

**GAINS of GENDER EQUALITY: Framing Discourses on Gender Equality and Women's Rights Amidst Religious Resistance in Southeast Asia**  
**An Inter-Movement Dialogue among Academics and CSOs from Southeast Asia**  
**Day 2 | Open Space Highlights | August 11, 2018**

### **IDEAS**

- There is a need to constructively engage with individuals and groups who have opposing views, and respond to the issues together rather than attacking the individuals/groups
- Religious fundamentalism and political authoritarianism push back the women's Opemovement though its misogynistic assumptions
- Resistance should be allowing people, most especially women to be confident in asserting their identities against religious resistance

### **TRAINING/DIALOGUE/CONFERENCE**

- To train advocates, academe, and all netizens in digital literacy as social movements are now using Social Media
- Strengthen knowledge and raise awareness about the body and authority; notions of power, power relations & privilege; the self and identity politics, sexuality and interfaith values
- Local/National/Regional Inter-Dialogue between advocates of gender equality and sexual rights with religious leaders/scholars

### **OPEN SPACE HIGHLIGHTS**

### **RESEARCH**

- Limited research on women's voices and narratives in extremist groups
- Academe and CSO to collaborate to strengthen advocacy work
- Ethics of coalitional politics in SEA constructed by human rights and peace groups from the region

### **ADVOCACY**

- To strengthen cross movement coalitions that are interdisciplinary and intersectional in analysis
- To use language that is accessible to all people from diverse backgrounds
- Strengthen collaboration between media and CSOs, and the academe and CSOs

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**Open Space Topics Proposed:**

How to engage constructively with opponents

How to respond to the hijacking of gender / feminism among extremist/terrorist groups? "victims vs agency"

Social media's weaponization

Why sexuality can't be discussed along with religion/faith?

Identity and self-care

Impunity and women hating

How to enhance intellectual knowledge in advocacy in gender-based rights

Amidst religious resistance, have social movements become obsolete?