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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



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In March 2015 in Colombo, Sri Lanka, during the 1st Annual World Conference on Women's Studies organized by TIIM in Sri Lanka, conference participants established the World Center for Women's Studies (World-CWS) as an organization intended to serve and benefit men and women, and women's organizations that provide service, research, and support to women's empowerment worldwide. The World-CWS also advocates for global gender equality by conducting policy research and designing models for their practical application.

The main objective of the World-CWS is to protect women's rights and overall well-being, improve access to education, and enhance economic empowerment.

Through the proposal of policies and action plans that stem from research and exchange of information about academic empirical research and case studies in the field of women's and gender studies, the Center aims to benefit women worldwide via carefully designed, established, and tested grassroots programs and policies that improve their daily life. With such goals in mind, the participants of the Annual World Conferences on Women's Studies, that took place for the past 10 years in cities across continents; Colombo, Sri Lanka; Rome, Italy; Warsaw, Poland; Amity, India; New York City, USA; and Buffalo, USA (virtual), Odisha, India, and Paznan, Poland have presented results of studies that are being published in peer reviewed, academic journals for a broad scholarly distribution.

Working together with scholars across the world, the Center serves as a channel of communication and networking with and between men and women, society-at-large, and organizations that promote gender equality and women's advancement. Scholarly interactions and collaboration are further enhanced via annual meetings of the WORLD-CWS, organization of regional and local conferences and seminars. Interactions of scholars from different regions/ countries enhances their collaborative work aimed at achieving greater gender equality.

We are excited to meet together in Rome, Italy for our 11th meeting. Let's come together and aim for a positive change on women, girls, and underrepresented communities.

Cordially,

Barbara Wejnert

MEET THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Prof. Barbara Wejnert

BARBARA WEJNERT is a Professor of Global Gender Studies, and Environment and Sustainability at College of Arts and Sciences, University at Buffalo. She is the Founding Chair of the Department of Global Gender Studies at the University at Buffalo and a former faculty member and the Director of Academic Programs at Cornell University. She is the author of ten books and nearly 70 scholarly articles and chapters in academic books. Her research concerns are the worldwide diffusion of democracy, and the effects of democratization on the well-being of societies, especially on women and girls. Her teaching interests includes sociology, gender justice, environmental justice, global democracy, and development.



Prof. Maria Anita Stefanelli

MARIA ANITA STEFANELLI teaches American literature in the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures at Università Roma Tre, Italy. Her research concerns are eighteenth - and nineteenth-century American literature, twentieth-century American poetry and American drama. She is currently working on Elizabeth Vesey and the Bluestocking coterie in Ireland, Britain and America. She has published several books, book chapters, and a number of research articles with international publishers. Her most recent books are an edition of 'Performing Gender and Violence in Contemporary Transnational Contexts' (2018) and a co-edition of 'Bob Dylan and the Arts' (2020).



Prof. Jasbir Singh

JASBIR SINGH is a Professor of Economics, University of Jammu, Jammu, India. He is the Director, Kishtwar Campus,, University of Jammu. His teaching and research interests are mainly on Indian Economy, Gender Economics and Development Economics. Professor Singh has written several books, book chapters, research articles on different dimensions of the subject area of economics and published with world class publishers. Currently, Prof Singh is also Chairperson, Department of Philosophy at University of Jammu.

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Prof. Jeeva Niriella

JEEVA NIRIELLA is a Senior Attorney at Law, a Professor and former Head of the Department of Public and International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo. She is an author of four books, ten book chapters and nearly fifty scholarly articles. Her teaching and research interests but are not limited to include gender justice, criminal justice, international law, criminal law and procedure. She was the first female board member of the Colombo Stock Exchange Sri Lanka and National Authority for the Protection of Victims and Witnesses. Currently she is a board member of the Office of National Unity and Reconciliation, Sri Lanka. She is a board member of Asian Criminological Society; International Society of Criminology and Justice Commission of Congress of Nations and States and the Vice President of South Asian Society of Criminology and Victimology.



