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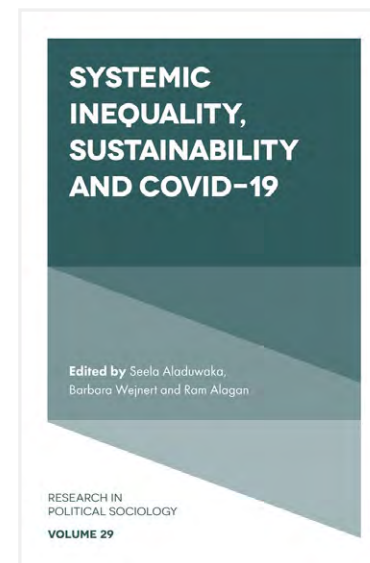
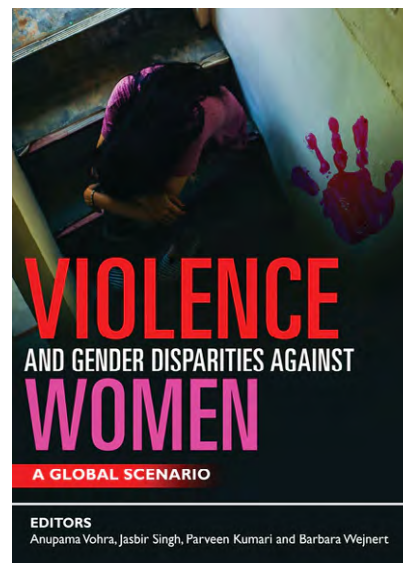
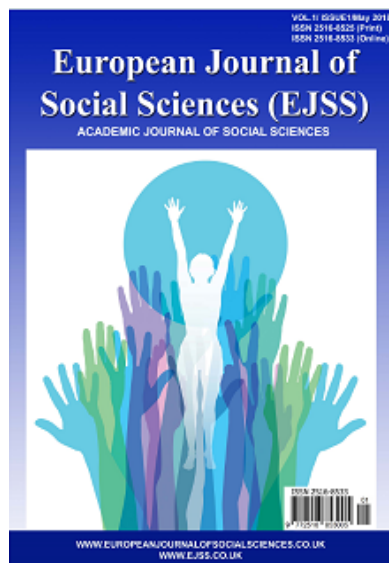
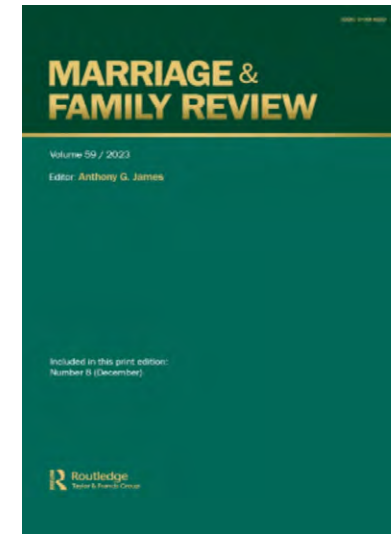
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Inaugural Lecture

45 Years of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW): Achievements and Prospects



KATARZYNA SĘKOWSKA-KOZŁOWSKA

Professor at the Institute of Law Studies
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Concluding Lecture

Promoters of Peace and Equality in Polarized Modern Societies



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PROGRAM

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OPENING CEREMONY & KEYNOTE SPEECH

20-02-2025 | Thursday

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	Professor Rafał Witkowski (Vice Rector of the Adam Mickiewicz University) Professor Sudhi Rajiv (Vice Chancellor Haridev Joshi University of Journalism and Mass Communications Jaipur) Professor Barbara Wejnert (President of the World-CWS, Buffalo University) Professor Maciej Michalski (Vice Dean, Faculty of History, Adam Mickiewicz University)	
Thursday 10:30 – 11:00 AM			Keynote Speech Professor Katarzyna Sękowska-Kozłowska Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences (ILS PAS)	<i>45 Years of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW): Achievements and Prospects</i>
Thursday 11:00 – 11:10 AM			Coffee Break	

