

## OPENING REMARKS I: LARA CAMPBELL

As the Department Chair of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies (GSWS) at Simon Fraser University, I am delighted to welcome you all here today to this International Workshop on Gender, Diversity, and Inclusion organized by Professor Habiba Zaman. We acknowledge the importance of the land this university was built on; we join together today to listen and learn on traditional and unceded Coast Salish Territory—the original lands of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), sə́lilwə́taʔ (Tsleil-Waututh), k<sup>w</sup>ik<sup>w</sup>ə́əm (Kwkwetlem), and Katzie Nations. We are grateful for the opportunity to be present here.

Simon Fraser University was the first university in Canada to develop a credit Women's Studies Program. In 1971, the first credit course—the Geography of Gender—was offered. GSWS now has a number of undergraduate programs including a major and also offers an MA program and a PhD program.

This International Workshop on Gender, Diversity, and Inclusion was organized by three professors working together across national boundaries: Habiba Zaman, Professor of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies at Simon Fraser University, and Shi Guoqing and Xiujie Zhu from Hohai University in Nanjing, China. Dr. Zaman has been working with her colleagues at Hohai University for several years, and I know that she has found these research and teaching partnerships to be generative and inspiring. For those of you who have travelled so far to take part in this workshop, I thank you for taking the time to travel here in order to get to know us a bit better. On behalf of the department, I hope that you find your time with us to be interesting, inspiring, and informative, and that our scholarly connections will be enriched over time.

I would like to commend Dr. Zaman for working so hard to integrate a wide range of approaches and people to the study of gender diversity and inclusion, which you see reflected in today's program. Today, we welcome graduate students, faculty, and research associates from Simon Fraser University, the University of British Columbia, Kwantlan University, China Three Gorges University, and Hohai University. This workshop embodies the hope and vision of our department—a place where we bring feminist intersectional understandings to the analysis of power in a local and global context, and a place to develop critical, meaningful, and engaged research on inclusion, academic freedom, diversity, rights, and social justice.

Please enjoy the rest of the day together, and welcome again to Vancouver and to Simon Fraser University.

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