Prof. Anupama Vohra

ANUPAMA VOHRA is a Professor of English at University of Jammu, India. Professor Vohra was selected as Fellow in Residence at IAS, Shimla (2012-14). Among the other academic and administrative responsibilities Prof. Vohra currently renders her service as Coordinator of the Postgraduate Program of the Centre for Distance and Online Education, University of Jammu. Professor Vohra research interests are mainly on gender studies, testimonial literature, conflict and regional literature. She has published five books, twenty book chapters and twenty-five research articles with world renowned publishers.



Prof. Izabela Skorzynska

IZABELA SKORZYNSKA is a graduate of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan (Poland) where she also received her PhD, and she completed post-doctoral studies at Laval University in Québec (Canada). She has served as history teacher, journalist and theater reviewer, assistant, assistant professor and, is currently Professor at the Faculty of Historical Studies at AMU. She was also the Head of Education Council at the School of Humanities AMU (2020-2024). She has published in memory studies, history of women in Central and Eastern Europe and didactics of history. She co-hosted with Professor Anna Wachowiak the WORLD-CWS Conference in Warsaw 2019. She conducted two sessions at WORLD-CWS in India (2018) and in the virtual one at Buffalo (2020)

GREETINGS FROM THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE



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The Publication Committee proudly introduces the 2024 edition of the "World-CWS Messenger" digital newsletter. The World-CWS has concluded its 10th international conference in 2024. The Executive Committee assembled the 3rd edition of its digital newsletter, to convey World-CWS's messages to the international community. We deeply acknowledge that "The Messenger" will incorporate global scholars and grassroots communities to initiate a critical and innovative investigation on global gender issues, and human rights, and share our findings. Once again, the "World-CWS Messenger" has produced a myriad of global information on world women's studies.

The publication committee brings you the following news:

- President's Greetings
- Greetings from the Publication Committee
- Perspectives of the World-CWS
- Key events from the 2024 Poznan Conference: Conference Sessions, 2024 Conference Recaps; VIP Addresses, Highlights from the 2024 Conference, Poznan Outdoor Tour, Poznan Old Town and Art Museum, Poznan Winder Wonderland, and Poznan's culinary culture.

The Publication Committee believes that "The Messenger" will continue to serve as a messenger for enhancing global communities' perception of gender issues, enriching communication, professional development, scholarly discourse, and, most importantly, highlighting our dedication and productivity for future generations.

We are so grateful to those who have submitted documents to the 10th conference. We encourage World-CWS members and students to contribute news about their academic achievements and plans. We also encourage submissions regarding faculty and students' research and conferences (published or presented) from cross-disciplines.

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Poznan, Poland**



The 10th Annual W-CWS Conference has truly brought us closer, not only through intellectual engagement but also through shared experiences that transcend academic discussion.

As we remember the remarkable four days in Poznan, it is with great pleasure that we present the 3rd volume of The WORLD-CWS Messenger.

This special edition is not just a summary of conference highlights; it is a collection of stories and memories that capture the spirit of our time together in this Historic City and ADAM Mickiewicz University. From academic debates to personal reflections, from cold winter night walks to the warmth of friendship, this volume showcases the vibrant culture, stunning landscapes, and, of course, the unforgettable culinary experiences we all enjoyed.

We invite you to journey through these pages and remember those precious moments, from the first steps in B&B Hotel in Poznan to the last farewells at the airport. The 3rd volume is a tribute to both the intellectual and personal bonds generated during our time in Poznan.

Thank you for being part of this enriching experience in Poznan.

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World-CWS – 10th Annual 1st Meeting in B&B Hotel



10th Annual Meeting Participants' Gathering at the B&B Hotel, Poznan



Walking in the Cold Winter Night Outside of B&B Hotel

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World-CWS – 10th Annual Memories of Poznan Tramp

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B&B Hotel
To
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Welcome to the 10th Annual Meeting and the 3rd edition of the World-CWS-Messenger, a digital newsletter from the World Center for Women's Studies. In this edition, we spotlight the 10th annual Conference, City of Poznań, Poland, showcasing its rich history, scenic outdoor historic tours, and the outstanding efforts of the conference organizing committee. We will also feature presentations addressing global issues that impact women and children, along with essential topics related to gender policy. Furthermore, we celebrate the academic achievements of our members. This newsletter serves as a platform for members to engage in discussions on critical gender-related topics. Aligned with the theme of our 10th Annual Conference, we would be delighted to share your contributions with the global community through the World-CWS Messenger.

