

## **GENDER AND HEALTH: ADVANCING UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING DISCREPANCIES ACROSS THE GLOBE**

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Dr. Raj, Founder and Director of the UC San Diego Center on Gender Equity and Health, will describe advances in our understanding of gender-based violence and reproductive health, girl-child marriage and adolescent motherhood, sex trafficking and sexual exploitation, and engagement of men on issues of gender and health. She will highlight how this work has resulted in national and international programs and policy changes, and describe how the Center works with UC San Diego students from various disciplines (public health, medicine, engineering and social sciences) to train next-generation scholars to create global health solutions.

The Center, housed within the Division of Global Public Health, Department of Medicine, was founded in 2013 to bring together academic researchers to advance the science related to gender equity and health and to support evidence-based policy and practice for population-level health impact.