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Welcome to Gendering the Labor Market: Women's Struggles in the Global Labor Force. This issue of the *Journal of International Women's Studies* represents the second volume of papers on this theme and follows from a call for papers in July 2020.

We are pleased to share the original research of six authors, all of whom share local experiences that are relevant on a global level.

Alka Vishwakarma in *Repression and Resistance: Negotiation between Motherhood and Labour Force by Igbo Women in the Nigerian Igbo Society* highlights the role of gender in promoting patriarchy but also in establishing social norms. Maintaining a similar theme, in *A Study of Japanese Women's Attitudes Toward Hiring Domestic Laborers*, Suzanne Kamata and Yoko Kita look at the Japanese working women who are married with children and still bear the brunt of childcare, housekeeping, and caring for elderly relatives.

Mitali Nikore and her colleagues in *India's missing working women: Tracing the journey of women's economic contribution over the last seven decades, and during COVID-19* address women's labor force and workforce participation rates that have secularly declined to their lowest levels since Independence. They find the decline can be attributed to formal labor force disparity between rural and urban working women.

In *Gender Segregation in Tourism Labor Force: A Comprehensive Literature Survey and Policy Recommendations for the Post-COVID Era*, Burcu Türkcan addresses gender segregation in the labor force within the tourism industry. The discussion is based on existing literature and provides a comprehensive literature review. Shifting the perspective to individual reflection, Courtney Paige Carr in *Triply Sewn: Evoking Past, Present, and Future Selves in Guyanese Domestic Work* shares the interview she conducted with her mother specific to her mother's experiences as a domestic worker in New York.

Engaging female sex work in the labor discussion, Soma Mandal in *Feminism, Sexuality, Gender, Labour: Invisible Stigma of Sex Work and Menstrual Labour in India* examines some of the problems that create intersecting inequalities based on de-recognition of these workers' rights.

In addition to these articles, we feature five book review/book review essays that cover a variety of themes related to gender and feminism.

As with all issues of the *Journal of International Women's Studies*, this issue provides a global representation of topics related to gender. Given the special issue theme, the articles presented in this issue highlight the common linkage of economic circumstances and gender-based hierarchy, focusing on the labor market. We hope you will find these articles useful and thank you for your readership.

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