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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 – 11:10 AM		Keynote Speech	<p>Professor Katarzyna Sękowska-Kozłowska Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences (ILS PAS)</p>	<i>45 Years of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW): Achievements and Prospects</i>
Thursday 11:10 – 11:20 AM			Coffee Break	

PLENNARY SESSION 1 20-02-2025

Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
Thursday 11:20 – 1:20 PM	Faculty of History Adam Mickiewicz University Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 7 str. Conference Room (ground floor)	Plenary Session 1 (On Person)	Katarzyna Witek-Dryjańska	Talking about hygiene and menstruation – underwear as a catalyst for women's conversations
		Women & Girls Education – Science - Health	Manorama Upadhyaya	Aanganwadi Workers: Promoters of Health and Medicine among the Disadvantaged Classes. (A Case Study of Jodhpur)
		Chair Professor Beata Halicka	Sharma Neeru	Developmental Niche of the Children: Mothers, Family, Child Development and SDGs
			Seela Aladuwaka Sandu K. Aladuwaka Ram Alagan Mishra Manoj	Social Determinants of Health Influence in Breast Cancer Epidemic in Alabama
			Ram Alagan Sandu K. Aladuwaka Seela Aladuwaka Mishra Manoj	Examining African American Students Representation in STEM Education and Research Using Geospatial Technology: A Case of Alabama
Thursday 1:20 – 2:20 PM		Lunch		

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PLENARY SESSION 2

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

PLENARY SESSION 3

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Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
Thursday 3.50 – 5:20 PM	Faculty of History Adam Mickiewicz University Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 7 St. Conference Room (ground floor)	Plenary Session 3 (In Person) Women & Girls <i>Economy & Law</i> Chair Professor Marta Studenna – Skrukwa	Anupama Vohra	Insights into the Politics of Rape through selected Case Studies
			Jasbir Singh	Economics of Socio-Economic Inequality among Women Workers: A Case Study of Paid and Unpaid Work in the Care Economy
			Sarbjee Singh Harjinder Singh Jitendra Kumar Pal	Labour Market Dilemma of Young Women in India: An Analysis
			Nirupama Prakash Roumi Deb	Rethinking Women Empowerment: Women-Led Development
Thursday 5.20 – 5.30 PM			Coffee Break	

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PLENARY SESSION 4 20-02-2025

Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
Thursday 5:30 – 6.45 PM	Faculty of History Adam Mickiewicz University Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 7 St. Conference Room (ground floor)	Plenary Session 4 (In Person) Women & Girls <i>Migration & Humanitarian Crisis</i> Chair Professor Nirupama Prakash	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

PLENARY SESSION 5 20-02-2025

Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
Thursday 6.45 – 8:15 PM	Faculty of History Adam Mickiewicz University Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 7 St. Conference Room (ground floor)	Plenary Session 4 (In Person) Women & Girls <i>Popular Culture - Resistance Cultures</i> Chair Professor Maria Anita Stefanelli	Jagriti Upadhyaya	Debunking Gender Stereotypes: Meet Hooda as an Advocate for Gender Equality- A Feminist Reading of the TV Serial Meet.
			Marta Rybczyńska Jakub Nowocin	"Girls to the front – the impact of Riot Grrrl"
			Grażyna Gajewska	Hydrofeminist reading of nature- culture texts
			Dorota Jewdokimow	Mom has a secret. The cultural specificity of Russian women's anti-war activism
Thursday 8:15 PM			Dinner	

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SPECIAL SESSION

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Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
Friday 9:00-9:45 AM	Senate Hall Adam Mickiewicz University Wieniawskiego 1 St.	Special session	Professor Bogumiła Kaniewska (Rector of the Adam Mickiewicz University)	<i>When Science Is a Woman.</i> Women in academia as promoters of equality and sustainability
Friday 9:45-10:00 AM		Chair Professor Maciej Michalski	Dominika Gapska, Ph.D. (AMU GEP Coordinator, Adam Mickiewicz University)	
			Professor Iwona Chmura-Rutkowska, Professor Edyta Głowacka-Sobiech, Anna Schmidt-Fiedler, Katarzyna Wala (Adam Mickiewicz University)	
			Coffee Break	

