



Gender Justice and Human Rights Interactive Workshop

*17-18 November 2018
Nairobi, Kenya*

Objectives

- In the age of the #MeToo movement, to help build a global network of youth and early-career activists who are passionate about gender justice.
- Through interactive and participatory methods, we will use a gender studies and international human rights framework to build knowledge around gender-based inequality and discrimination in Kenya, including issues concerning the rights of women and girls and the LGBT community.
- To explore potential methods of youth-led gender and human rights activism.
- To inspire and train participants to replicate modules from the workshop in their university clubs and NGOs.

Workshop topics

Module 1: Introduction to gender theory

- Gender as social construction
- Gender norms and stereotypes
- Masculinities
- Introduction to gender inequality and patriarchy
- LGBT/queer identities and gender non-conformity

Module 2: Introduction to human rights

- Principles of human rights
- Human rights and international law
- Human rights and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights
- Human rights and the Kenyan constitution
- Development of women's rights as human rights and LGBT rights as human rights

Module 3: Feminism

- Introduction to the concept of feminism
- African feminist theory

Module 4: Women's rights and gender equality in Kenya

- Gender-based violence and sexual violence: domestic violence, sexual harassment, and sexual violence

- Tensions between progressive legal frameworks and traditional cultural norms: female genital cutting
- Progressive legal frameworks, jurisprudence, and activism that promote gender equality in Kenya

Module 5: Intersectional discrimination and the rights of minorities in Kenya

- Defining intersectional discrimination and the rights of minorities
- Intersectional discrimination: e.g. queer women, migrant women, rural women, poor women, and women with disabilities
- Anti-LGBT discrimination
- Progressive legal frameworks, jurisprudence, and activism that promote the rights of minorities in Kenya

Module 6: Gender justice advocacy

- Human rights based approach to advocacy
- Global modes and methods of youth activism, including activism through art, storytelling, political outreach and participation, and community-based awareness-raising
- Advocacy strategies using media

Module 7: Training of trainers

- Development of action plans for replicating parts of the workshop in participants' universities or NGOs

Co-Sponsors

Leitner Center for International Law and Justice at Fordham University Law School (New York, NY) & Centre for Rights Education and Awareness (CREAW) (Nairobi, Kenya)

Facilitators

In partnership with staff from CREAW, the interactive workshop will be run by Professor Chi Adanna Mgbako, Director of the Walter Leitner International Human Rights Clinic at Fordham Law School, and law school graduate students from the United States, China, and France studying international human rights law and advocacy at Fordham Law School.

Target Audience/Participants

University students and activists in the early stages of their careers interested in learning more about gender justice and human rights in an intimate, interactive setting are welcome to participate. Priority will be given to students or early career activists with an interest in potentially replicating parts of the workshop in their universities or NGOs. The workshop can accommodate 30 participants. A wait list will be formed if more than 30 applicants apply.

Date and time

Workshop Day 1: Saturday, 17 November 2018, 8:00 - 17:00

Workshop Day 2: Sunday, 18 November 2018, 8:00 - 17:00

Venue

Sankara Hotel
Woodvale Grove, Westlands
Nairobi, Kenya

Entry fee

The two-day workshop is free for all participants. Complimentary lunch and refreshments will be provided on both days of the training. Please note that this is a non-residential workshop.

Application Process

Please send an email to leitnercenter@law.fordham.edu with the following information: 1) full name; 2) university or NGO-affiliation; 3) a few sentences explaining what you hope to gain from participation in the workshop; and 4) contact information. Participants will be accepted on a rolling basis until Nov. 16. We strongly encourage early applications.