

Agenda

09:00-09:30 **Registration**

09:30-09:40 **Opening Remarks and Group Photos**

09:40-10:50 **Keynote Speech: Why Gender Matters in Addressing
Safety Challenges in an Uncertain Era**

Moderator

YEH Theresa Der-Lan

Research Fellow, Center for Population and Gender Studies
Adjunct Professor, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, National Taiwan University

Speaker

HORIBA Akiko

Director, Center for Mediation Support,
Sasakawa Peace Foundation

KIM Eun-Ju

Executive Director, Center for Korean
Women and Politics (CKWP)

10:50-11:00 **Tea break**

09:40-10:50 **Session 1: Building Supportive Environments to
Safeguard Personal Safety**

Moderator

FANG Leticia Nien-Hsuan

Associate Professor, Department of Journalism, National Chengchi University
Committee Member, Gender Equality Committee, Executive Yuan
Board Member, Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development

Speaker

ABE Maki

Board Chair, Empowerment Kanagawa
Board Chair, Japan Dating Violence
Prevention Network

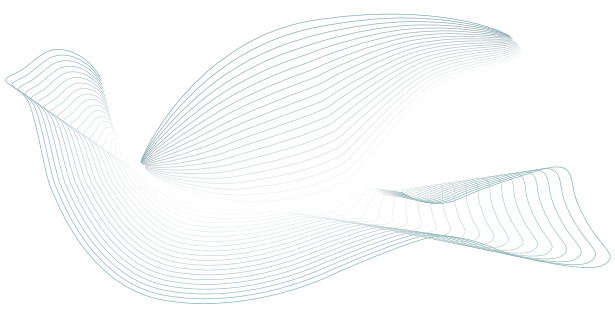
LEE Bee-Hyun

Senior Inspector, Juvenile Crime and Gender-based
Violence Investigation Division, National Office of
Investigation, Republic of Korea

TU Ying-Chiu

Executive Director, Taipei Women's
Rescue Foundation (TWRP)

12:10-14:00 **Lunch**



14:00-15:10 **Session 2: Challenging Misogynistic Culture to
Strengthen Social Safety**

Moderator

CHEN Yueh-Er

Project Consultant, Central Taiwan Office, Commerce Development Research Institute
Committee Member, Gender Equality Committee, Executive Yuan
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Speaker

KWON Young-Eun

Activist, Supporters for Health and
Rights of People in the Semiconductor
Industry (SHARPS)

KANG Ting-Yu

Associate Professor, Department of Journalism,
National Chengchi University

YANG Shu-Ya

Music Creator, Songwriter, Independent
Artist from Taiwan

15:10-15:30 **Tea break**

15:30-16:40 **Session 3: Deepening International Cooperation to
Ensure Regional Safety**

Moderator

WANG Chao-Ching

Chief Executive Officer, Peng Wan-Ru Foundation
Committee Member, Gender Equality Committee, Executive Yuan
Board Member, Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development

Speaker

KATAYANAGI Mari

Professor, Hiroshima University
Head of the International Peace and
Coexistence Programme

KANG Sun-Young

Member of the National Assembly, Republic of Korea

LIU Wen

Chairperson, Kuma Civil Defense Education Association
Member, Whole-of-Society Defense Resilience Committee

16:40

Closing



LIN Ching-Yi

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Welfare

Keynote

Why Gender Matters in Addressing Safety Challenges in an Uncertain Era

Moderator

YEH Theresa Der-Lan

Research Fellow, Center for Population and Gender Studies
Adjunct Professor, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures,
National Taiwan University



Theresa Der-Lan Yeh is currently adjunct professor (retired professor) of Foreign Languages and Literatures, and research fellow of the Population and Gender Studies Center at the National Taiwan University. Her research interest includes critical rhetorical analysis of public discourse on gender and violence, non-violent communication as resistance to hate speech, and the engendered paradigm in security and peace sectors. She is also the lead author of the Gender Equity Education White Paper for Taiwan's Ministry of Education in 2022. Since 2025, she has served on the Advisory Board of #WeChange Program, University of Tokyo, Japan.

Believing in the intrinsic and outreaching values of gender equality and human rights, she has served on the Gender Equality Committee of the Executive Yuan for four terms, and that of the Taipei City Government for seven terms. Her engagement with local and international NGO's/NPO's includes Women's International League of Peace and Freedom (WILPF) and the Foundation of Women's Rights Promotion and Development (FWRPD). Between 2020 and 2025, she assumed the chairship of Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation (TWRF), an NGO providing direct services to domestic or digital gender-based violence survivors, children who witness gender-related violence and the former WWII "comfort women" (military sexual slaves) in Asia, usually known as ama's (grandmothers in Taiwanese).