PLENNARY SESSION 6

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Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
Friday 10:00 – 12:00 AM (please note the time difference between your location and Central European Time)	Senate Hall Adam Mickiewicz University Wieniawskiego 1 St.	Plenary Session 6 (ZOOM)	Heemal Pandey	Relevance of the Nāṭyaśāstra's concept of nāyikās (heroines) in navigating the complexities of modern life
		Women & Girls <i>Narrative, Testimony & Law</i>	Himanshi Chandervanshi	The Importance of Reproductive Rights to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals: A Study of Crying in the Bathroom
			Simran	Where do I Stand? Question of the Autofictional/ Autobiographical Self in Hoshang Merchant's <i>The Man Who Would Be Queen</i>
			ALKA	Re-reading Women's Suffering and Survival during the Holocaust through the Memoir of Anita Lobel
			Muthukuda Arachchige Dona Shiroma Jeeva Shirajanie Niriella	Understanding Cybercrime Against Women in Sri Lanka: A Criminological Analysis of Motivations and Legal Responses
Friday 12.00 – 12.15 PM			Coffee Break	

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PLENARY SESSION 7
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Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
Friday 12:15 – 2.30 PM (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 & Professor Seela Aladuwaka	Diksha Bhagat	Awista Ayub's Kabul Girls Soccer Club: Insights into Afghan women's struggle for inclusion in sports
			Ravita Sonia Goyal	Participation of Young Women in the Indian Labour Market
			Ranjeet Kaur	The Political Mobilization of Women during the Farmers' Protest: A Changing Dynamics of women's role in Agriculture
			Thankam K. Abraham Anej Somaraj	Ecotism: Ashvini Menon 's Ecological Take on Urbanscapes
			Kriti Singh	Adivasi women's activism: advocacy of peace and equality in Jacinta Kerketta's poetry
			Parveen Kumari	Time and Memory in Shilpa Raj's the Elephant Chaser's Daughter and Yashica Dutt's Coming out as Dalit
			Sharif Atiquzzaman	The Intersections of Gender, Arts and Sustainable Development Lessons from South Asia
Friday 2:30 – 3:30 PM			Lunch	

PLENARY SESSION 8
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Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
Friday 3:30 – 5.30 PM	Senate Hall of The Adam Mickiewicz University Wieniawskiego 1 St.	Plenary Session 8 (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
			Katarzyna Balbuza	Puducitia on coins of Roman empress Herennia Etruscilla - the story of one issue

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PLENARY SESSION 9
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Time (CET)	Venue	Activity	Participants	Presentation
Friday 5:30 – 6:45 PM	Senate Hall of The Adam Mickiewicz University Wieniawskiego 1 St.	Plenary Session 9 (In Person, Paper Shared) Women & Girls Gender & Politics Chair Professor Jasbir Singh	Seema Thakur	From Resolution to Reality: Celebrating 25 Years of UNSCR 1325's Contributions to Global Peace
			Maciej Bugajewski (Paper Shared)	Connected histories and woman's history. An attempt at methodological reflection
			Asma Show	Habba Khatoon: The discerning voice for freedom from the Himalayan vale of Kashmir
			Twinkle Suri	Women and Girls: Architects of Equality Peace, and a Sustainable Future
			Hanna Krocak	Research and academic work as a mission. A sense of agency in the lived experience of women in social science in Poland

CONCLUDING LECTURE & CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE
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Friday 6:45 – 7.15 PM	Senate Hall of The Adam Mickiewicz University Wieniawskiego 1 St.	Concluding Lecture	Barbara Wejnert (President - World -CWS)	Promoters of Peace and Equality in Polarized Modern Societies
Friday 7:15 – 7.30 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 8:30 PM			Dinner	

