Women’s Perspectives from Around the Globe:  
An International Symposium

Thursday, September 2, 2010  
10:00 am – 12:45 pm  
Utah Valley University (LI 120)  
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Session 1: Challenges, Choices, and Opportunities (Guest Presentations)

10:00-11:15 a.m.

Dr. Susan R. Madsen: Associate Professor of Management/Orin R. Woodbury Professor of Leadership and Ethics, Utah Valley University (10:00-10:05 a.m.)
   Welcome and Introduction

Mrs. Mariza Graça Lima: Wife of the Consul General of Brazil (10:05-10:15 a.m.)
   Topic: Women in the Foreign Service: Challenges and Choices

Dr. Galit Dayan: Wife of the Consul General of Israel (10:15-10:25 a.m.)
   Topic: How Women are Juggling in the Circus of Life

Mrs. Kamsiah Kamaruddin: Wife of the Consul General of Malaysia (10:25-10:35 a.m.)
   Topic: A Woman’s Role—Career vs. Family

Mrs. Jan Ippolito: Wife of the Honorary Consul General of Liberia and President of the Los Angeles Ladies Consular Corps Association (10:35-10:45)
   Topic: Women Empowering Women: Observation and Participation in the Process

Mrs. Lala Abdurahimova: Wife of the Consul General of Azerbaijan (10:45-10:55 a.m.)
   Topic: The Role of Women at the Crossroads of Tradition and Rapid Change

Mrs. Ingrid Hirstin Lazcano: Wife of Former Consul General of Bolivia (10:55-11:05)
   Topic: The Pursuit of Happiness—A Work in Progress

Q&A (11:05-11:15 a.m.)

Session 2: Becoming a Woman of Influence: Voices from Around the World (Panel)

11:30-12:45 p.m.

Moderators: Dr. Susan R. Madsen & Dr. Tcholpon Akmatalieva

Panelists: Mrs. Mariza Graça Lima, Dr. Galit Dayan, Mrs. Kamsiah Kamaruddin, Mrs. Jan Ippolito, Mrs. Lala Abdurahimova, Mrs. Ingrid Hirstin Lazcano
Brief Biographies

Mariza Graça Lima

Mariza Graça Lima graduated in Law from the Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro in 1969. She continued her education by obtaining a business degree in 1983 at the Montgomery College in Maryland. She also earned a master’s degree in 1994 from the Cooperation for Development at the Institute for Cooperation for Development in Geneva, Switzerland. Between 1995 and 2001, Mrs. Graça Lima was the head of the Bilateral Cooperation of the Brazilian Cooperation Agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was responsible for cooperation between Brazil and several developed countries (e.g., Japan, France, Italy, Canada, and Germany). Prior to that, she worked for the Ministry of Science and Technology as an analyst for scientific and technological development projects in several areas of the government. From 1971 to 1981, she joined the Organization of American States, in Brazil, as an assistant for technical cooperation. Between 1969 and 1971, Mrs. Graça Lima worked as a lawyer assistant for an international law firm in Rio de Janeiro. She is currently the wife of the Consul General of Brazil and a member of the Los Angeles Ladies Consular Corps Association.

Dr. Galit Dayan

Dr. Galit Dayan arrived in Los Angeles from Israel in October 2007. Currently, Dr. Dayan manages her own organizational consulting business, advising hospitals, high tech companies, and banks. In addition, she teaches management skills at the Sela Group, which is recognized as Israel's leader in the training of high quality internet technology personnel for the thriving and demanding Israeli IT community. She has previously served as an organizational development advisor for various Israeli organizational consulting groups, including the Effective Group and Momentum; at the latter, she represented the methods of author Stephen R. Covey and carried the message of The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People to new Israeli audiences. From 2001-2003, Dr. Dayan served as head of coordination for Israel’s Embassy in Washington, D.C. Prior to this, she served for three years as the project and events manager for Israel’s Embassy in Athens, Greece. Dr. Dayan holds a Ph.D. and Masters in Egyptology from The Hebrew University in Jerusalem, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude and received the Bernhard Bloomfield Award for her dissertation. Dr. Dayan also holds a certificate in Organizational Development from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. From 1992-1998, Dr. Dayan served as a lecturer at the Egyptology Department at The Hebrew University. She served in the Israel Defense Forces in a military intelligence capacity. Born in Jerusalem, Dr. Dayan is fluent in Hebrew, English, and French, as well as some Greek. She is joined in Los Angeles by her husband, Consul General of Israel Jacob Dayan, and their three children.

