















# GOOD PRACTICES OF OWN IN ADDRESSING GENDER EQUALITY

- Supporting parents with children for effective work-life balance → some departments implement a "no meeting" policy outside of hours of 10am-4pm to ensure that staff with children are not excluded from meetings
- Programs to accelerate female career advancement
  - Aurora Women's Leadership Program
    - A program to develop leadership skills for female academics who are employed in senior level posts
    - Only females can attend
    - Participants attend informative meetings and guided individually by a mentor

<u>Aurora Women's Leadership Development Programme 2021 - Human Resources [qmul.ac.uk]</u>

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- Springboard Progra
  - Launched in 2018
  - Four month personal and professional development program for only female researche
  - Researchers gain the opportunity of reviewing their academic and personal life and practice skills such as assertiveness and goal setting Springboard Women's Development Programme Human
- Mentoring Scheme for women
  - The Athena Swan examination showed that there is inequality between the numbers of male and female staff employed in higher level posts (beyond lecturer level)
  - To address this inequality, mentors are assigned to female researchers who have the interest and ability of getting promoted. http://hr.qmul.ac.uk/equality/protected-characteristics/sex/mentoringwomen/

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## REMAINING GENDER EQUALITY PROBLEMS IN QMU

- According to QMU "Gender and Ethnicity Pay Report 2019," there is a problem of "gender pay gap" between men and women because more mer are employed in senior level jobs than women.
- by grade (level of job)
- As seen the proportion of women employed in grade 1 jobs is much higher, and from grade 6 onward the proportion of men get higher, see especially grade 8.
- According to the university report, this seems to b the biggest challenge for achieving full gender equality



QMUL-Gender-and-Ethnicity-Pay-2019-2020-(Nov).pdf

## REMAINING GENDER EQUILITY PROBLEMS IN QMU

- In 2019, the QMU conducted a research about inclusion and diversity, I would like to report some of the problems that the female staff face at the University
- Micro-aggression and harassment directed against female staft
- In some departments, female staff complain that when in small groups, they are not given the
  opportunity to speak, or colleagues talk over them or undermine their perspectives, or male
  colleagues take credit for a point made by the female staff.
- In some severe cases, it was reported that the male colleagues in powerful positions use misogynistic language or enagage in bullying
- These issues tend to happen in schools and departments where the number of women in senior positions are smaller

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#### REMAINING GENDER EQUALITY PROBLEMS IN QMU

- The university equality office thinks that these issues should be resolved so that negative stereotypes do not take root in the university culture
- Additionally, such behavior has an affect on psychological well-being of female staff so it should be addressed.
- Source: Inclusion Report 2019 Queen Mary University: http://hr.qmul.ac.uk/media/hr/edi/Inclusion-Report-with-full-appendices\_redacted.pdf

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#### REMAINING GENDER EQUALITY PROBLEMS IN QMI

- workload given to female academics tend to be higher
  - The report found women tend to be assigned 8-10% more work on average. Females are
    more likely to accept additional responsibilities and males are more likely to decline such
    requests to facus on research.
- Lack of network to support and empower women across different parts of the university (such networks can expose role models and development paths of senior researchers)
  - Source: Inclusion Report 2019 Queen Mary University: http://hr.qmul.ac.uk/media/hr/edi/Inclusion-Report-with-full-appendices\_redacted.pd

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## REMAINING GENDER EQUALITY PROBLEMS IN QMU

- Another problem is the lack of female members in the recruitment and promotion panels of some faculties
- What is the problem? According to the Equality and Diversity Steering Group of the University the composition of the panel is important to ensure fairness in recruitment and promotion because a panel made up of members with similar background may be unable to fairly assess the experiences and qualities of an applicant coming from a different background. This means a panel composed of only men cannot correctly assess the achievements and qualities of female applicants.
- The Steering Group has recently made some revisions in policies
  - Only the staff who have finished the university's recruitment and interview selection training are qualified to be an recruitment panels
  - All recruitment and promotion panels with three or more members must include both women and men
  - Source: http://hr.qmul.ac.uk/media/hr/docs/forms/policies/Gender-Diversity-on-Panels-3.pdf

### SCOPE OF MY RESEARCH MISIT AND ACTIVITIES

- I am currently employed under the Kobe University Program for European Studies (KUPES) as a lecturer and I teach courses
  on the FLL law and politics and FLL laware comparative seminars.
- I stayed almost a month in the UK and conducted research on EU's refugee law
- During my stay, I conducted research in the library of Queen Mary University on EU refugee law, especially complementar
  protection status given to those people in need of international protection but do not qualify as refugees.
- Collected material and participated in the seminars on international law of Professor Malaosia Eitzmauric
- I also conducted research on EU-Turkey Refugee Agreement and wrote a book chapter on the same topic, the book will be published in April 2021.
- Erkan Kivilcim, "EUの難民危機からの回復— EU・トルコ難民合意における負担転嫁問題" [EU's Recovery from the Refugee Crisis: The problem of Burden-shifting in the EU-Turkey Refugee Agreement] in EU の回復力 [EU's Resilience] 吉井正彦・井上典之 編集 (東京: 勁草書房2021年4月出版予定)

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- I went to University of Aberdeen, Scotland to attend an international conference entitled "International refugee law: comparative policy perspectives from Asia and Europe"
- I gave a research presentation entitled "Immigration and Refugee Laws in Japan: Past and Present"



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