REPORT

A Journey through the 5th Global Conference on Women’s Studies

Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges: Advancing Women's Studies and Gender Equality in a Global Platform

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The **5th Global Conference on Women's Studies** took place from July 28-30 in Dublin, Ireland. The conference featured a diverse range of sessions, including in-person sessions at the venue, oral and poster presentations, and two days of virtual sessions. There were more than 38 presentations covering various topics related to women and gender studies, attracting also over 30 listeners.

The conference covered a wide range of important **Topics**, including:

- LGBTQ+ Studies
- Intersectionality and Culture
- Sexual Violence and Recovery
- Maternal Health and Human Rights
- Gender-based Harassment
- Women and Entrepreneurship
- Women and Political Leadership, Feminist Perspectives
- Women's History and Literature
- Gender and Work

Two outstanding university professors, Dr. Shelley Jones and Dr. Barbara Magnanelli delivered **Keynote Presentations** respectively on Women's Empowerment and Female Leadership in Firms.

Furthermore, a one-hour **Workshop** on Women's Studies focused on *hindrances in research writing and publishing* held by Dr. Hazel Biana. The workshop was focused on feminist and women's studies research and scholarship, its current trends, and various critical, theoretical, and empirical approaches. The Workshop also tackled specific hindrances and issues faced by researchers and writers when it comes to preparing conference papers and publications, and how to potentially address them.

Additionally, there were **Storytelling Sessions** held both at the venue and online, covering stories of the hurdles on the road to justice for women, cultural codes and women, empowering aspiring young researchers, self-advocacy for women, and enlisting support from a position of partnership.

At the **Film Screening** session, the influential film of "Clarissa's Battle" was screened at the conference, followed by a Q&A session with the director, Tamara Perkins. The online attendees also get the link to watch it from the comfort of their home.

On the second day of the conference, participants had the opportunity to explore Dublin through a **City Tour**.

The 5th WOMENSCONF event attracted speakers and listeners from **more than 35 countries**, including Afghanistan, Canada, China, Eswatini, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, India, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Malta, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Tanzania, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, and Vietnam.

The conference provided a platform for international collaboration and knowledge sharing on important issues related to women's studies.

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