Why Gender Matters in Addressing Safety Challenges in an Uncertain Era

Speaker



HORIBA Akiko

Director, Center for Mediation Support,
Sasakawa Peace Foundation

Dr. Akiko Horiba is Director of the Center for Mediation Support at the Sasakawa Peace Foundation. She also serves as a lecturer at the Institute of Science Tokyo, Rikkyo University, and Hosei University in Tokyo. In addition, she is a board member of Japan Platform, an international emergency humanitarian aid organization.

Dr. Horiba is a Fellow of the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and a member of the NATO Civil Society Advisory Panel on WPS. Through these roles, she contributes to international policy dialogue on peacebuilding and the WPS agenda.

Her research and professional work focus on conflict analysis, peacebuilding, and Southeast Asian studies. For many years, she has been actively involved in conflict resolution initiatives, particularly in providing peace mediation support in the Deep South of Thailand (Patani).

Dr. Horiba previously served as Policy Secretary to a Member of the House of Representatives in Japan. Drawing on this experience, she also works to promote women's political participation and works closely with the WPS Parliamentary Caucus to advance the Women, Peace and Security agenda in Japan.

She holds a Ph.D. in Area Studies from Sophia University in Tokyo and a Master of Theological Studies from Weston Jesuit School of Theology (now part of Boston College), Massachusetts, USA.



KIM Eun-Ju

Executive Director, Center for Korean Women and Politics (CKWP)

As Executive Director of the Center for Korean Women and Politics (CKWP), Dr. Kim Eun-Ju also serves as Chair of the Gyeonggi Women and Family Foundation and Co-Representative of the Women's Alliance for Constitutional Reform in Korea. She received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Ewha Womans University (dissertation: A Study on the Chanyanghoe's Activities for Women's Suffrage in the Korean Empire Period). She has taught gender politics, Korean politics, and inter-Korean relations at KyungHee University, Shinhan University, among others.

Her work focuses on advancing gender parity and women's political representation, promoting inter-Korean cooperation and peacebuilding, and strengthening gender equality in media. She has collaborated with the National Assembly, the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, government agencies in media and telecommunications, and peace and unification-related bodies, as well as major women's organizations. She has also supported initiatives to enhance democratic citizenship and promote political participation among immigrant women and North Korean defector women in Korea. In 2020, she co-founded Korea's first feminist political party, the Women's Party, and served as its Co-Representative.

Her publications include *The Life of North Korean Women Based on Oral Testimonies, Vols. I–V*; *Constitutional Reform in Korea* (co-author); *70 Years of Korean Women Parliamentarians* (co-author); and *Gender Quota in Candidate Nomination*, among others. She received the Gender Equality Contribution Award from Women's News (2024) and the National People's Medal from the National Election Commission of Korea (2015). She also writes a regular signed column, "Kim Eun-ju's Different Politics," offering critical perspectives on contemporary political and social issues.

Building Supportive Environments to Safeguard Personal Safety

Moderator



FANG Leticia Nien-Hsuan

Associate Professor, Department of Journalism, National Chengchi University
Committee Member, Gender Equality Committee, Executive Yuan
Board Member, Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development

Leticia Nien-Hsuan Fang is an Associate Professor in the Department of Journalism at National Chengchi University, Taiwan. She teaches in-depth news reporting, discourse analysis, and communication and culture. Her research focuses on gender and technology, with particular attention to technology-facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV). In recent years, she has examined AI-mediated forms of digital sexual violence, including deepfake image abuse, platform governance, and the regulatory challenges posed by generative AI. Her work engages broader feminist debates on technological accountability, digital rights, and structural inequality. She has published on online misogyny and digital gender violence in Taiwan, including one of the early empirical studies mapping the prevalence of digital gender-based violence in the country. Beyond academia, she serves on gender equality committees across multiple government agencies in Taiwan, contributing to policy discussions on digital governance, AI regulation, and gender justice.

Speaker



ABE Maki

Board Chair, Empowerment Kanagawa
Board Chair, Japan Dating Violence Prevention Network

Maki Abe is a leading figure in the field of domestic and dating violence prevention. She founded Empowerment Kanagawa in 2004, an organization that provides prevention programs on domestic and dating violence as well as human rights education.

Since becoming certified in 1999, she has delivered Child Assault Prevention (CAP) programs to more than 100,000 children. She has also trained over 200 facilitators to lead human rights education programs and more than 100 hotline counselors.

In 2018, she founded the Japan Dating Violence Prevention Network to address the lack of a nationwide network dedicated to this issue. She has conducted annual national surveys on dating violence to promote access to prevention education for all children in Japan.

