

# EDUCATION AND GENDER EQUALITY

## International Symposium

### Wellesley College (MA, USA), October 20 - 21, 2017

### *Program*

Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

8.30 - 10:00 a.m.

#### SYMPOSIUM OPENING

**Andrew Shennan**, Provost and Dean of Wellesley College

**Marlène Schiappa**, French Minister for gender equality

**Alice Peisch**, Massachusetts State Representative

**Cornelia Woll**, Vice President for studies and Academic Affairs, Sciences Po

**Bertrand Monthubert**, President of Campus France

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### PLENARY SESSION – What is gender equality?

→ From the “suffragettes” to “empowerment”: the evolution of the feminist movement.

→ “Women’s studies” versus “gender studies”

**Speakers:** Myriam Boussahba ; Geneviève Fraisse ; Shira Tarrant; Françoise Vergès

**Moderator :** to be determined

12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

#### LUNCH BREAK

### Part I: Education for Equality

1:15 p.m. - 2:45p.m.

#### PLENARY SESSION – Is education the solution for equality?

→ Are men and women around the world equal in academia?

→ From unequal access to education to inequalities in job opportunities.

→ How can we combat these inequalities?

**Introduction:** Najat Vallaud-Belkacem

**Speakers:** Alice Albright; Ilham Lagrich; Prudence Carter; Yasmine Ergas

**Moderator:** Leigh Gilmore

## How to guarantee an equal access to education?

<p><b>3:00-4:30 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Panel discussion: Gender bias in science?</b></p> <p>→ Does science favor one gender over another?          → Equal opportunities in higher education and science labs.          → What kind of future do the humanities face in regards to gender?</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Emily Buchholz  <b>Speakers:</b> Zohra Ben Lakhdar ; Catherine Vidal ; Claudine Hermann; Julia DiCorleto; Minh-Hà Pham</p>	<p><b>3:00-4:30 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Panel discussion: The challenges of co-education</b></p> <p>→ Does co-education favor gender equality?          → Is there a need for differentiated education?</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Francine Deutsch ; Linda Eisenmann ; Edith Maruéjols ; Fatou Diop Sall; Ouafae Sananès</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Rosemary Feal</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3:30-6:15 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b>4:45-6:15 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Panel discussion - From academic to professional success</b></p> <p>→ Continuing education: a tool for equality?          → Promoting gender equality in the workplace: equal pay and the feminization of professions.          → Female entrepreneurship and innovation.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Anne Boring ; Victoria Budson ; Aude de Thuin ; Arnaud Saint-Ourens ; Bobbie Carlton; Soo Hong</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Sophie Koenig-Rodriguez</p>	<p><b>4:45-6:15 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Panel discussion - Informal education at the service of gender equality</b></p> <p>→ Questioning the impact of parenthood.          → The role of sports, student organizations, unions etc.          → Equality and religion</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Andrea Archibald Bastiani ; Colin Stokes ; Alice Coffin ; Myrlande DesRosiers</p> <p><b>Moderator :</b> to be determined</p>	<p>Screening of the film <i>Queen of Katwe</i> and debate with the Indian American filmmaker Mira Nair on the power of education</p> <p><b>Moderator :</b> Anjali Prabhu</p>

**6:30-9:30 p.m.**



**COCKTAIL-DINNER**  
*Anne Beal; Isabelle Estebe*



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**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**8:30-9:30 a.m. PLENARY SESSION – “Gender-based statistics”**

**Speaker: H  l  ne P  rivier**

**Moderator: to be determined**

**Part II: Raising Awareness on Gender Equality**

**9:45-11:15 a.m. PLENARY SESSION- Promoting gender equality in the public and private sectors.**

- Are gender equality policies a priority?
- Could national and/or international legislation change society?
- Formulating gender sensitive public policy: from sectorial policies to, “gender mainstreaming”
- Early childhood policies in favor of gender equality (daycare, maternity and paternity leave...etc.)
- Is there a link between gender equality and economic prosperity?
- Businesses: a discussion about good practices.

**Speakers: St  phanie Seydoux; Nathalie Bajos; Caren Grown; Bochra Belhaj Hmida; Deborah Dean; Matt DiGiuseppe**

**Moderator: to be determined**

**11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The impact of role models: three stories of female leadership**

**Speakers: Christiane Taubira; Aminata Tour  ; Susan Windham Bannister**

**Moderator: Mary Kate McGowan**

**1:00-2:00 p.m.**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**2:00-3:30 p.m.**

**PLENARY SESSION – Lecture by Ms. Angela Davis**

**Opening: Paula Johnson – President of Wellesley College**

**Ms. Angela Davis  
moderated by Anjali Prabhu**

**The media and pop culture, agents of equality and social change**

<p><b>4:00-5:30 p.m.</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Panel discussion - What image(s) of women does the entertainment industry convey?</b></p> <p>→ Do the media offer a single female stereotype to their audience?          → From Cannes to Hollywood, is the filmmaking industry male-dominated?          → Is the merchandising industry sexist?</p> <p><b><u>Speakers:</u> Sandra Castro Buffington; Sandra Laugier; Elena Creef</b></p> <p><b><u>Moderator:</u> Sara Rubin</b></p>	<p><b>4:00-5:30 p.m.</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Panel discussion - How artistic creativity can empower women</b></p> <p>→ How can art and literature empower women?          → Literature: an efficient weapon in the fight for gender equality?          → Women's role in the music industry.</p> <p><b><u>Speakers:</u> Fifi Tamsir Niane Cochery, Esther Nelson; Alice Friedman; Jessica Nussenbaum</b></p> <p><b><u>Moderator:</u> Odile Cazenave</b></p>	<p><b>4:00-5:30 p.m.</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Panel discussion - The role of new media in the promotion of gender equality</b></p> <p>→ What are the impacts of Internet and social media on women's rights?          → Using new media to defend gender equality          → The media and everyday sexism</p> <p><b><u>Speakers:</u> Céline Schillinger; Anaïs Bourdet; Lina Ben Mhenni ; Anne Balsamo; Joey Cole</b></p> <p><b><u>Moderator:</u> Michael Jeffries</b></p>
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**6:00- 6:30 p.m.** **CONCLUSIONS :**  
**M. Valéry Freland; Mme Anjali Prabhu**