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## **PANEL TITLE: GENDER AND TECHNOLOGY**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Women and technology are presumed to be distant from one another. There is a gender stereotype in this regard, arguing that women have better aptitude for arts and humanities and Men for science and technology. Though it is a stereotype that remained unchallenged for decades, but the glass ceiling is now being broken more often than acknowledged. Unfortunately, its dominant philosophy is still palpable itself in public perception. This has resulted in gender discrimination in technologically created and operated virtual social spaces. Hegemony of male discourse has compelled many women to stay out of domains of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and allied subjects. Technology continues to be a masculine construct. Even at workplaces, women's critical skill in manoeuvring complex equations is persistently undermined. This panel proposes to document case studies for empirical documentation of experiences of women and third Gender in cyber spaces.

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