Maki believes that human rights education is key to breaking the cycle of domestic violence and child abuse. She is the author of *No One Deserves to Be Abused* (2018) and *The Kindest Introduction to Sex Education* (2025).

Building Supportive Environments to Safeguard Personal Safety

Speaker



LEE Bee-Hyun

Senior Inspector, Juvenile Crime and Gender-based Violence Investigation Division, National Office of Investigation, Republic of Korea

Beehyun Lee studied Gender Studies at Seoul National University, where she developed an interest in gender-related issues within the criminal justice system. Her master's thesis, "The Police Procedure on Sexual Assault Incidents Seen through the Job Segregation by Gender," explored how gender dynamics shape police responses to sexual assault cases. She has also engaged in related research activities, including presenting a paper titled "An Examination of the Nature and Characteristics of Indecent Exposure Crimes: Focusing on the Analysis of Criminal Judgments."

In addition to her academic background, she has gained two years of practical experience in investigative work within the Juvenile Crime and Gender-Based Violence Investigation unit. Building on this experience, she has been working at the National Office of Investigation since 2025. She has been a member of the Korean Police Gender Studies Network since its establishment, where she continues to take part in discussions on gender-sensitive approaches in policing.



TU Ying-Chiu

Executive Director, Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation (TWRP)

Ms. Tu Ying-Chiu has dedicated herself to social work and the prevention of gender-based violence for many years, bringing a wealth of frontline experience and a strong background in policy advocacy. As a leader in the field, she focuses on critical issues such as digital gender-based violence, domestic abuse, and human trafficking. She has led numerous initiatives aimed at challenging gender power imbalances and is committed to building robust support systems and trauma recovery mechanisms for survivors.

Throughout her professional career, Ms. Tu has not only excelled in direct casework but has also been an active consultant for government and civil society on gender equality policies, contributing to the refinement of legal frameworks for violence prevention. In recent years, her work has focused on analyzing gender power dynamics within digital spaces, preventing workplace sexual harassment, and fostering inclusive environments. Her mission is to remove invisible barriers to women's public participation and create a more resilient, safe, and inclusive society through systemic reform and public education.

Challenging Misogynistic Culture to Strengthen Social Safety

Moderator

CHEN Yueh-Er

Project Consultant, Central Taiwan Office, Commerce Development Research Institute
Committee Member, Gender Equality Committee, Executive Yuan
Board Member, Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development



I have been engaged in gender issues for over 30 years, from conducting academic research on systemic challenges to participating in gender equality policies and initiatives at both central and local government levels. I have also supported companies and civil society groups in creating more gender-friendly practices and reducing inequality. Promoting gender equality has always been a key focus of my work and will continue to be an important part of my efforts.

During my 23 years in government service and 20 years in academia, gender equality has remained central to both my professional and personal life. Even after retiring in 2020, I continue to work on key issues such as promoting gender rights, challenging stereotypes in culture and daily life, building inclusive workplaces, encouraging shared decision-making, improving gender equity in health, and ensuring equal access to education.

Speaker



KWON Young-Eun

Activist, Supporters for Health and Rights of People in the Semiconductor Industry (SHARPS)

Kwon Young Eun is an activist with SHARPS (Supporters for the Health And Rights of People in the Semiconductor Industry), a South Korea-based NGO advocating for the health and rights of semiconductor and electronics workers. She has been involved with SHARPS since 2004, contributing over a decade of work focused on international solidarity, campaign strategy, and program planning.

Her work centers on occupational health and safety, with particular attention to women workers' health, gender justice, and the often-overlooked impacts of reproductive toxicity and second-generation occupational diseases. She planned "People Who Make Problems Visible," a project that highlights how structural harms become publicly recognized issues. She also appeared in Colorless and Odorless (working title), which examines health risks faced by semiconductor workers across global supply chains.

Kwon has worked to connect local struggles in South Korea with global movements, advocating for corporate accountability and stronger protections for workers throughout the electronics industry. As a parent, she hopes to raise her child as a feminist, grounded in values of equality and care.

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Speaker



KANG Ting-Yu

Associate Professor, Department of Journalism, National Chengchi University

Tingyu Kang is an Associate Professor at the College of Communication, National Chengchi University. She obtained her DPhil from the University of Oxford and MSc from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Her research areas include gender politics on social media, international migration and the use of digital technologies, and the (de)globalisation of media consumption. She serves on the board of supervisors for Taiwan's Women Make Waves International Film Festival and contributes columns and podcasts to various Taiwanese media outlets, including udn Global and Mirror Media.



YANG Shu-Ya

Music Creator, Songwriter, Independent Artist from Taiwan

Known for the hits Huakang Girl and Rule Male Freestyle, YANG SHUYA's music blends cultural depth with hip-hop energy.

