

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

1st Southeast Asian Women's Summit *50 Years of ASEAN – What's in it for Women and Why Women are in it?*

November 7 to 9, 2017 / Miriam College

Organized by: Miriam College – Women and Gender Institute (WAGI)

The Southeast Asia Women's Summit is a conference that will bring together women and feminist groups from a broad range of sectors and institutions including civil society groups, academe, labor unions and peasant groups, professionals and representatives from government in the region. The Summit is in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN which coincides with the Philippines as Chair of the ASEAN Summit this 2017.

It hopes to critically examine and unpack the gains, lost ground, and prevailing struggles that marks this 50th year of ASEAN. By mapping the economic, political, socio-cultural, and women's rights landscape across the region, this conference intends to problematize the persistent areas of marginalization of women. It will be a forum for critical discussions on strategies for advancing women's inclusion in governance, women's health and wellbeing, women's dignity and diversity, within the nuanced dynamics and intersectional relations of societies in Southeast Asia. It hopes to generate a comprehensive agenda in identifying strategic issues of women within the framework of ASEAN 2025 and generate action plans and strategies to engender and mainstream gender perspectives in the three pillars of ASEAN.

This regional summit is dedicated to the late Sen. Leticia Ramos Shahani who was the Co-convenor of the last four national Summits in the Philippines. Sen. Shahani was a feminist leader who made important contributions in advancing gender equality in the UN and in the Philippines. As Ambassador, She led the Nairobi Conference on Women and introduced the first draft of CEDAW in the UN. As a Senator she introduced progressive laws on women such as the Anti-Rape Law and the Gender Budget among others. Her father Ambassador Narciso Ramos was one of the founders of ASEAN and her brother, former Pres. Fidel Ramos was part of the Eminent Persons who produced the ASEAN Charter and was instrumental in the inclusion of human rights provision in the ASEAN Charter.

Thematic Areas of the Conference

A. Economic:

- ASEAN Economic Integration and its Impact on Women
- ASEAN and the SDGs
- Minding the Gap: Wages, Employment and Economic Empowerment of Women
- Women's Economic Rights and the Feminization of Poverty
- Labor of Love: Caring for the Care Economy
- Weathering the Storms: Climate Change and Women's Resilience in Confronting Environmental Challenges
- Women's Economic Empowerment: Opportunities and Challenges in Business and Entrepreneurship

B. Politics and Governance:

- Women's Role in Democratization Processes in SEA
- Strengthening Human Rights Institutions for Women and Children in ASEAN
- Are Women There Yet? Mapping Women's Progress in Politics
- Women's Movements in SEA
- Politics of Exclusion: Misogynism and Sexism in Politics
- Gender Justice and the Rule of Law
- Women's Role in Preventing Violent Political Extremism

C. Socio Cultural:

- Education for Rights, Diversity and Inclusion
- Women's Performance and Artistry;
- Women's Cultural and Indigenous Heritage in Arts and Culture
- LBT Women and the Politics of Affinity
- The Culture of Violence and the Violence of Culture
- Women and Media in a Post-Truth Era
- The Girl Child in ASEAN

D. Critical Issues in Women's Rights and Well Being

- UN SC Resolution 1325: Gender in Peace Talks and Agreements As If Women Mattered
- Violence Against Women: How Far Have We Gone in ASEAN?
- Ensuring Sexual, Reproductive Health and Rights for Women
- Islam, Feminism , Human Rights and Democracy
- Unable and Disabled: Empowering Women and Girls with Disabilities
- Critical Issues in Migration, Refugee and Asylum
- Recognizing the Invisible Among Women: Ethnic and Indigenous issues
- Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation in SEA

How to Join?

AS PARTICIPANT

Accomplish the attached Registration Form and submit to the Secretariat on or before **September 30, 2017** via email wagi@mc.edu.ph, wagicommunications@gmail.com or fax (632) 4359229

AS INDIVIDUAL PAPER PRESENTERS

For those who would like to present a paper, kindly submit your proposal covering any of the thematic areas of the conference.

The individual paper presenters may be included in a panel with three or four other paper presenters. Please submit the following information together with your accomplished registration form:

1. Your name, affiliation, and email address
2. The thematic area where you want to present
3. Paper Title and abstract (250-400 words), key words (maximum of 6).

AS GROUP OR TEAM PANEL FOR THE PARALLEL SESSION

You can also organize a panel consisting of three or four presenters with designated Chair or Facilitator. The panel should have a common theme that will bring together all the other papers. A panel will only be given 1 ½ to 2 hours, it is your responsibility to manage the time of all the presenters of your group/team but make sure that there will be enough time for an open forum.

Only one person or organization should submit the panel proposal and s/he will be responsible to ensure that everyone included in the panel is aware of the rules and requirements of the conference.

For the panel proposal, please submit the following information:

1. Details of all panel members (name, affiliation, email address)
2. Proposed title of the panel and abstract (250-400 words) explaining the objectives of the panel and linkages of each paper presentation.
 - a. Title of Panel
 - b. Organizer(s) Name
 - c. Description of the Panel
 - d. Session Flow
 - e. Speakers and Profile
3. For each presenter in the panel: author, paper title, abstract (250-400 words) and keywords (maximum of 6)

During the session proper:

1. Inform your speakers to be at the venue 15 minutes before their presentation.
2. The panel organizer(s) will chair or moderate the panel they organize and collect all the

presentations of their speakers. Power point presentations should be submitted on or before October 20, 2017 to the Secretariat.

3. The panel organizer(s) are also expected to invite and bring in participants in their panel.

All proposals should be submitted to the Secretariat together with the accomplished registration form on or before September 30, 2017 via email at wagi@mc.edu.ph; wagicommunications@gmail.com or fax (632) 4359229

FOR ACCEPTED PAPER AND PANEL WORKSHOP

If your abstract is accepted and you have paid the registration fee, kindly submit your full paper on or before **October 15, 2017** at wagi@mc.edu.ph. Selected Papers should be in MS Word document in .doc format (not as PDF format). Please also indicate if you are presenting your papers in PPT during the conference.

Only accepted paper or panel proposal will be notified.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE: Php 3,500.00

The fee covers entry to all sessions, materials, certificate of participation, and meals specified on the conference program. It does not include transportation and accommodation of participants.

*Special discount is given for **group registration**:*

Register at least 3 attendees from your organization and you will receive a Php 500.00 discount for the third and all subsequent registrants.

Conference Venue

All sessions will be held at Miriam College located at Katipunan Road, Loyola Heights, Quezon City.

Registration on November 7, 2017 will start at 8:00 AM at the Auditorium Foyer and Paz Adriano Hall.

Opening Ceremonies and plenary sessions will be held at the HEU Auditorium.

Parallel sessions will be at the SMT Building Lecture Rooms (3rd Floor) and Viewing Rooms (2nd Floor), except for the young women leadership workshop which will be held at the ESI Conference Room.

Conference Secretariat:

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