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Cultivating the Humanities and Social Sciences:
Addressing the Multiple Marginalities of South and Southeast Asia

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Panel

**“Gender and Women’s Participation in Higher Education
in South and South-East Asia”**

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Gender equality in higher education and inclusive university is a key focus in the agenda of sustainable development, especially in the global south. Report from UNESCO- IESALC and Times Higher Education (2022) points out that even though female students outnumber male students, there are significant biases and gaps that hinder women’s progress in higher education globally. This suggests the need to problematize gender equality beyond access and enrollment to analyse issues of retention and leadership, campus climate and curriculum, and employability and progression. Further several studies and reports have underlined the impact of gendered intersection with class, race, ethnicity, language, sexuality and ability on women’s participation. This workshop seeks to map gender inequalities in higher education, and its complex, multi-layered and elusive nature in the specific contexts of South and South East Asia. Through a panel of scholars, this workshop aims to identify and debate the specific question of gender in the regions and explore how the idea of gender equality is mobilized and negotiated in the field of higher education. It will involve participatory exercises to bring together diverse experiences of gender equality in the university, within and outside of the classroom. It will have a special discussion on these questions in the world of art and culture by a female artist, scholar and activist from Timor-Leste, Maria Madeira.