India
Maxwell S	The University of the West Indies	Jamaica
Viljoen A.R.	University of Johannesburg	South Africa
Gascon C.N.	Southern Luzon State University	Philippines
Howard R.H.	University of the West Indies	Jamaica
Ramayan A.J.R.	MSU-IIT	Philippines
Yongco J.S.	Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology	Philippines

O'reilly A	York University	Canada
Nikko S.D.	Jagat Taran Girls' Degree College	India
Becerra-Garcia L.E	Indiana University	USA
Catherine F	Université Du Québec À Chicoutimi	Canada
Lai J.S.K.	The University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
Romers C.C.	Baylor Scott & White Health	USA
Peeja R	The Gender Park, Government of Kerala	India

### BEST STUDENT PRESENTER

Janelle S.K.	The University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
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### OVERALL BEST PRESENTERS

Norjannah B	Mindanao State University	Philippines
Samikhya D	National Institute of Technology Andhra Pradesh	India

**BEST POSTER PRESENTER**

Han Zheng

Landesa China Office

China

**Virtual Awardees List:****SUPERLATIVE PRESENTERS**

<b>PRESENTER</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>
Vedi P.K.	Bennett University, Greater Noida	India
Rynjah I	University of Sussex	United Kingdom
Uchoi L	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai	Uchoi Linda (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India)
Vidyarini T.N.	Edith Cowan University	Australia
Castelo S	University of Lisbon	Portugal

**BEST STUDENT PRESENTER**

Swastika S

Karnavati University

India



## OVERALL BEST PRESENTERS

Marouli C

American College of Greece

Greece

## BEST POSTER PRESENTER

Itzihuari I.M.B.

Universidad Nacional Autónoma  
de México

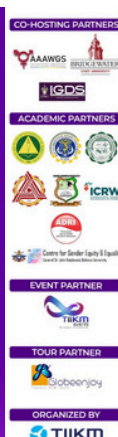
Mexico



**Technical Session 09**

**WOMEN'S RIGHTS, LAW AND ACCOUNTABILITY III**

Co-Hosting Partners: AAWWS, IGDS, ICRW, Centre for Gender Equity & Equality, TIKM, Gabeenjoy, ORGANIZED BY TIKM



**Technical Session 13**

**WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AND GENDER EQUALITY IV**

Co-Hosting Partners: AAWWS, IGDS, ICRW, Centre for Gender Equity & Equality, TIKM, Gabeenjoy, ORGANIZED BY TIKM

**SUPERLATIVE PRESENTERS (VIRTUAL)**

Puranjay Vedi  
India

Co-Hosting Partners: AAWWS, IGDS, ICRW, Centre for Gender Equity & Equality, TIKM, Gabeenjoy, ORGANIZED BY TIKM

**BEST STUDENT PRESENTER (VIRTUAL)**

Swastika Sharma  
India

Co-Hosting Partners: AAWWS, IGDS, ICRW, Centre for Gender Equity & Equality, TIKM, Gabeenjoy, ORGANIZED BY TIKM

**OVERALL BEST PRESENTER (VIRTUAL)**

Christina Marouli  
Greece

Co-Hosting Partners: AAWWS, IGDS, ICRW, Centre for Gender Equity & Equality, TIKM, Gabeenjoy, ORGANIZED BY TIKM

## Participant Testimonials and Feedback

We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants, with many highlighting the conference's organization, the quality of content, and the opportunities for collaboration. We also received feedback from participants on ways to improve the conference. While we recognize there is room for improvement, TIIKM remains committed to delivering an even higher quality conference next year.

Here are a few testimonials from participants:

**WCWS 2025**  
On 29th - 30th May 2025 | Bali, Indonesia

WCWS2025 was transformative! Connecting with passionate global scholars brought theory to life. Profound discussions, heartfelt collaborations – this is where academia meets activism. Grateful for this electrifying community of change-makers!

Mr. Shirshendu Chakraborty

**WCWS 2025**  
On 29th - 30th May 2025 | Bali, Indonesia

Attending my first international conference opened my eyes to women's unique role in the world. This opportunity gave me valuable insights, and I'm proud to present my research –hoping it inspires meaningful change.

Imma, Tojo Una-Una Regency, Central Sulawesi

**WCWS 2025**  
On 29th - 30th May 2025 | Bali, Indonesia

Presenting my research at the international conference proved to be a highly rewarding experience. Grateful for the invaluable opportunity from the organizers, engaging with esteemed fellow professionals significantly boosted my enthusiasm for future collaborations.

Ms. Mandira Subedi

**WCWS 2025**  
On 29th - 30th May 2025 | Bali, Indonesia

WCWS 2025 in Bali was an unforgettable global exchange of ideas and inspiration! Honored to present, chair sessions, and connect with brilliant minds. A must-attend for women's studies advocates!

Dr. Elymar A. Pascual



## Acknowledgements

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all participants, speakers, resource people, partners for their invaluable contributions to the success of WCWS 2025. Your engagement and support made this conference a truly memorable experience.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR,

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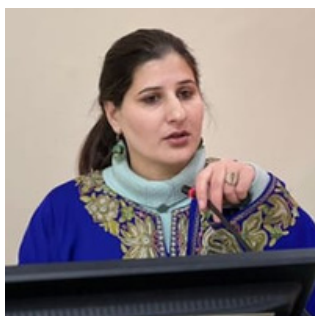




**Plenary Speaker | Steering Committee Member**

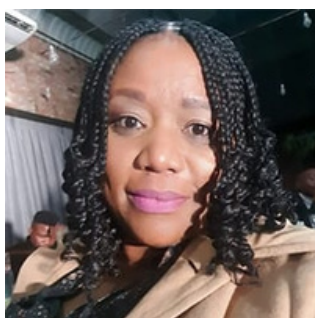
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The Association of Experts and Lecturers of the Republic of Indonesia (ADRI) , Indonesia





## Conclusion and Future Outlook

WCWS 2025 was a remarkable success, thanks to the dedicated participation of scholars, professionals, and change-makers. Together, we explored the evolving landscape of gender justice, discussed intersectionality, and shared research that will influence global policy and social movements.

As we look ahead to WCWS 2026, we are excited to continue building on the momentum of this year's event. With a focus on interdisciplinary collaboration, the next edition will encourage further partnership across diverse sectors. We aim to expand our reach, invite new voices to the table, and further cement WCWS as a key platform for global feminist dialogue.

But most importantly, we're listening!

Your feedback is invaluable. We are actively reviewing your suggestions and reflections, and using them to inform meaningful improvements. Whether it's enhancing accessibility, refining session formats, or creating more space for underrepresented voices, your input will help shape the path forward.

We remain dedicated to making WCWS a dynamic, inclusive, and forward-thinking platform for global feminist dialogue. Thank you for being part of this journey—and for helping us grow stronger together.

With gratitude,  
Organizing Committee  
The 11<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Women Studies (WCWS 2025)



**We'll see you next  
year in Thailand!**