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

NETWORK DINNER

19-02-2025 Wednesday 6:00 PM	Restaurant "Zielona Weranda" ("Ticket")	Network Meeting & Dinner		
22-02-2025 10:00 – 12:00 AM	Visited attractions: Town Hall, merchant houses, Weighhouse, Parish Church and former Jesuit Collage, Goats of Poznań, Royal Castle.	CITY TOUR		
POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP				
22-02-2025 Saturday 12:00 – 2:00 PM	City Center Hall	Post-Conference Workshop	World-CWS Team/AMU Team	

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World-CWS – 10th Annual CONFERENCE VIP ADDRESSES



Dr. Rafał Witkowski
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University in Poznań, PL



Dr. Iwona Chmura-Rutkowska
Sociologist and Pedagogue
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Dr. Maciej Michalski
Professor of History
ADAM Mickiewicz University,
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Dr. Bogumiła Kaniewska and other VIPS
Rector of ADAM Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland



Dr. Barbara Wejnert
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Dr. Izabela Skórzyńska
Dr. Katarzyna S. Kozłowska

We would like to take a moment to express our gratitude and congratulate all 65 participants who attended the World Center for Women's Studies Conference at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment were clearly evident in every aspect of the conference. Overall, the 10th annual conference was organized magnificently by the Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań University team, making it a significant academic forum for many of us to share our perspectives on current global challenges.



Dr. Beata Halicka

The conference was marked by exceptional presentations, in-depth discussions, inspiring keynote speeches, and social time. Each session brought valuable insights into the crucial topics of women's empowerment, children's freedom, social struggle, political and educational challenges. The collaborative efforts of all speakers and attendees created an environment that fostered meaningful dialogue and a deeper understanding of these pressing global issues.

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The conference was also excellently organized, with vibrant planning that ensured the smooth running of sessions and activities. The food and outdoor visits provided a refreshing balance to the academic rigor, offering a chance for networking and relaxation in a beautiful setting in the historic City of Poznan.

Overall, the conference has elevated the discussion on empowering women and children worldwide. Still, we have many miles to march to see the green light. However, your contributions have made a lasting impact, and we look forward to continuing this important work together.

Please enjoy some of the recaps and conference moments from the 10th annual conference.

Thank you once again for your valuable participation.

Best regards,

Ram Alagan, Seela Aladuwaka &
W-CWS Public Relation Committee



Dr. Soe G. Win
Forgotten War: A Fight for Democracy
and Humanitarian



Dr. Jagriti Upadhyaya
Debunking Gender Stereotypes

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Dr. Beata Halicka
“Polish Women in Postwar
America”



Dr. Jasbir Singh
“Economics of Socio-Economic
Inequality among Women Workers”



Dr. Ula Kijak
“Battlegrounds: Reclaiming Art as a Form of
Activism for Equality”



Dr. Maria Anita Stefanelli
“Prayer Of The Mothers’: A Hymn for Peace”

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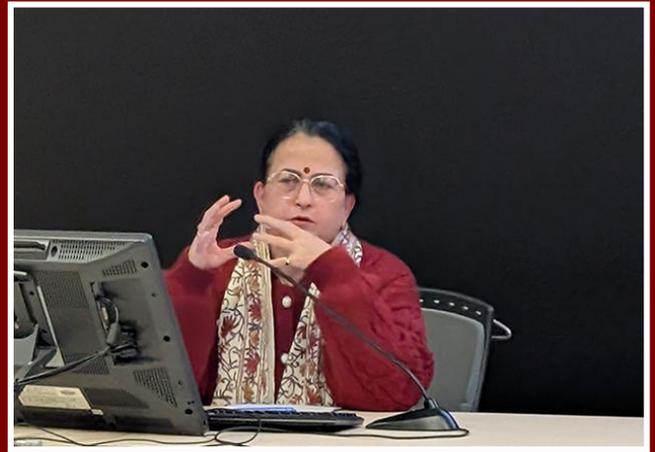
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Dr. Anupama Vohra



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Jakub Nowocin & Marta Rybczyńska



Sandu Aladuwaka & Dr. S. Aladuwaka



Dr. Manorama Upadhyaya



Dr. Seela Aladuwaka



**Dr. Skórzyńska, Dr. Rajiv,
Dr. Wejnert, and AUM-VIPs**

World-CWS – 10th Annual COFFEE BREAK & CHAT

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Coffee Conversation & Friendship



