



GENDER EQUALITY &
WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT:
FRAGILE PROGRESS 25 YEARS
AFTER BEIJING

**LEONARD v.B. SUTTON
COLLOQUIUM**

OCTOBER 16, 2020
1PM - 5:30PM
WEBINAR

This three-panel webinar will review the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and discuss the progress made and challenges encountered over the last 25 years. The adopting countries “agreed that women’s rights are human rights; that the eradication of poverty require women’s involvement in economic and social development; that there must be equal opportunities for women and men in sustainable development; and that peace is inextricably linked to the advancement of women. Twenty-five years after its adoption, the Platform for Action remains the most complete framework for gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls and the realization of their human rights.” (<https://reliefweb.int/report/world/25-years-after-beijing-review-un-system-s-support-implementation-platform-action-2014>) The UN’s Sustainable Development Goals, adopted in 2015, specifically Goal 5 – Gender Equality- prioritize gender equality as a fundamental goal and give additional support to achieve the Declaration’s goals.

The sessions are loosely titled: The Economic Realm, The Political Realm, and Sustainable Development Goal #5. The full agenda and speaker biographies are available on the Nanda Center web page – <http://www.law.du.edu/ved-nanda-center-for-international-law>

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SDG Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women

Ending all discrimination against women and girls is not only a basic human right, it’s crucial for sustainable future; it’s proven that empowering women and girls helps economic growth and development.

UNDP has made gender equality central to its work and we’ve seen remarkable progress in the past 20 years. There are more girls in school now compared to 15 years ago, and most regions have reached gender parity in primary education. But although there are more women than ever in the labour market, there are still large inequalities in some regions, with women systematically denied the same work rights as men. Sexual violence and exploitation, the unequal division of unpaid care and domestic work, and discrimination in public office all remain huge barriers. Climate change and disasters continue to have a disproportionate effect on women and children, as do conflict and migration.

It is vital to give women equal rights land and property, sexual and reproductive health, and to technology and the internet. Today there are more women in public office than ever before, but encouraging more women leaders will help achieve greater gender equality.

<https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/sustainable-development-goals/goal-5-gender-equality.html>

SCHEDULE

1:00 - 1:15

WELCOME

Ved Nanda, Director, the Ved Nanda Center for Int'l Law
Bruce Smith, Dean, University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Katharine Nanda, Secretary of the Ved Nanda Center Board

1:15 - 2:30

SESSION 1: The Economic Realm

Chair: Sherry Broder, Past President, Federal Bar
Association of Hawai'i

DISCUSSANTS:

Amy Lin Meyerson, President, Connecticut Bar Association

Rashmi Goel, Professor of Law, University of Denver Sturm
College of Law

Catharyn Baird, CEO & Founder, EthicsGame, and Emerita
Professor of Business, Regis University

2:30 - 2:45

BREAK

2:45 - 4:00

SESSION 2: The Political Realm

Chair: Judge Bernice Donald, U.S. Circuit Judge for the
Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

DISCUSSANTS:

Connie Talmage, Executive Director, Colorado Lawyer's
Committee

Catherine Smith, Professor of Law, University of Denver
Sturm College of Law

Jasmine Cameron, Regional Staff Attorney for Euasia,
ABA Center for Human Rights

Lisa Helling, Senior U.S. State Department Foreign
Service Officer, retired

SCHEDULE

4:00 - 4:15

BREAK

4:15 - 5:30

SESSION 3: Sustainable Development Goal #5-Gender Equality
Chair: Ved Nanda, Director, The Ved Nanda Center for
International Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law

DISCUSSANTS:

Virginia (Ginna) Anderson, Deputy Director of the ABA
Justice Defenders Program and Senior Counsel for the ABA
Center for Human Rights

Mooya Nyaundi, Regional Staff Attorney for Africa, ABA
Center for Human Rights

Celia Taylor, Nanda Chair Professor of Law, University of
Denver Sturm College of Law

MEETING FACILITATOR: Katharine Nanda, Board Secretary, The Ved
Nanda Center for International Law, University of Denver Sturm College
of Law