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I. GENCON RESEARCH TALKS - Fall 2019

GenCon hosts Research Talks throughout the semester. Research Talks are short, 20 minute, research presentations followed up open discussion. Join us for coffee and snacks (provided by the Office of the Provost), and interesting discussion. If you're new to campus this is a great opportunity to meet other gender scholars.

- **September 2nd, 9am: Anara Sandyglova, “Child-Robot Perception: Adapting to Age and Gender Differences ”** (School of Sciences and Technology). Block C3, room #5054, Nazarbayev University
- **September 18th, 2:00pm: Layla AbdelRahim** (independent scholar) “*Up the Hierarchy Ladder and Into The Secret Garden of Social and Gender Inequality*”

Additional Research Talks for Fall 2019 are tentatively scheduled on:

- October 2
- October 16
- October 30
- November 13
- November 27

If you would like to present your research during the fall semester, please send an email to us and we will gladly include you in the line-up. We are also looking for a Research Talks coordinator to join our team. If you are interested, please let us know.

II. WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY ROUNDTABLE

Women in Technology Roundtable led by **Professor Jennifer Widom, Dean of Engineering at Stanford University. September 8, 5pm-6:30pm. Registration is limited to 30 people!** Please email us at gencon@nu.edu.kz to request a place. Registration will be confirmed on Friday, 6 November.

See below for additional information about Professor Widom's visit to NU:

“SEDS in collaboration with the ACM-W and ACM student chapters are thrilled to announce a Big Data workshop presented by the Dean of Engineering at *Stanford University*, **Professor Jennifer Widom**. This is Prof. Widom's first visit to Kazakhstan as part of her [Instructional Odyssey](#), traveling the world giving free in-person short courses and workshops! It will take place on the Nazarbayev University campus, on **September 4-7, 2019**.

What is this program about?

This workshop is an intensive 3.5-day introduction to Big Data. It is led by professor **Jennifer Widom** - Stanford computer science professor and Dean of the School of Engineering. You can learn more about the program, Prof. Widom and her motivation for the endeavor [here](#).

Am I eligible to participate?

The program welcomes everyone (students/professors/staff) no matter the background, but it is preferable that participants are comfortable with logic and basic mathematics, and have a familiarity with programming (in any language). **Note for students:** it is your responsibility to take permission from professors to miss classes.

How can I participate?

We offer **200 spots** for this event. Fill the registration form [here](#).

Housekeeping details?

The venue is **Senate Hall**. The tentative schedule is:

Wednesday, Sep 4: 13:30 - 16:00

Thursday, Sep 5 - Saturday, Sep 7: 9:00 - 17:30 with a 1.5-hour lunch break.

To get timely updates, please check emails from us or follow us on Telegram: [NU ACM SC](#), [NU ACM-W SC](#).

III. GRADUATE STUDENT PARENT CIRCLE - NEW GROUP

Join us for the first gathering of the new Graduate Student Parent Circle facilitated by Dr. Sejin Koo. This group is a chance for graduate student parents to come together with other graduate student parents to discuss, share, and explore resources. Contact Prof. Koo if you have questions and [join the mailing list](#) for updates. See you there!

- **Date:** Monday, September 16
- **Time:** 2:30pm

- **Location:** Kunde Cafe

IV. GENDER RESEARCH COLLECTION CREATED

GenCon, with the support and collaboration of NU library, is pleased to announce the new [Gender Research Collection](#) of NU faculty and student research on gender. Do you have research you would like included in the collection? If so, please follow this [link to the submission guide](#) or submit your citation or electronic work to the digital center (tolkyn.jangulova@nu.edu.kz) and request for it to be added to the gender research collection.

V. FAMILY FRIENDLY SPACES ON CAMPUS by Joseph Yap

Parenting students and faculty members with families living on campus can now access family-friendly spaces in the university library. The Nazarbayev University Library launched several study spaces to show our commitment to an inclusive society in an academic environment. The following rooms are now available for the families to enjoy:

1. Family Room is for student and researcher parents who need a quiet place to study with their children. The room is located in 5e.431.
2. [Children's Room](#) is designed as a place for the families of students, faculty and staff to spend time together with children while reading and working. The room is located in 5e.224.

To know the guidelines and to reserve the following rooms, visit this link for more details: <https://nu.kz.libguides.com/rooms>

We shall be happy to see you and your family in the library.



VI. CO-WORKING SPACE

We have had tremendous interest in the new co-working space in C4 at Nazarbayev University. The synergy created by multiple researchers working in a shared environment can support the generation of new ideas for your research. The new affiliates will be announced soon and posted on the GenCon website (www.gen-con.org)

The awardees will be:

1. identified as a GenCon scholar for the term of their use of the space
2. expected to give a research talk during the GenCon research talk series
3. expected to write a short article about their research to be published on the GenCon website and in the GenCon newsletter
4. expected to note their affiliation with GenCon on research published or presented as a result of their work conducted during their time in the space

Please feel free to ask if you have questions. We look forward to working with you and supporting the development of gender research in Kazakhstan.

VII. GenCon AFFILIATES

We are pleased to announce a forthcoming direction of The Consortium of Gender Scholars, GenCon Affiliates. As an affiliate you can show your public support of for the study of gender and addressing issues to improve bias and discrimination, promoting diversity and inclusion. If you are interested to become an affiliate of The Consortium of Gender Scholars, please email us gencon@nu.edu.kz.

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VIII. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

3rd International Conference on Gender Research (ICGR 2020), being hosted by **University of Reading, UK** on **2-3 April** - <https://www.academic-conferences.org/conferences/icgr/icgr-call-papers/>

Abstracts are due by the 11th September 2019.

In today's changing society researchers across many disciplines have started to focus on the impacts and issues relating to gender. ICGR 2020 provides an opportunity for anyone researching gender issues across the full spectrum of social sciences to come together to publish and present their work. ICGR 2020 will be a multidisciplinary event with participants from around the world sharing research which expresses both common experiences as well as those which are unique to each circumstance.

As well as the general call for paper the committee is inviting submissions on a number of specialist mini-tracks including:

- **The Baby and the Bathwater**
- **Gender Stereotypes and bias in Education and Work**
- **The Power of Power: The Gender Wars and Academic Freedom of Speech**
- **Women and Leadership**
- **Working Families and Care-Giving: strains, strategies and solutions**

Thank you!

If you want us to include your news, events, and updates an upcoming newsletter issue, please email Dr. Zumrad Kataeva at zumrad.kataeva@nu.edu.kz. For inclusion in the October 2019 issue, please email by September 25, 2019.

Have publications to share? Let us know. We are happy to reach out to the network and include it in our monthly mailings.