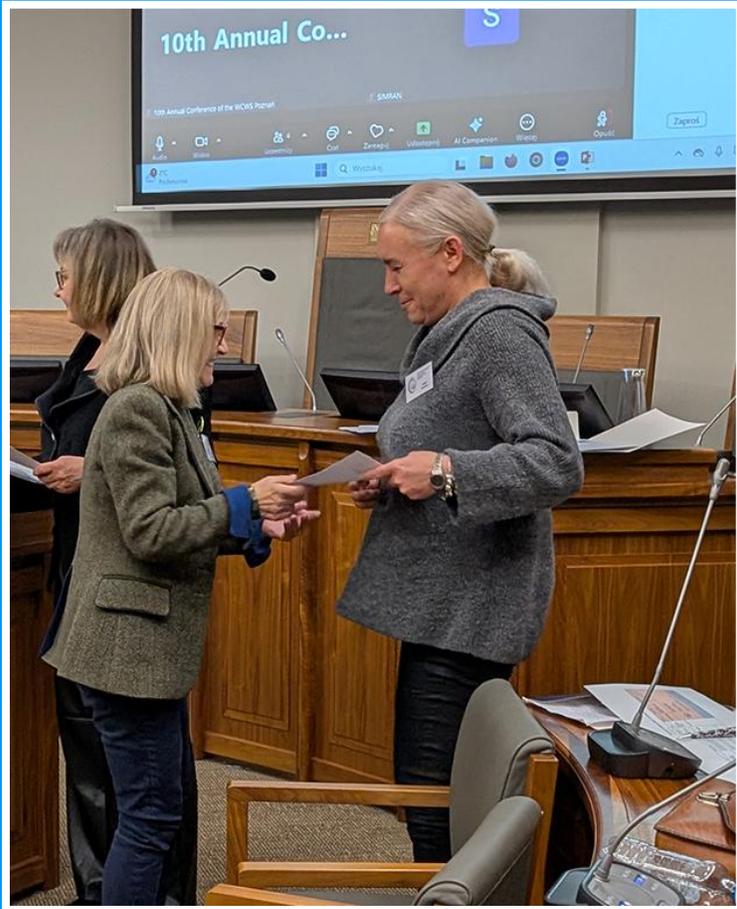
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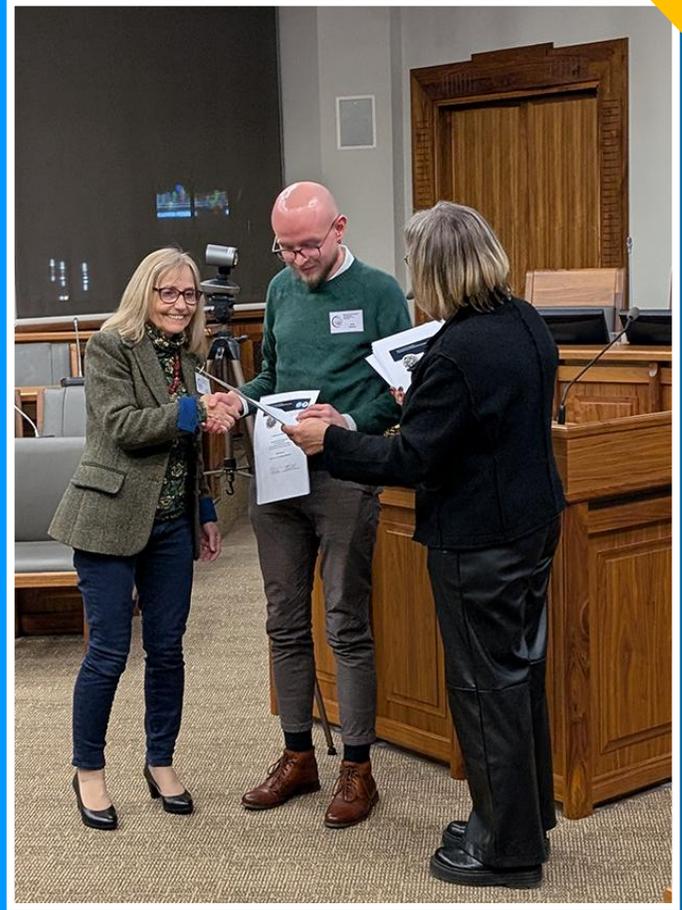
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Tour in the Old Town Poznan