Kamsiah Kamaruddin

Mrs. Kamsiah Kamaruddin is married to Norman Muhamad, Consul General of Malaysia in Los Angeles. She and her husband have five daughters. She received a bachelor of arts (Hons) in International Relations from the University of Keele in the United Kingdom in 1990. In 1992, she earned a diploma in Public Administration from the National Institute of Public Administration in Malaysia (INTAN). She also has a 1993 Certificate in Diplomacy from Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations, also located in Malaysia (IDFR). She began her work experience as the Assistant Secretary in the Policy Planning Division at the Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) from 1993 to 1995. She then became the Assistant Secretary in the External Information Division (MFA) from 1998 to 2001. From 2001 to 2005, Mrs. Kamaruddin then became the Counsellor in the Embassy of Malaysia in Bangkok, Thailand after which she served as Principal Assistant Secretary in the Southeast Asia Division (MFA) until 2008. She has worked on subjects such as ASEAN, ASEM, APEC, Vietnamese boat people, overlapping maritime claims in the South China Sea, Thailand, Singapore, and Indonesia and information dissemination. She is currently on leave from the Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to follow her husband to Los Angeles. Previously, she
followed her husband to his posting in Argentina (1996-1998). She has also lived in the UK, Argentina, and Thailand. She enjoys traveling, reading, cooking, and is an armchair archeologist.

Jan Ippolito
Jan Ippolito was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana and has lived in Los Angeles for over 35 years. She earned an associate of arts degree from LA City College and a bachelor’s degree from UCLA. In 1989, she began serving as president and treasurer of the Los Angeles Consular Corps Ladies Association and continues in this role today. She is presently serving as secretary and, member of the board of directors of Discovery Oil, Ltd., a public company listed on NASDAQ. She holds a California Realtors License and a State of California thoroughbred racing license as owner/trainer. They race their horses through Fireworks Stable of which she is co-owner and have had winners at Hollywood Park and Santa Anita racetracks in California. For many years Mrs. Ippolito served on boards of nonprofit organizations and was particularly active as a director and treasurer for the African-American Museum in Los Angeles. She is presently the liaison and board member of the International Committee of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association for the Los Angeles Consular Corps and is also the official diplomatic liaison of the Ebell of Los Angeles, a woman's nonprofit philanthropic organization established in 1894. As the wife of the Honorary Consul General of Liberia, Jan has been involved alongside him in diplomacy, business and charitable missions, for over thirty years. Mrs Ippolito currently serves as the President of the Los Angeles Ladies Consular Corps Association.

Lala Abdurahimova
Mrs. Lala Abdurahimova is the spouse of the Consul General of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Los Angeles. She is an accomplished diplomat in her own right. Before coming to Los Angeles, Ms. Abdurahimova served as a counselor at the Protocol Service of the President in Baku, Azerbaijan and as Cultural Attaché at the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Brussels, Belgium. Prior to that, she gained valuable experience as a long-term aide to several Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan. A graduate of the Azerbaijani University of Foreign Languages, Mrs. Abdurahimova received further training at the Netherlands Institute of International Relations – Clingendael and at the Swiss International Relations University. In addition to her native Azerbaijani, she is fluent in English, French and Russian.

