

# The STEM Gender Gap: Causes, Consequences, and Solutions for Academia NYU ABU DHABI SAADIYAT CAMPUS

Institute Conference Center, Room # 001 A, B, C, 004 Monday, April 30, 2018 - Tuesday, May 1, 2018 Kirsten Sadler Edepli, Ph.D. NYUAD, Organizer Hannah Brückner, Ph.D. NYUAD Co-Organizer

April 30 | DAY 1

8:00- 9:00 AM Breakfast (Torch Club)

Registration

9:00 – 9:15 AM Welcome and Symposium Overview

Kirsten Sadler Edepli and Hannah Brückner, NYUAD

9:15 – 10:15 AM Keynote Address

Introduction: Al Bloom, Vice Chancellor, NYUAD Lisa Coleman, Chief Diversity Officer, NYU, USA

The Science of Inclusion, Diversity and Belonging: How to Engineer and Innovate for a Better Tomorrow

10:15- 10:45 AM Networking coffee break

10:45 – 12:15 PM Session 1: The Value of Diversity and Causes of the Gender Gap

Chair: David Scicchitano, Dean of Science, NYUAD

• Zvi Ben-Dor Benite, NYU, USA

Diversity, historical perspectives from around the world

• Andrei Cimpian, NYU, USA

The Brilliance Barrier: Stereotypes about Brilliance Are an Obstacle to Diversity in Science and Beyond

 Marianne La France, Yale University, USA Subtle and not so subtle gender biases in STEM

12:15-1:00 PM Lunch

1:00-1:45 PM Campus Tour by NYUAD Students (optional)

#### 1:45-3:15 PM Session 2: Gender in Academia and STEM in the Muslim World

Chair: Hannah Brückner, Vice Provost for Faculty Diversity and Development, NYUAD

- **Nehal Abu-Lail,** Washington State University, USA: Explaining Gender Parity in Engineering in Select Predominantly Muslim Countries
- Özlem Atay, Ankara University, Turkey

  Gendered Success and Strategies for Change in a Turkish University

# 3:15-3:45 PM Networking coffee break

#### 3:45-5:00 PM Workshop Session 1:

# How diversity improves research outcomes, innovation & productivity

Attendees choose from workshops facilitated by speakers and members of the NYUAD community focused on how The Gender Gap impacts:

- 1. University Education (Lisa Coleman, NYU/Brooke Hopkins, NYUAD student)
- 2. Research (Hoda Al Khzami, NYUAD)
- 3. Workplace (TBD)
- 4. **The Pipeline** (Ann Decker, Greenwich Academy & GAINS/Mariam Elgamal, NYUAD student)

#### 5:00-6:30 PM Free time

# 6:30-8:00 PM NYUAD Institute Public Panel Discussion (with reception)

Gender and STEM: Insights from the Arab World

**Moderator:** TBD

- Jennifer Olmsted, Drew University, USA
- Sana Odeh, NYUAD/NYU
- Shaikha Al Maskari, CEO Al Maskari Holding, UAE

# **8:00 PM Dinner** (in Torch Club for speakers and moderators)

#### May 1 | DAY 2

# 8:00- 9:00 AM Breakfast (Torch Club)

Registration

#### 9:00 – 10:30 AM Session 3: Practical Solutions for Improving Diversity in STEM

Session Chair: Reiko Kuroda, WINDS & Tokyo University of Science, Japan

- Louise Morley, CHEER-University of Sussex, UK

  Entangling Gender and Neoliberalism in the Global Academy
- Elena Del Giorgio, STAGES-University of Milan, Italy
   Structural change to advance gender equality in STEM: Experiences from the STAGES Project
   at the University of Milan
- Zeena Tabbaa, Jordan Society for Science Research, Jordan Mentoring Women in STEM: Reflections from Academia in Jordan

# 10:30 – 11:00 AM Networking coffee break

#### 11:00 - 12:00 PM

#### Session 3 continued

Session Chair: Elena Del Giorgio, STAGES-University of Milan, Italy

- Reiko Kuroda, WINDS & Tokyo University of Science, Japan
   Networking across science communities and across workplaces
- **Linzi J. Kemp**, American University, Sharjah, UAE

  The influence on STEM women's careers for entry, abandonment or persistence

#### 12:00-1:30 PM

# Lunch with Panel Discussion on "Practical Solutions"

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# **Concluding Remarks**

#### 3:30-6:00 PM

Free time

# 6:00 PM

Depart for dinner off campus (speakers only)

# May 2 |

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