2025 GIMA Nominee for Best Hip-Hop Track. StreetVoice 2025 Top 10 Singles. Freshmusic Awards 2025 Top 50. Featured on BBC, NPR, and DW.

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Deepening International Cooperation to Ensure Regional Safety

Moderator

WANG Chao-Ching

Chief Executive Officer, Peng Wan-Ru Foundation
Committee Member, Gender Equality Committee, Executive Yuan
Board Member, Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development



Wang Chao-Ching is a practitioner deeply involved in Taiwan's social policy, currently serving as the CEO of the Peng Wan-Ru Foundation. He holds a Master's degree in Sociology from National Taiwan University and a Ph.D. in Social Welfare from National Chung Cheng University. His research focuses on comparative social policy, gender politics, and childcare policy.

In his practical work, Wang advocates for the core concept of "socialization of care," aiming to break the dilemma where individual families bear the full burden of caregiving. Under his leadership, the Peng Wan-Ru Foundation has long promoted non-profit preschools, childcare services, and home caregiver systems. He strives to establish an affordable, high-quality public or non-profit service system that balances market dynamics and government intervention.

Wang frequently contributes to media outlets and participates in public hearings, providing incisive analyses of Taiwan's declining birthrate. He emphasizes that addressing the population crisis requires more than just subsidies; it necessitates fundamental reforms in gender equality and workplace culture.

Speaker



KATAYANAGI Mari

Professor, Hiroshima University
Head of the International Peace and Coexistence Programme

Mari Katayanagi is a Professor at Hiroshima University and currently serves as Head of the International Peace and Coexistence Programme at the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences. She holds an MA in International Studies from Tokyo University of Foreign Affairs, an LL.M. in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex, and a Ph.D. in Law from the University of Warwick.

Prior to entering academia, she spent nearly a decade working as a peace practitioner in the Balkans. Her professional experience includes service in a United Nations peacekeeping operation in the 1990s and as a Political Adviser with the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina from 2004 to 2009. She has also served as First Secretary at the Embassy of Japan in Bosnia and Herzegovina and as a Senior Research Fellow at the JICA Research Institute in Tokyo.

Her research focuses on conflict prevention, peacekeeping, peacebuilding, and international law, with particular emphasis on international human rights law. Within peacebuilding studies, her work addresses women's roles in peacebuilding, business for peace, transitional justice, jus post bellum, and education in emergencies. Her major publications include *Human Rights Functions of United Nations Peacekeeping Operations* (Kluwer Law International, 2002), as well as articles such as "Women's Peacebuilding Roles in Afghanistan: Potent Approaches for Social Transformation" (*Asian Women*, 38(3), 2022, co-authored with Sohilla Khan), and "Japanese Business Leadership: Business for Peace in Practice" (*Asian Studies Review*, 48(3), 2024; co-authored with Frens Kroeger)

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Speaker



KANG Sun-Young

Member of the National Assembly, Republic of Korea

Rep. Kang Sun-young is Member of the 22nd National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, serving on the National Defense Committee and the House Steering Committee. Elected by proportional representation for the People Power Party, she is currently the party's Deputy Floor Leader and previously chaired its National Security Committee and vice-chaired the Special Committee on Foreign Affairs and Security. Before her election, she was a professor of national security studies at Sookmyung Women's University in Seoul.

Born in Seoul, Kang joined the Women's Army Corps School as an officer candidate in March 1990 and was commissioned as an infantry officer on July 28 of that year. While in the Special Warfare Command, she discovered a passion for aviation, enrolling in the 25-week rotary-wing pilot course in December 1993 and graduating at the top of Class 95.

After her promotion to Brigadier General in April 2018, she became the first female Major General in ROK Army history in November 2019. She set another milestone as the first female operational commander of a combat unit in the ROK Armed Forces, serving as the 23rd Commander of Army Aviation Operations and 38th Chief of the Aviation Branch. She retired honorably following her tenure as Chief of the Aviation Branch.

Kang earned a bachelor's degree in public administration from Sookmyung Women's University in 1985 and a master's degree in defense strategy from Korea National Defense University in 2020. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at the Graduate School of Political Studies of Kyonggi University.



LIU Wen

Chairperson, Kuma Civil Defense Education Association
 Member, Whole-of-Society Defense Resilience Committee

Dr. Wen Liu is the Chairperson of Kuma Civil Defense Education Association and a committee member of the Whole-of-Society Defense Resilience Committee under the Presidential Office in Taiwan. She received her doctoral degree in Social Psychology from the City University of New York in the USA. Currently, she works as an Associate Research Fellow at the Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica. Her research examines queer and feminist activism, transpacific geopolitics, and civilian security practice in the context of heightened geopolitical conflict.