

## Gender Dignity Across Cultures

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While scholarly historical feminist analysis of women in different cultures and religions contributes to expanding our imagery and conceptualisations of women, activist voices who speak up for women's rights, who speak up for gender justice and equal human rights, provide an even greater enlargement of knowledge about women. There is another way of understanding women in both Western and non-Western cultures, another way to show respect for women in their wholeness and totality of being. This is dignity, or what we call *Gender Dignity*. What a woman desires is tangible respect, sensibility, appreciation, and dignity.

Consideration of the theme of *Gender Dignity* as a subject of study in the field of social sciences and humanities has not taking root yet. This specific panel on *Gender Dignity* will address the question of which role dignity has played in the construction and reconstruction of gender identity in social, economic, and political life and in particular which role dignity should continue to play for gender dignity. As we aim to explore and promote the interface between gender and dignity, we invite papers related to theme of *Gender and Dignity* from historical and cultural contexts, including the values of gender dignity that are found in diverse religious traditions in classic and vernacular literatures.

Interested scholars and researchers of social science, comparative literature, religious studies, Asian studies, history and anthropology should submit an abstract proposal of 200-300 words, along with two pages CV, to Chipamong Chowdhury. The selected papers will be published as a conference edited volume by Dignity Press. Dignity Press is a new and small publishing house, primarily on issues of human dignity and social justice, including gender equality. Dignity Press books are available at its website, through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and other booksellers.

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