Ingrid Hirstin Lazcano
Ingrid Hirstin Lazcano was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. She started a personal management company, Hirstin Management, at the age of 19, specializing in the management of recording artists such as: The Coasters, Atlantic Star, Grammy Award winner James Ingram, and the legendary group Earth, Wind & Fire. She also expanded into special events, producing fund-raisers, concerts, tournaments and galas for the diplomatic corps. Ingrid served for the past 11 years as the Special Event Producer and Consular Relations Director for the Southern California Public Affairs Council, a council of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is responsible for cultivating friendships with the diplomatic corps from the more than 100 countries represented in Los Angeles. In this capacity she also organized special events for the Consular Corps. Mrs. Hirstin Lazcano is the founder/CEO of Andean Dream, a company which manufactures healthy gluten-free food products made from Quinoa, a high protein grain from the Andes. Andean Dream Quinoa products are sold in hundreds of natural foods markets across the U.S. She is married to Fernando Lazcano Dunn, a 25 year career diplomat who served as the Consul General of Bolivia to Los Angeles until 2008. She has been an active member of the Los Angeles Consular Corps Ladies Association for the past 10 years. She and her husband currently reside in Glendale, California.
Moderators:

Susan R. Madsen
Dr. Madsen is the Orin R. Woodbury Professor of Leadership and Ethics at Utah Valley University and an independent leadership and change consultant. She has been heavily involved for many years in researching the lifetime development of prominent women leaders. She has personally interviewed a host of women university presidents, governors, and international leaders. She has published two books: *On Becoming a Woman Leader: Learning from the Experiences of University Presidents* and *Developing Leadership: Learning from the Experiences of Women Governors.* She is now doing related leadership research and consulting in the United Arab Emirates and China. She is also currently working with the Utah System of Higher Education to conduct research related to the lower percentage of female college students in Utah compared with the nation. Dr. Madsen has also published over 50 articles in peer-reviewed scholarly journals and speaks and presents often in local, national, and international academic and non-academic settings. For example, she recently spoke to the NGO Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. She has received many university-wide, state, and international recognitions and honors for her teaching and scholarship. She also serves as an editorial board member and reviewer for many academic journals. Susan’s research and consulting work have focused on leadership development, change, ethics, strategic faculty development, and work-life integration. Susan received her doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota in human resource development and has other degrees in exercise science/wellness and speech communication education. She started her career many years ago as a middle-school speech and debate teacher. She likes spending time with her husband and four children.

Tcholpon Akmatalieva
Dr. Akmatalieva is the wife of the former Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan to the United States and Canada (1996-2005). She graduated from Kazakh State University with a degree in Philosophy in 1985. In 1991 she defended her dissertation on Women issues at Moscow State University. Between 1985 and 1995, she taught in the Departments of Philosophy and Political Science at the Technical University and Chuy University in Bishkek. 1995-1996 she worked in the International Institute of Strategic Studies on several topics including the development of non-governmental organizations, religious situations and women’s issues in Kyrgyzstan. She participated in several International conferences and workshops in Kyrgyzstan, Russia and the US, and published articles on the Women’s movement and the status of women in Kyrgyzstan. During 1996-2005, as wife of the Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan, she was a member and then the President of the International Club for wives of Diplomats and Members of US Congress. She made presentations on the Status and role of Kyrgyz women in Washington DC, among other states; initiated an annual Cultural Exchange program between Central Asian Countries and the USA in Washington DC; and participated in the project “Women, Law and Development.” After the Kyrgyz Tulip Revolution in 2005, she followed her husband to the State of Utah, where he works as a Lecturer at the Department of Political Sciences at Utah Valley University. 2007-2009 she worked as a Visiting Scholar at the Women’s Research Institute at Brigham Young University. She is actively involved in the organization of local and international conferences and in the hosting of foreign dignitaries for the Office of International affairs & Diplomacy at Utah Valley University. In addition to her native Kyrgyz, she speaks Kazakh, Russian, English and German.