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GENDER EQUALITY: VOICES FROM THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Opening Remarks by

Mala Adiga

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Academic Programs

**Chile – Ethiopia – India – Mexico – Palestine/Israel – Peru
Philippines – South Africa – Tunisia – Turkey – Yemen – Zambia**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016 | 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Room NT08, Warren Building, Washington College of Law (one block south of the TenleyTown – AU metro station) | 4300 Nebraska Ave NW | Washington, DC

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Gender Equality: Voices from the Global South

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Conference Program

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9:00-9:30 A.M. REGISTRATION

Room NT08, WCL Tenleytown Campus, American University

9:30-10:00 A.M. WELCOMING REMARKS

Prof. Padideh Ala'i, Director, Humphrey Fellowship Program, American University Washington College of Law

Dean Claudio M. Grossman, Dean of the Washington College of Law

Ms. Mala Adiga, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Academic Programs, U.S. Department of State

Ms. Judy Gibson, Director, Global Professional Exchanges Division, The Institute of International Education (IIE)

Shirin Batshon, Humphrey Fellow (2015-2016), American University Washington College of Law

10:00-11:15 A.M. PANEL 1: WOMEN AND HUMAN CAPABILITIES

Moderator: **Prof. Daniela Kraiem**, Associate Director, Women and the Law Program, American University Washington College of Law

Panelists:

Thandiwe Matthews, South Africa, Humphrey Fellow (2015-2016), University of Minnesota Law School
Women and the fight for socio-economic equality

Agness Mumba, Zambia, Humphrey Fellow (2015-2016), University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs
Grand challenges in the implementation of the re-admission policy of pregnant and teen mothers in schools

Jessica Beltrán Puerta, Peru - Mariana Azcárraga Quiza, Mexico - Ilker Kayi, Turkey, Humphrey Fellows (2015-2016), Virginia Commonwealth University Psychology Department
Collective action for right to mental health for the women of the Global South

Commentator: **Ms. Erin L. Eddy**, Public Diplomacy Advisor, Secretary's Office of the Global Health Diplomacy, U.S. Department of State



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11:15-11:30 A.M COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 12:45 P.M PANEL 2: GENDER AND THE LAW

Moderator: **Prof. Macarena Saez**, Director, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, American University Washington College of Law

Panelists:

Amelia Lourdes U. Mendoza, Philippines, Humphrey Fellow (2015-2016), University of Minnesota Law School

Lady Justice without the blindfold: overcoming gender inequality before the law in the Phillipines

Shirin Batshon, Israel/Palestine, Humphrey Fellow (2015-2016) American University Washington College of Law

The control of Religious laws on family- The example of the Middle East

Commentator: **Ms. Katrina Fotovat**, Deputy Director for Global Programs at the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, U.S. Department of State

12:45 - 2:00 P.M LUNCH

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. David W. Yang**, Deputy Assistant Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development

2:00 – 3:15 P.M PANEL 3: WOMEN AND POWER

Moderator: **Ms. Eileen Pennington**, Associate Director, Women's Empowerment Program, The Asia Foundation

Panelists:

Ikram Ben Said, Tunisia, Humphrey Fellow (2015-2016), University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs

Tunisian Women's Political Participation: Give a voice to the voiceless

Anubha Bhonsle, India, Humphrey Fellow (2015-2016) University of Maryland Phillip Merrill College of Journalism

Women: conflict's blind spot. A story of violence, denial of justice and memory from Manipur, India

Elshaday Woldeyesus, Ethiopia, Humphrey Fellow (2015-2016) American University Washington College of Law

Mobilizing Women in Ethiopia: Reflections on the Relevance of Historical Experiences in Understanding and Shaping the Future

Commentator: **Ms. Randi Michel**, Conflict and Stabilization Policy Specialist, Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations, Office of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State



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3:15 – 3:30 P.M **COFFEE BREAK**

3:30 – 4:45 P.M **PANEL 4: GENDER AND VIOLENCE**

Moderator: **Prof. Ann Shalleck**, Director, Women and the Law Program, American University Washington College of Law

Panelists:

Fadia Thabet, Yemen, Humphrey Fellow (2015-2016), University of Minnesota Law School *Action Plan to Stop Child Marriage in Yemen: Traditions are made by people – we can change them*

Jahanzeb Akhtar, India, Humphrey Fellow (2015-2016), Syracuse University Maxwell School *Denial of Birth: The Problem of Female Foeticide in India*

Carolina Rudnick, Chile, Humphrey Fellow (2015-2016) American University Washington College of Law
The legal and political implications of female trafficking as slavery

Commentator: **Ms. Nora Toiv**, Gender Advisor, Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator, U.S. Department of State.

4:45 – 5:15 P.M **CLOSING AND SUMMARY**

Dr. John Sedlins, Chief, Humphrey Fellowships and Institutional Linkages Branch, Office of Global Educational Programs, U.S. Department of State

Prof. Kristi Rudelius-Palmer, Human Rights Center Co-Director, Humphrey Fellowship Program Director, & Adjunct Associate Professor of Law University of Minnesota Law School

Carolina Rudnick and Shirin Batshon, Humphrey Fellow (2015-2016) American University Washington College of Law