

Panel 14
Gender Justice

The study and research on women's rights, gender issues and the application of developmental issues on the gender divide has come a long way in Pakistan. Projects and interventions have succeeded in initiating gender reforms on various inter personal, intrapersonal, and public and private Diaspora. Many researches show the role of women as aggressors/supporters to prevent domestic violence against women. Equally surprising have been discoveries of positive male contributions to oppose violence against women. This is in effect to our recent work in process where cases from communities, where males have initiated efforts to combat violence have been highlighted.

SDPI being an independent think tank has extensive experience stretched over 16 years in working on gender. The studies thus conducted under this domain were mostly through lens of women, narrating the types of violence. A new approach to help achieve the required more effectively is to see the violence on women through males' perspective of how this can be reduced. Pervious paid work regarding gender oppression has created a lot of awareness consequentially bringing about the realization and positive contribution from the males for women empowerment. This year SDPI has focused on the challenges taken up by men to control the menace of females' oppression. The sub-themes under this panel include positive masculinity challenging norms of land rights, honor killing and forced marriages. Speakers, who are doing research in this area, are invited to send abstracts followed by papers based on the above-cited sub-themes.

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