



Transforming Masculinities to End Gender-based Violence

26 November 2024, 1:30–3:00 p.m.

Auditoriums 1-2, ADB Headquarters, Manila

MEET OUR SPEAKERS

PANELISTS



MICHAEL FLOOD

Professor, School of Justice
Queensland University of
Technology, Australia

Professor Michael Flood is an internationally recognized researcher on men, masculinities, and violence prevention. He has contributed to national and international frameworks for violence prevention, explored community understandings of domestic violence, and led international research and advocacy on engaging men and boys in prevention. Professor Flood is the author of *Engaging Men and Boys in Violence Prevention* (2019), the co-author of *Masculinity and Violent Extremism* (2022), and the lead editor of *Engaging Men in Building Gender Equality* (2015) and *The International Encyclopedia of Men and Masculinities* (2007). He is also an advocate and educator. Professor Flood is based at the Queensland University of Technology in Australia.



SARANZAYA GERELT-OD

Senior Gender Officer
Gender Equality Division
Asian Development Bank

Saranzaya Gerelt-Od is a gender specialist and human rights advocate specializing in women's rights, social justice, gender-based violence, and gender and conflict. She has worked with civil society and development organizations in Mongolia and Asia and the Pacific region for over 10 years. Specifically, she worked as a GBV Prevention and Public Awareness Program Manager at Beautiful Hearts Against Sexual Violence NGO, focusing on GBV prevention, policy advocacy, and social movements. Additionally, she held the position of Senior Gender Specialist at The Asia Foundation and acted as an Advisor for the Global Resilience Fund in various feminist philanthropy organizations, such as FRIDA and We Are Purposeful. Since 2023, she has been working as a Senior Gender Officer for the Asian Development Bank (ADB) at the Mongolia Resident Mission.



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**SAMITHA
SUGATHIMALA**

Global Co-Chair
MenEngage Alliance

Samitha Sugathimala is the Programme Director at the Foundation for Innovative Social Development. With over 18 years of experience, Samitha is a seasoned trainer, advocate, and consultant specializing in Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and gender-related development issues. Her expertise includes working on men and masculinities for gender justice, community-based approaches for the prevention of SGBV, women's empowerment, youth engagement, child development, and the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse in Sri Lanka and South Asia. Samitha has contributed to the drafting and implementation of the National Action Plan on addressing SGBV in Sri Lanka (2016–2020) and is a steering committee member for the New Action Plan for 2024–2028. Additionally, she is a core steering committee member for the implementation of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security in Sri Lanka.



RAVI VERMA

Executive Director
International Center for
Research on Women

Ravi Verma is the Executive Director of the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW). Ravi has over three decades of experience addressing issues related to the empowerment of girls and women, men and masculinities, and gender equality. His research is primarily focused on primary violence prevention, prevention of child marriage, sexual and reproductive health issues, and the engagement of men in addressing masculine norms. Throughout his career, he has held various positions within the Government of India, served as a professor at the International Institute for Population Sciences, and functioned as a member of the High-Level Committee on the Status of Women (HLCSW). Ravi also serves on many strategic, National and International Advisory Boards and committees. Notable among them is the Lancet Commission on Gender and Global Health, which he serves as one of the Commissioners and the Advisory Boards of Global Health 5050 and FP 2030.



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IMRANA JALAL

Special Project Facilitator
Asian Development Bank

MODERATOR



JAMES LANG

Senior Gender Specialist
(Gender-based Violence)
Gender Equality Division
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DISCUSSANT

Imrana Jalal, with expertise in gender, law, and accountability, is special project facilitator at ADB's Accountability Mechanism, receiving and solving project safeguard complaints. In 2023, she received the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Medal of Honor for advancing gender equity and the rule of law from the World Jurist Association. Ms. Jalal was principal social development specialist at ADB and led the World Bank's Inspection Panel as chair. Ms. Jalal is a founder of the civil society organization, Fiji Women's Rights Movement, and was Fiji's first human rights commissioner. She sits on the US boards of Equimundo and Global Rights for Women, organizations that promote equality.

James Lang is the Senior Specialist on Gender-based Violence for the Gender Equality Thematic Group at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) where he provides leadership for preventing gender-based violence across ADB operations and knowledge work. James has over 25 years of experience promoting gender equality and preventing gender-based violence through policy and programming with international organizations and the UN System, primarily in Asia and the Pacific. Before joining the ADB, James served as a UNDP Regional Gender Advisor for Asia and the Pacific, on the leadership board of the Sexual Violence Research Initiative, as a Senior Visiting Scholar for the UN University and as a founding member of the Prevention Collaborative, an international NGO. James designed and led Partners for Prevention, a joint UN initiative focused on research, learning and advocacy for GBV prevention in Asia and the Pacific. James has also worked for Futures without Violence and Oxfam GB.