

PAMELA DENOON LECTURE 2019

Khadija Gbla

*Invisible Women, Invisible Violence
in the Australian Human Rights landscape*

7 pm – Tuesday 5th March

NOTE: [Coombs Lecture Theatre](#)
Building 8A, Fellows Road
Australian National University



The recent high profile case of Saudi woman Rahaf Mohammed Mutlaq Alqunun seeking refuge in Australia brings much needed attention to dangers women face in an international context. Once here, however, women in culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities face enormous barriers to accessing domestic violence services. They are invisible in many ways, being under represented in data collection, disempowered by a lack of awareness of our health and social support systems and access barriers. They are rendered mute due to poor language proficiency, discrimination and community backlash. Victims face an increasingly hostile social policy framework that has set up significant delays in access to government-funded health and welfare payments and/or services.

Khadija Gbla, an African Australian woman will speak to these concerns. She is an award winning human rights activist who has been recognised by multiple agencies including Amnesty International and she has been a South Australian State finalist for Young Australian of the Year. Khadija is an inspirational speaker, a facilitator and consultant. She is an Ambassador for Our Watch, an organisation established to change attitudes to violence against women and their children. She is also a member of Harmony Alliance, a Migrant and Refugee Women for Change agency, that provides a nationally inclusive and informed voice on the multiplicity of issues impacting on migrant and refugee women in Australia.

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