PLENARY SESSION 1

20-02-2025 | Thursday

TIME (CET)	VENUE	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	PRESENTATION
Thursday 11:10 – 1:10 PM 20 minutes presentation + 20 minutes discussion	Faculty of History Adam Mickiewicz University	Plenary Session 1 (In Person) Women & Girls Education – Science – Health Chair Professor Beata Halicka	Katarzyna Witek-Dryjańska	Talking about hygiene and menstruation – underwear as a catalyst for women's conversations
	Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 7 St.		Manorama Upadhyaya	Aanganwadi Workers: Promoters of Health and Medicine among the Disadvantaged Classes. (A Case Study of Jodhpur)
	Conference Room (ground floor)		Hanna Krocak	Research and academic work as a mission. A sense of agency in the lived experience of women in social science in Poland
			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 1:10 – 2:00 PM		Lunch		

PLENARY SESSION 2

20-02-2025 | Thursday

TIME (CET)	VENUE	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	PRESENTATION
<p>Thursday 2:00 – 3:50 PM</p> <p>20 minutes presentation + 20 minutes discussion</p>	<p>Faculty of History Adam Mickiewicz University</p>	<p>Plenary Session 2 (In Person)</p> <p>Women & Girls Presence & Narrative</p> <p>Chair Professor Anupama Vohra</p>	Pratibha N.A.	Education as a Contradictory Resource for Dalit Women's Development: Perspectives from Autobiographical Narratives
	<p>Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 7 St.</p>		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
	<p>Conference Room (ground floor)</p>		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

20-02-2025 | Thursday

TIME (CET)	VENUE	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	PRESENTATION
Thursday 3:50 – 5:10 PM 20 minutes presentation + 20 minutes discussion	Faculty of History Adam Mickiewicz University	Plenary Session 3 (In Person) Women & Girls Economy & Law Chair Professor Marta Studenna-Skrucka	Anupama Vohra	Insights into the Politics of Rape through selected Case Studies
	Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 7 St.		Jasbir Singh	Economics of Socio-Economic Inequality among Women Workers: A Case Study of Paid and Unpaid Work in the Care Economy
	Conference Room (ground floor)		Katarzyna Balbuza	Pudicitia on coins of Roman empress Herennia Etruscilla – the story of one issue

PLENARY SESSION 4

20-02-2025 | Thursday

TIME (CET)	VENUE	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	PRESENTATION
Thursday 5.10 – 6:50 PM 20 minutes presentation + 20 minutes discussion	Faculty of History Adam Mickiewicz University	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
	Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 7 St.		Marta Rybczyńska Jakub Nowocin	<i>Girls to the front</i> – the impact of Riot Grrrl
	Conference Room (ground floor)		Grażyna Gajewska	Hydrofeminist reading of nature-culture texts
			Dorota Jewdokimow	Mom has a secret. The cultural specificity of Russian women's anti-war activism

PLENARY SESSION 5

20-02-2025 | Thursday

TIME (CET)	VENUE	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	PRESENTATION
Thursday 6:50 – 8:00 PM 20 minutes presentation + 20 minutes discussion	Faculty of History Adam Mickiewicz University ----- Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 7 St. Conference Room (ground floor)	Plenary Session 5 (In Person) Women & Girls <i>Art & Performace</i> 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
Thursday 8:00 PM		Dinner		




SPECIAL SESSION

21-02-2025 | Friday

TIME (CET)	VENUE	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	PRESENTATION
Friday 9:00 – 9:45 AM	Senate Hall Adam Mickiewicz University Wieniawskiego 1 St.	Special Session Chair Professor Maciej Michalski	Professor Bogumiła Kaniewska (Rector of the Adam Mickiewicz University) 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)	<i>When Science Is a Woman.</i> Women in academia as promoters of equality and sustainability
Friday 9:45 – 10.00 AM		Coffee Break		


