



**Australian Institute
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Victoria**

Young Professionals – Gender and the Global Climate Crisis

Tuesday 9 April 2024: 5:30pm for 6 – 7pm AEST at Level 13, 356 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Gender plays a significant role in how the effects of climate change are experienced. The global climate crisis disproportionately affects women and girls, exacerbating prevailing gender disparities and presenting distinct risks to their livelihoods, health and safety. As climate change drives conflict globally, women and girls face increased vulnerability to various forms of gender-based violence and exploitation, including conflict-related sexual violence, human trafficking, and child marriage.



During climate disasters, women face additional obstacles due to persistent gender inequalities in information access, mobility, decision-making, and resource access. These barriers jeopardise their livelihoods, well-being, and recovery, perpetuating vulnerability to future disasters.

Acknowledging women's multifaceted roles as decision-makers, educators, caregivers, and experts across various sectors and levels is pivotal for devising sustainable responses to climate change. Despite bearing disproportionate impacts, women play a vital role in both adapting to and mitigating climate change, offering valuable insights and practical solutions to address the climate crisis.

This conversation forum will offer key insights from experts and practitioners addressing the intersection of climate change and its disproportionate impact on women and girls.

Why is addressing gender disparities crucial for climate responses? How does climate change exacerbate existing inequalities and vulnerabilities for women and girls? What role do women play in adapting to and mitigating climate change? AIIA VIC warmly invites you to join this thought-provoking discussion.

(Speaker bios overleaf)

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Priya Dhanani is a PhD Candidate under the new ARC Centre of Excellence for the Elimination of Violence against Women at Monash University in the School of Sciences and Faculty of Arts. She is also a recipient of the Monash Graduate Scholarship, Monash International Tuition Scholarship, and the Sonia Narodowski PhD Scholarship. Previously, Priya led GBV programming and training in Bangladesh, Kenya, Liberia, Lesotho, Nepal, Pakistan, South Sudan, and Thailand. Priya has written on the nexus between climate change and GBV.



Samanthi J. Gunawardana is a Senior Lecturer in Gender and Development at Monash University's School of Social Science. She explores how development policies impact employment, labour, and livelihoods for rural women in South Asia. With a primary focus on Sri Lanka, her expertise lies in the intersection of gender, development, and labour. Samantha's research sheds light on the gendered impacts of climate change and its interplay with these dynamics within Sri Lanka.

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