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*Panel 1.2: Roles, Rights, and Responsibilities for Women and Children*

**Globalization and Gender Equity Patterns for Women of Asia**

Globalization's socioeconomic transformations have profoundly impacted every social institution throughout Asia, all which are associated with changes in women's lives and how gender roles are unfolding. Discussed mainly in the context of development, gender issues tend to be marginalized from the larger globalization picture. Despite intersectional risks to women emanating from Asia's exceeding diversity, women living in the throes of globalization represent remarkably similar patterns that may enhance or deter efforts at gender equity. With globalization as the catalyst and overarching explanatory model, with and without the entanglement of development, four central themes are uncovered to inspect gender equity in developed and developing Asia: (1) De jure/de facto disconnect of legal approaches to gender equity, (2) Globalization's benefits and liabilities for women, (3) Strategies and resources leveraged by activists toward women's empowerment, and (4) Re-configuring gender roles in light of emerging "womanhoods." Contributing to discourse on critical issues surrounding women of Asia, this analysis additionally gives "voice" to women to tell their own stories on often understudied topics and issues.