

Message from the Conference Chair.

Dear colleagues and friends,

As we draw closer to the 2nd gender and sexuality conference I'm getting excited about the varied and thought-provoking abstracts that are being submitted. I look forward to welcoming new colleagues and meeting with familiar friends and colleagues in Bangkok. As you may have noticed, we expanded the conference to look not only at gender but also more specifically at issues of sexuality. Whilst these areas are often linked, we thought that sexuality needed to be highlighted as extensive debate and cutting edge work and thinking is happening in this area. We hope that in future we will have 2 tracks at the conference, one on gender and another on sexuality. Of course, there may be papers that overlap and link these issues, which would also be meaningful to enrich engagement and push boundaries.

We believe this conference will lead to exploring new angles and debates on both these important areas of work in academia, civil society and government. We look forward to engaging on what's new, what works and what needs to happen going forward. This conference will engage across disciplines and regions of the world to expand work in the fields of both gender and sexuality independently and as cross-cutting areas.

Please also submit papers to gender issues and other journals affiliated with the conference. I'm currently editing a special issue of gender issues from delegates who attended the first gender conference in 2018. We hope to partner with gender issues again as well as other international journals in the future such as the journal of international women's studies, to publish your research and case studies.

The call for abstracts is still open, so I look forward to receiving yours. I also look forward to your participation and engagement around issues of gender and sexuality on these various forums in the spirit of creating a socially just world. Yours in solidarity.