



CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Global Transformation towards Gender Equality and Agenda 2030 **A conversation about innovative approaches to break the cycle of violence against women**

September 17-18, 2018
México City, México

The [Network of Scholars on Gender, Sexuality and the Law](#) (ALAS), together with the [Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law](#) and the [Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law](#) at American University Washington College of Law, invite activists, practitioners, scholars, and judges interested in gender equality and gender-based violence to submit individual abstracts for the upcoming conference titled, *Global Transformation towards Gender Equality and Agenda 2030: A conversation about innovative approaches to break the cycle of violence against women.*

The two-day conference will be a global forum for dialogue between individuals from academia, government, the justice sector, and civil society. The conference aims to make a substantive contribution towards the implementation of the gender equality component of the United Nations [Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development](#) by identifying approaches that can help deliver change. The conference will explore solutions broadly but will pay special attention to the intersection between violence against women and reproduction and maternal health.

The organizers will prioritize proposals that offer diverse and innovative perspectives focused on one of the following panel topics:

1. Complexities of deciding cases of gender-based violence, including domestic violence. The organizers are particularly interested in proposals concerning innovative court practices, such as the creation of specialized courts to deal with gender-based violence or sex trafficking, or the use of GPS monitoring anklets, lethality- risk assessments, fatality review commissions, etc.
2. Litigating gender-based violence cases, including domestic violence
3. Analyzing the new concept of obstetric violence (this concept refers to the dehumanizing treatment and abusive medicalization of women's bodies against their capacity to freely make decisions about their bodies and sexuality)
4. Criminal law and justice for rape survivors (e.g., victim-friendly courts, use of closed-circuit technology, evidentiary rules and practices, etc.)
5. Violence against girls, including underage marriage, sexual abuse at home, girls and pregnancy
6. Comprehensive access to reproductive services: contraception, abortion and maternal health
7. What do we know? Collecting data on Violence against women
8. How to address gender bias in the courts (e.g., the role of Gender-Bias Task Forces, court monitoring NGOs in domestic violence cases, national and regional Gender Observatories, etc.)

Proposals should be submitted by filling out the following [form](#).

Submission deadline: April 8, 2018. Admitted proposals will be notified by May 7, 2018. Please note that panelists are responsible for their own travel expenses. The conference will be in English. Papers are welcome but not required. Papers will be submitted for publication to the [Human Rights Brief](#) at American University Washington College of Law.