



## UGR celebrates 10th anniversary of GEMMA Erasmus Mundus Master's Degree

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Students, graduates and coordinators of the Erasmus Mundus Master's Degree in Women's and Gender Studies (GEMMA) will hold the 3rd "Voices of GEMMA" Intercultural Forum at the UGR on the 10 and 11 of December to mark the 10th anniversary of the GEMMA programme. The GEMMA graduation ceremony will also be held simultaneously to coincide with the event.

Speakers at the graduation ceremony:

- Pilar Aranda Ramírez, Rector of the University of Granada
- Maria Dolores Ferre Cano, Director-General of Universities (Regional Government of Andalusia)
- Ana Muñoz Muñoz, Director of the Women's and Gender Studies Institute at the UGR
- Adelina Sánchez Espinosa, Coordinator of the GEMMA Consortium

The "Voices of GEMMA" Intercultural Forum is an international meeting that will bring together graduates of the Master's Degree so that they can share their academic and professional experiences in the field of women's and gender studies. International experts will deliver speeches as part of the event, including Chandra Talpade Mohanty, Distinguished Professor at Syracuse University and one of the world's foremost exponents of decolonial feminism.



GEMMA will approach its 10th anniversary as the first and only Erasmus+: Erasmus Mundus master's degree in women's and gender studies in Europe. A recognised programme of excellence, GEMMA is supported by the European Commission, which selected it as an Erasmus Mundus degree on three consecutive occasions (in 2006, 2011, and 2017) from among approximately 150 proposals submitted during each respective call. Over the past ten years, more than 800 people from all over the world have completed the master's degree, 200 of whom have been awarded scholarships. Characterised by the European Commission as the "model in the field of women's studies and gender studies in a European and global perspective", the programme has earned several international awards and is currently ranked as the best master's degree of its kind in Spain by national press agencies.

GEMMA was launched in 2006 as a result of the concerted efforts to harmonise the diverse academic structures of eight different institutions from six European countries, each of which has their own cultures and traditions: University of Granada (programme coordinator), University of Bologna (Italy), Central European University (Hungary), University of Hull (UK), University of York (UK), University of Łódź (Poland), University of Oviedo and Utrecht University.

Since the 6th edition of the programme, the extended GEMMA Consortium also includes eight other North, Central and South American universities which participate as associate partners: University of Buenos Aires (Argentina), University of Campinas (Brazil), University of Chile (Chile), Florida International University (USA), Santo Domingo Institute of Technology (Dominican Republic), National University of Colombia, National Autonomous University of Mexico, and Rutgers University (USA).

Recently, a broad array of other prestigious institutions joined the consortium as associate partners, including; Columbia University (USA), New York University (USA), University of Redlands (USA), the UNESCO Chair in a Culture of Peace and Education at the Private Technical University of Loja (Ecuador), the Chair in Women's Studies at the University of Havana (Cuba), and the Centre for Women's Studies in Zagreb (Croatia). These leading higher education institutions will participate in GEMMA through an innovative e-learning programme developed in collaboration with the UGR's Resource Production Centre for the Digital University (CEPRUD). They will also offer mobility opportunities to students and teaching and research staff, enhancing the unique nature of the GEMMA programme by further expanding this broad transatlantic consortium.

Adelina Sánchez Espinosa, general coordinator of the GEMMA consortium, points out that: “We will celebrate our 10th anniversary by reaffirming the continuing need to boost knowledge sharing in women’s and gender studies through collaboration among participants from numerous and highly diverse countries. We feel that the dissemination of our knowledge is fundamental in order to tackle growing inequalities and injustices which are present throughout the world.”

### **“Voices of Gemma” Intercultural Forum Programme**