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Tour at the Archcathedral Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul in Poznań

Tour & Exploration of the Archcathedral Basilica of
St. Peter and St. Paul in Poznań

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Tour at the Archcathedral Basilica
of St. Peter and St. Paul in Poznań

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Tour of the Archcathedral Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul in Poznań

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Poznan Poland

My Poznan experience started with an aerial view of a white carpet suggesting not the coldness of snow but the beauty of Equality and Freedom. And so it was: the encounter with the Polish colleagues took place without any hint of a hierarchical presence in a much-relaxed atmosphere. The effort of the preparation led to making things easier for all guests, reassuring them, while difficulties stayed back or were promptly translated into an easier form or language. A future conference could take place in Rome with sunshine and mildness in the place of the whiteness of snow.



World-CWS: Marching to End Global Gender Disparities Using the Power of Science, Innovative Thinking, and Experience

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Executive Members' View

It was over 10 years ago in an island of the Orient - Sri Lanka. A ceremony to open the Women's Study Convention with gender themes dealt with according to the different countries. The rape of Philomela by Tereus and her ultimate transformation into a nightingale was my ancient Greek theme adopted in a Canadian play. A sinister plot absorbed by the audience? Perhaps; certainly, an opportunity of learning from one another's education and cultural approach. The multiplicity of origins, the music of various languages and accents, the eagerness to be exposed to new cultural climates - all that was turned into publications with papers from the American, Asian, and European continents to attract more friends to our Association. Welcome to All!

From Left: Dr. Wejnert, Dr. Stefanelli. Poznan Rep, Dr. Skorzynska, Dr. Vohra, and Dr. Singh

World-CWS: Marching to End Global Gender Disparities Using the Power of Science, Innovative Thinking, and Experience

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Going to the conference in Poland was my first time in Europe, and I think the most eye-opening part of that trip was seeing how different life was there. Poznan was a walkable and sociable city where it felt like there was something happening on every street front, and I loved how plants and trees were landscaped with their historic buildings. The presence of accessible public transit also not only makes it easy for us to get around, but I think really contributes to the connectivity of the city. Compared to the States, I think people felt more connected to each other and the environment and left me truly wanting to visit again.



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W-CWS Public Relation Committee

We're excited to share our reflections from the Public Relations Committee of W-CWS! This year marks a significant milestone as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of our journey from our very first meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka, to our most recent gathering in Poznan, Poland. Over the past decade, we've engaged in meaningful discussions and presented our insights on pressing global challenges, including education access, water and sanitation, the cancer epidemic, gerrymandering, ethnic violence, gender inequality, climate change, gender-based violence, poverty, democracy versus autocracy, racial injustice, reproductive rights, food insecurity, human trafficking, limited freedom of movement, inadequate healthcare, discriminatory practices, unequal political representation, and mental health concerns.



Have we reached the end of the tunnel? Of course, not yet! There's still a long journey ahead of us, but we're not giving up. The W-CWS community is dedicated to creating change, and we embrace the challenges along the way. We strongly believe in the million-mile march for change, but it starts with the first step, which we are ready to take everyday.

Last February (18th to 24th, 2025), we had the pleasure of coming together in the historic and beautiful city of Poznan for our conference themed "Women and Girls: Promoters of Equality, Peace, and Sustainable Development." It was a memorable experience as participants from the U.S., Asia, Europe, and beyond gathered for a shared purpose.

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Our first impression of Poznan was enchanting—the city covered in a blanket of white snow, chilly nights, and the warm welcome we received from the friendly staff at the R&B Hotel. Starting each day with their delicious breakfast was a fantastic way to kick off our Poznan adventures!

