

Should somebody be baffled for “male historians” event?

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Stanford history event was 'too white and too male,' commented Maya Salam, from New York Times on Monday, March 19, 2018 (see: www.sfgate.com/education/article/). She mentioned 30 white men that spoke at an applied history conference at Stanford University in March invited by Niall Ferguson, the main organizer, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, conservative British historian. The blowup on "all-male history conference" was posted in Twitter by Ana Lucia Araujo, a history professor at Howard University in Washington. She wrote: "This goes for the Guinness Book of the century!" regarding "a team of 30 white male historians" listed as panelists and speakers at the conference on the campus near Palo Alto, California. "What a shame."

I should say that by the edge of the centuries we attended Asilomar conference organized by a Bay Area Fulbright Chapter led by Mrs. Marylin Herand and Professor Marvin Baron, UC Berkeley. At that time on our way to Pacific Grove or afterwards we visited the Hoover Museum and Stanford University. Scientists attending that event in November, 2000 were representing both genders from Argentina, Bulgaria, Canada, Kazakhstan, Middle East, Russia, Scandinavia, Vietnam, and US. That conference was held also in the heart of Silicon Valley. So that event showed that we really would “learn from our past attempts to learn” as would keep going on the route of current competitive world to more sundry viewpoints and gender parity, although possibly without hyperbolism of male dominance or racial bias. Remembering significant number of women in science, there would be no underestimation of their role during the subsequent forums. Purity of science is essential matter and specific character supposed to evoke permanent self-cleaning. We could see that during our past Fulbright visit to California and Asilomar Conference of Bay Area Fulbrighters, can notice that while current research and education process at al-Farabi and would witness that hopefully lots of times in the future.