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OCTOBER 29, 2019
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AWARD-WINNING POET AND SCHOLAR

DR. CHOMAN HARDI

FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF IRAQ, SULAIMANI

IN CONVERSATION WITH

GIRL RISING

CHRISTINA LOWERY, CEO

ON STORYTELLING FOR SOCIAL IMPACT
FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE COMMUNITY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2019
7PM SEATED DINNER AND PROGRAM

PROJECT FARMHOUSE

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A B O U T D R . C H O M A N H A R D I

“There is hope. If we continue working together, if we manage to mobilize and share power and resources, then change is possible.”



CHOMAN HARDI, PhD, is an educator, poet, and scholar whose work is informed by an intersectional approach to inequality. She is renowned for her pioneering activism on issues of gender and education.

Dr. Hardi returned to her native Sulaimani in 2014 to teach English and Gender Studies at the American University of Iraq, Sulaimani (AUIS), after 26 years of living abroad. She founded the Center for Gender and Development Studies (CGDS) at AUIS in 2015. Under Dr. Hardi's leadership, CGDS initiated the first interdisciplinary gender studies minor in Iraq and has since been granted one million dollars by the European Union to develop gender studies resources in Kurdish and Arabic for universities in the Middle East and North Africa. In 2019, she received over one million dollars by the UK's Global Challenge Research Fund (GCRF) for a five year research project on masculinity and violence in partnership with the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

Dr. Hardi is the author of critically acclaimed books in the fields of poetry, academia, and translation. Funded by the Leverhulme Trust, her post-doctoral research, *Gendered Experiences of Genocide: Anfal Survivors in Kurdistan-Iraq* (Routledge, 2011), was named a UK Core Title by the Yankee Book Peddler. Since 2010, poems from her first English collection, *Life for Us* (Bloodaxe, 2004), are studied by secondary school students as part of their English GCSE curriculum in the UK (AQA and Edexcel). Her second collection, *Considering the Women* (Bloodaxe, 2015), was given a Recommendation by the Poetry Book Society and shortlisted for the Forward Prize for Best Collection. Her translation of Sherko Bekas's *Butterfly Valley* (Arc Publishing, 2018) won a PEN Translates Award in 2017.

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Independently underwritten through the generosity of Jan Warner, this evening is designed to showcase Dr. Hardi's groundbreaking literary and academic accomplishments, which transcend boundaries of cultures and continents, and champion the art of storytelling in education.

To support the advancement of gender equity in communities worldwide, contributions have been made in association with this special convening to **CGDS**; **Girl Rising**, a global leader in changing the way societies value girls and invest in their potential; and **Soliya**, a pioneer in Virtual Exchange that has pledged inclusion of CGDS students and faculty in its signature Connect and Facilitation Training Programs.

Jan Warner is the author of Grief Day by Day: Simple Practices and Daily Guidance for Living with Loss. Her Facebook page, "Grief Speaks Out," has 2.4 million likes and supports grieving people all around the world.