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Women, Gender & Politics

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016 • 9 AM–2:30 PM
QUEENS COLLEGE STUDENT UNION, 4th FLOOR

9 AM–12:30 PM  PANEL DISCUSSION

Introduction by Borough President Melinda Katz

KIRA SANBONMATSU is Professor of Political Science and Senior Scholar at the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) at the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University. Her books include More Women Can Run: Gender and Pathways to the State Legislatures and Democrats, Republicans, and the Politics of Women’s Place.

INEZ BARRON was elected to the NYC Council in 2013, after five years in the New York State Assembly. Councilwoman Barron has worked actively against civil and human injustices and has promoted issues ranging from public health to affordable rents. She also has had a long career in education, both in the classroom and in administration.

NICHOLA GUTGOLD is a Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences at Penn State. Her books include The Rhetoric of Supreme Court Women: From Obstacles to Options, Almost Madam President: Why Hillary Clinton “Won” in 2008, Paving the Way for Madam President, and Gender and the American Presidency.

CAROLYN MALONEY was elected to Congress in 1992. She is the first woman to represent New York’s 12th Congressional District. A champion of women’s issues, Representative Maloney helped pass legislation that targets the “demand” side of sex trafficking: provides annual mammograms for women on Medicare; and provides funding to process DNA rape kits, termed “the most important anti-rape legislation in history.”

REBECCA SYMES is currently General Counsel for Dixon Advisory USA. Previously she was Counsel & Director of Constituent Affairs for Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, managing services for municipalities, businesses, and households across the state. She also has worked as an attorney with Housing Conservation Coordinators, a community-based nonprofit.

ZAHRA LANGHI is Co-founder and Director of the Libyan Women’s Platform for Peace. She was described by The Guardian as one of “seven women to watch in global politics.” In conjunction with the U.N. Women, she coordinated the Libyan Women’s Political Empowerment (LIWPE) program, aimed at empowering women to become active participants and leaders of political, economic, and social reforms.

LENORA LAPIDUS is Director of the Women’s Rights Project at the American Civil Liberties Union. She litigates gender discrimination cases in federal and state courts, engages in public policy advocacy, and participates in international human rights mechanisms. Her work focuses on economic justice, educational equity, and ending violence against women.

Also featuring Queens College students:
Viktoria Isakova
Fawzia Samadi
Shanie Reichman
Kehinde Akande

12:30–2:30 PM  COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH

For lunch, RSVP to joyce.warren@qc.cuny.edu or 718-997-3098

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