The conference began with inspiring keynote speeches from Professor Rafal Witkowski, Vice Dean, Professor Maciej Michalski, and Professor Katarzyna Sękowska-Kozłowska, and Professor Sudhi Rajiv all of whom led engaging discussions on women’s leadership. We can’t thank Dr. Izabela Skorzynska and her amazing team, including student leaders Kacia Witek Dryjanska and Olga Burkiciak, enough for their fantastic organization. They made navigating the streets, the green yellow trams, restaurants, the college, shopping, and discovering local spots in Poznan a breeze!



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Our explorations took us to the Poznań Cathedral and around the historic city, creating endless memories linked to the 10th annual W-CWS conference. The beautiful landscape of Adam Mickiewicz University provided the perfect background for our engaging conversations about issues facing women and children. Walking through Poznań's Old Town, visiting museums, historical buildings, and charming restaurants greatly enriched our experience. We particularly enjoyed our visits to the convenience store chain Żabka, which became a favorite during our stay!



Overall, the 10th annual conference not only strengthened our connections but also deepened our appreciation for Poznań, the friendly people, rich culture, beautiful architecture, and delightful culinary experiences, which truly left a mark on our hearts. We felt so connected, thanks to our student guides who helped us immerse ourselves in the historical charm of the city. The photos we collected from participants are filled with wonderful memories of this amazing event.



We look forward to the opportunity to return to Poznan in the future and perhaps catch the wonderful experiences we missed in 2025! Warm regards.,

The Public Relations Committee of W-CWS

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Poznan at Glance

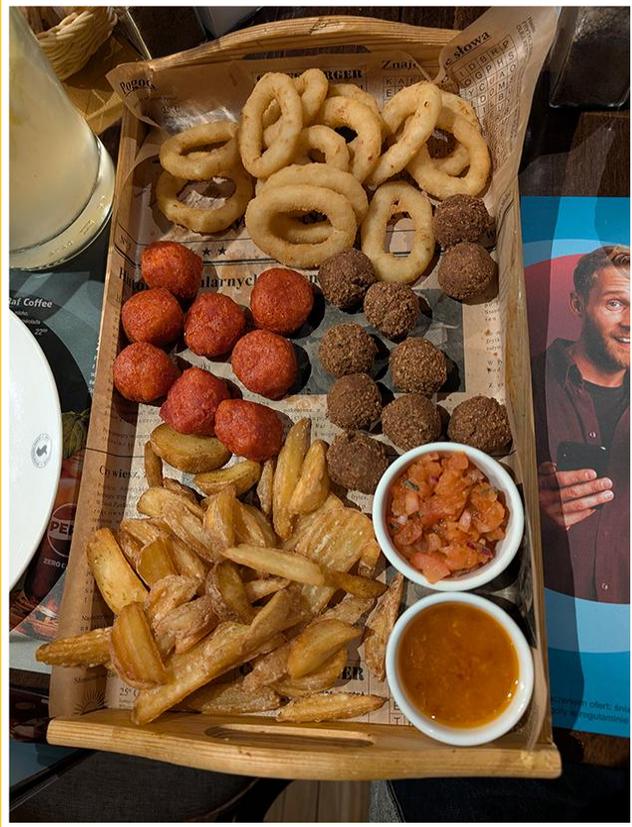
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Tour de Poznań Via Drone

Poznań is a city with simple but **DELICIOUS CUISINE**

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The Publication Committee, Poznan Conference Planning Committee, and the W-CWS Executive Committee are delighted to distribute the 10th Annual Conference in Poznan and the 3rd edition of the World-CWS digital newsletter, the “**World-CWS Messenger.**” We welcome submissions regarding publications on gender studies, research achievements, conference presentations, and creative works. Please send your information to Ram Alagan, Publication Committee, @ ralagan@alalsu.edu.

The 2026 conference will be held in the Department of Education, Roma Tre University, Roma (Italy) from April 08-12, 2026.

The conference theme is highlighted below. Please consider participating and share your stories with our global research communities

Inclusive Peace Education in Present Times:
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Thank you!

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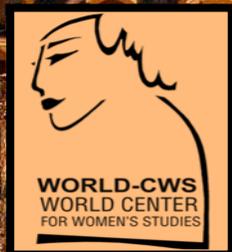
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