Beijing Platform for Action at 25
Program

Event Date: 3rd December 2020

09:00 – 09:30 Waiting Room
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09:30 – 09:40 Welcome to Country

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Hilary Charlesworth, Melbourne Laureate Professor, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne
Louise Chappell, Scientia Professor & Director Australian Human Rights Institute, UNSW Sydney

Part 1: The Past

10:00 – 10:20 Opening Address
Kate Jenkins, Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission

10:20 – 10:40 In conversation with Hilary Charlesworth
Christine Chinkin, Professor of International Law and founding Director of the Centre for Women, Peace and Security at the London School of Economics and Political Science and the William W. Cook Global Law Professor at the University of Michigan

10:40 – 11:00 Break

Live Panel Discussion: Reflections on Beijing

11:00 – 12:00 Moderated by Fran Kelly, current affairs journalist and political correspondent
Carmen Lawrence, Emeritus Professor, University of Western Australia
Dianne Otto, Professorial Fellow, Melbourne Law School
Additional panelists to be confirmed

5 minute break
12:05 – 12:35  Women's Rights on the Road to Beijing

3 minute pre-recorded presentations followed by discussant analysis:

Ana Stevenson, University of the Free State, South Africa
Before the Fourth World Conference on Women: The Black Sash of South Africa
1955 – 1995

Deirdre Brennan, University of Melbourne
Feminist Foresight in Statelessness: Century Old Citizenship Equality Campaigns

Daniel R. Quiroga-Villamarin, Graduate Institute, Geneva
Wuthering Heights: Legal Materialities, Summit Diplomacy and the Making of the
World Stage at the Beijing International Convention Centre in ‘95

Commentator/ Discussant: Andrea Durbach, Professor, UNSW Law

12:35 – 13:10  Lunch Break

Part 2: Present: Challenges and Opportunities

13:10 – 13:40  In conversation with Andrew Byrnes, Professor, UNSW Law

Rosemary Kayess, Human rights lawyer; Director of Engagement at the Disability
Innovation Institute UNSW, and Vice Chair of the United Nations Committee on the
Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

13:40 – 14:10  In conversation with Louise Chappell

Anne Marie Goetz, Clinical Professor, Center for Global Affairs, NYU


3 minute pre-recorded presentations followed by discussant analysis:

Natasha Singh Raghuvanshi, Monash University, Australia
Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and Womens Rights in India

Adeola Adeleke, University of Ilorin, Nigeria
Women and Political Representation in Nigeria after the 1995 Beijing Declaration
Platform for Action.

Lindsey Stevenson-Graf, Bond University, Australia
The Impact of the Inter-American Human Rights System on Nation States’
Compliance with the Beijing Platform for Action.

Chair and discussant: Ramona Vijeyarasa, Chancellor's Post-Doctoral Research
Fellow in the Faculty of Law at UTS
Part 3: The Future

14:45 – 14:55
How do we move forward?
Susan Harris Rimmer, Director of the Griffith University Policy Innovation Hub

5 minute break

15:00 – 15:30
Rights of Girls
3 minute pre-recorded presentations followed by discussant analysis:

Nuri Widiastuti Veronika, Monash University, Australia
The Case of Women and Girls in Ex-ISIS Camps: Addressing the Critical Areas of Concern at Beijing Platform for Action.

Rahima Akter, CQ University, Australia
Progress in Female Education, Gender Norms and Female Labour Participation in the Bangladesh Manufacturing Industry.

Chair and discussant: Phoebe Wynn-Pope, Head of Business and Human Rights, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

15 minute afternoon tea break

15:45 – 16:10
Moving forward in an era of backlash
3 minute pre-recorded presentations followed by discussant analysis:

Sanam Ara Amin, University of Melbourne, Australia
From World Conferences to ‘Generation Equality’: Defending Beijing and building a new feminist agenda.

Shalu Nigam, Independent Researcher, India

Chair and discussant: Kim Rubenstein, Co-Director 50/50 by 2030 Foundation, University of Canberra.

5 minute break

16:15 – 16:45
The way forward: Indigenous and Pacific perspectives
3 minute pre-recorded presentations followed by discussant analysis:

Betty Barkha, Monash University, Australia
Are Regional Commitments on Gender Equality the Way Forward?

Dorinda Cox and Florence Drummond, Co-founders, Asia Pacific Indigenous Women’s Network
The use of active resistance by Indigenous Australian women to create a platform for race and gender based rights.

Jane Alver, University of Canberra, Australia
Negotiating Sisterhood in the Pacific Region; Feminist Alliances Across Diversity

Chair and discussant: Fleur Te Aho, Senior Lecturer, University of Auckland
16:45 – 16:50  Short break – please grab a refreshment to enjoy while watching our closing session

16:50 – 17:10  Final Comments
Louise Chappell and Hilary Charlesworth

17:10 – 17:30  Entertainment