PLENARY SESSION 6

21-02-2025 | Friday

TIME (CET)	VENUE	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	PRESENTATION
Friday 10:00 – 12:00 AM 20 minutes presentation + 20 minutes discussion (Please note the time difference between your location and Central European Time)	Senate Hall Adam Mickiewicz University	Plenary Session 6  Women & Girls <i>Narrative, Testimony & Law</i> Chair Professor Sudhi Rajiv	Heemal Pandey	Relevance of the Nāṭyaśāstra's concept of nāyikās (heroines) in navigating the complexities of modern life
	Wieniawskiego 1 St.		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


PLENARY SESSION 7

21-02-2025 | Friday

TIME (CET)	VENUE	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	PRESENTATION
Friday 12:00 – 2:00 PM 20 minutes presentation + 20 minutes discussion (Please note the time difference between your location and Central European Time)	Senate Hall Adam Mickiewicz University Wieniawskiego 1 St.	Plenary Session 7  Women & Girls Activity – Activism Chair Professor Grażyna Gajewska	Diksha Bhagat	<i>Awista Ayub's Kabul Girls Soccer Club: Insights into Afghan women's struggle for inclusion in sports</i>
			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
			Asma Shaw	Habba Khatoon: The discerning voice for freedom from the Himalayan vale of Kashmir
Friday 2:00 – 2:45 PM		Lunch		


PLENARY SESSION 8

21-02-2025 | Friday

TIME (CET)	VENUE	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	PRESENTATION
Friday 2:45 – 4:05 PM 20 minutes presentation + 20 minutes discussion (Please note the time difference between your location and Central European Time)	Senate Hall Adam Mickiewicz University Wieniawskiego 1 St.	Plenary Session 8  Women & Girls <i>Space of Experience – Horizon of Expectation</i> Chair Professor Seela Aladuwaka	Ravita Sonia Goyal	Participation of Young Women in the Indian Labour Market
			Parveen Kumari	<i>Time and Memory in Shilpa Raj's the Elephant Chaser's Daughter and Yashica Dutt's Coming out as Dalit</i>
			Sharif Atiquzzaman	The Intersections of Gender, Arts and Sustainable Development Lessons from South Asia
			Sharma Neeru	Developmental Niche of the Children: Mothers, Family, Child Development and SDGs
			Maciej Bugajewski (Paper Shared)	Connected histories and woman's history. An attempt at methodological reflection

PLENARY SESSION 9

21-02-2025 | Friday

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Friday 4:05 – 5:45 PM 20 minutes presentation + 20 minutes discussion (Please note the time difference between your location and Central European Time)	Senate Hall Adam Mickiewicz University Wieniawskiego 1 St.	Plenary Session 9  Women & Girls <i>Gender in Action</i> Chair Professor Jasbir Singh	Seema Thakur	From Resolution to Reality: Celebrating 25 Years of UNSCR 1325's Contributions to Global Peace
			Twinkle Suri	Women and Girls: Architects of Equality Peace, and a Sustainable Future
			Sarbjeeet 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

PLENARY SESSION 10

21-02-2025 | Friday

TIME (CET)	VENUE	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	PRESENTATION
Friday 5:45 – 7:05 PM 20 minutes presentation + 20 minutes discussion	Senate Hall Adam Mickiewicz University	Plenary Session 10 (In Person) Women & Girls <i>Migration & Humanitarian Crises</i> Chair Professor Ram Alagan	Izabela Skórzyńska Agnieszka Chwieduk	Care and Justice: Women's Strategies to Help People Affected by the Migration Crisis in Central and Eastern Europe
	----- Wieniawskiego 1 St.		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

CONCLUDING LECTURE & CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

21-02-2025 | Friday

TIME (CET)	VENUE	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	PRESENTATION
Friday 7:05 – 7:35 PM	Senate Hall Adam Mickiewicz University	Concluding Lecture	Barbara Wejnert (President – World – CWS)	Promoters of Peace and Equality in Polarized Modern Societies
Friday 7:35 – 8:00 PM	Wieniawskiego 1 St.	Closing of the Conference	Professor Barbara Wejnert (President – World – CWS) Professor Jasbir Singh (Vice President – World CWS) Professor Lucyna Błażejczy-Majka (Vice Dean, Faculty of History Adam Mickiewicz University)	
Friday 8:00 PM		Dinner		

