



Feature Story

5 *Reasons why gender issues matter*

1. Basic human rights
2. Advance social progress
3. Healthy society
4. Tapping the full potential of the entire global population
5. Diversity drives innovation and creativity

Goal #5 of the UN Sustainable Development Goal is “Gender Equality”. Why does it matter to the world, to HK, to HKU, and to you? For one, we all have a mother and perhaps a sister and a daughter. Don’t you want them to be treated fairly and with respect? Let’s all do our part in this important global initiative and work for progress.



From VP (Global) ...



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HKU is aspired to be Asia’s Global University. As such we must strive for excellence in research, teaching & learning, knowledge exchange and to be competitive at the international stage. But to be truly respected, the most-admired universities around the world have also provided moral compass throughout history on difficult issues ranging from rights to equity and access. Gender inequality affects us individually and how we function as an institution and a society. We all have the ability to drive change and only by coming together will HKU be truly great.

Internationalisation in Research

There are multiple international projects on gender issues lead by HKU professors. Just to name a few. Professor Puja Kapai of Law leads a multinational team including the National Addiction Centre of King’s College London on implementing substance abuse services to abrogate domestic violence in HKSAR. This work is partly supported by the HKU-KCL Strategic Partnerships Fund. Professor Gina Marchetti of Comparative Literature explores feminism, post-feminism and Hong Kong women filmmakers. She also launched a successful MOOC “HK Cinema through a Global Lens” to further explore this topic and HK identity and global impact through film. Other projects range from health and safety to history, culture, politics and social engagements. Let’s build upon these great scholarships to drive real impact!

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Internationalisation in Knowledge Exchange

- We all want to be treated fairly and with respect. Treating others like how we want to be treated is a simple start to create an inclusive and equitable environment. A fractured community cannot advance. Various University units and dedicated staff and students are implementing training programs and hosting forums on this important topic. As a UN champion on HeForShe, the University is committed to this task.
- HKU established the Shanghai Study Centre in 2008 at the historical Post Office Building near the Bund. The 2,000-m² space features gallery, lecture halls, studio and worship facilities, and offices. It's a platform for HKU to launch various academic and knowledge exchange programmes in the Yantze River Delta Region. The Centre provides assistance to faculty research projects and helps connect with funding agencies and collaboration partners. It's an asset for the entire HKU community and an indispensable foothold in ML. To learn more about how to use the facility, please contact VPglobal@hku.hk.

Internationalisation in Teaching and Learning

Do you know that HKU has multiple Common Core courses on gender and equity? Consider taking a few of these popular courses in the next term: Sexuality and Culture; Sexuality and Gender: Diversity and Society; Gender, Health, and Globalization just to name a few. Not only are they intellectually stimulating, you will also grow as a whole person while being challenged.

Selected delegations visiting HKU this month

an opportunity to strengthen existing ties and to build new ones.

We are happy to connect you.

May 2 – Yale University, USA

May 4 – Griffith University, Australia

May 8 – Cardiff University, UK

May 10 – University of Sydney, Australia

May 16 – University of Edinburgh, UK

GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

HKU has done well achieving gender parity for students, but only around 20% of our full professors and senior administrators are women. Benchmarking against international good practice, there's a growing awareness of the need and progress has been encouraging. We've completed a broad consultation exercise aimed at refining policy and providing more family-friendly benefits. We've rolled out a range of professional development workshops aimed at developing leadership with a focus on women. We're also very excited about the new P-SHOC project (Prevention of Sexual Harassment Online Course) – to empower students to effectively identify, respond to, and report on sexual harassment on and off campus. We have ambitious plans to take this to international university audiences, and locally we plan to tailor it for primary and secondary schools. Initial student response to the course videos has been overwhelmingly positive, providing impetus for our team. We're now looking for more authentic ideas for scripts as well as budding actors. So please contact us if you're interested!

Credit: Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. Terry Au



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