

Hello everyone,

We are holding our next cross country conversation on April 12th during the World Fusion Fest. I hope that you will get the word out to the students. I need 3 international students and 2-3 domestic students to be on the discussion panel. I hope you can help me identify and recruit students for this event. If any student is interested in being a panelist – ask them to get in touch with me asap. We will provide a list of questions to the students to help them prepare. They need not be experts on the subject, but we are looking to see what their opinions are. Each student will bring perspectives on the topic from their own country. This should be very interesting.

Here are the details for the Cross Country Conversation.

A Series of Cross Country Conversations – "Are We Really Worlds Apart?"

The Office of International Programs is hoping to encourage interaction among international and domestic students around issues of common concern through a series of panel discussions entitled: "A Series of Cross-Country Conversations: Are We Really Worlds Apart ? " The next topic under this series is -

Gender Equality – A myth or a reality ?

When women and girls gain access to rights, resources, education, and representation this empowers us all, but are we really there yet? The global importance of gender equality is underscored by its inclusion as one of the eight United Nations Millennium Development Goals. Gender equality and empowering of women is acknowledged as being a key to achieving the other seven goals. Where do we stand today ? How far have we come and what still remains to be achieved.

We can take a look at the status and rights of women from different perspectives, societies, and political and cultural traditions.

For example, a new law is being considered in India which would require reserving 33% the seats in Parliament for women; similar legislation has been passed or is being considered in many countries in Europe. These laws are causing wide-ranging debate. Is such legislation critical to women's empowerment?

This will be student led discussion moderated by Dr. Julie Mostov.

Date: **April 12, 2010**

Venue: **MacAlister 2020**

Time: **12:00- 2:00 pm**

Refreshments will be provided

Please RSVP to amehra@drexel.edu