



EDITORIAL

BREAKING GENDER BOUNDARIES

Each time gender boundaries break down there is occasion to celebrate. Yet the struggle is never complete. You often hear a 'yes, but...' The shifts are never enough. In this issue, **THINK** spotlights some remaining challenges while celebrating past achievements.

Without coordinating among themselves, our authors created a pattern. The first focus article (p.20) introduces three trailblazers at the University of Malta (UM), but the second (p.24) shows the sacrifices women made to get to the top. The third (p.28) talks about networking and empowerment in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics subjects), then in rushes the fourth article (p.30), which looks into sexual harassment in STEM careers and outlines the services UM offers to survivors.

Gender bias limits research. In medicine, it shuts some doctors' ears to patients' suffering (p.34), while in popular history it conceals how some men stood up to inequality (p.38). The opinion article (p.10) talks about how well-meaning stereotypes can turn ugly. Finally, we discuss work-related hazards: from getting too involved (p.40) to receiving threats for doing one's job (p.42). Powerfully, Prof. Clare Vassallo writes about her friend, murdered journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia (p.14).

Focusing on remaining barriers does not mean neglecting breakthroughs. Yet for our rigid world to change, we need to shift the conversation from 'yes, but...' to 'yes, this, as well as that.'

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