

GENDER EQUALITY IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Fall 2016 Research & Findings

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Introduction and Overview

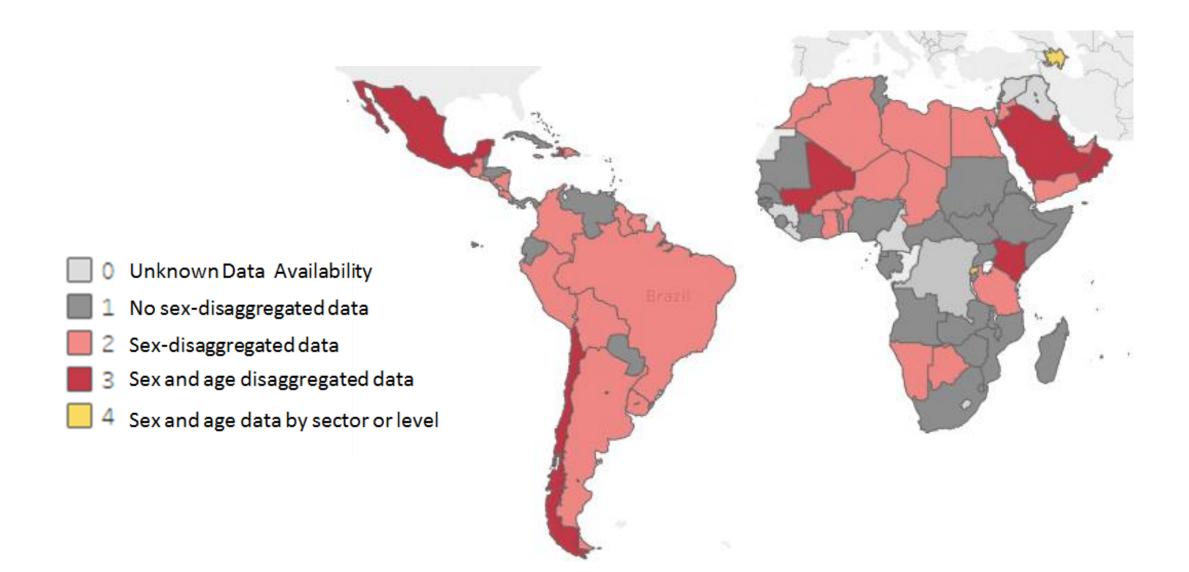
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GEPA Student Coordinator



Fall 2016 GEPA Working Group

- 22 graduate student researchers
 - Public Policy, Political Science, Public Health,
 Social Work
- 830 research hours
- 99 countries in LAC, Arab States, Africa
- Our work
 - Searching for publicly accessible, sex- and agedisaggregated data
 - Analysis of trends by age

Data Disaggregated by Sex and Age





Overview

- 1. What is Public Administration? A Regional Analysis
- 2. Gender Equality in Public Administration by Age
- 3. Glass Walls and Glass Ceilings by Age
- 4. LGBTI Participation in Public Administration
- Q&A after each section



What is Public Administration? A Regional Analysis



What is Public Administration in Africa? Ben Kistler

- Definition publicly available: 26 of 38 countries
- Of the 26 countries with definitions:
 - Codified in law in 13 countries (50%)
 - Police, Education, and Judiciary named most often



What is Public Administration in Latin America and the Caribbean? Anjali Martin

- Definition publicly available: 24 of 29 countries
- Of 24 countries with definitions:
 - 10 countries codified definition in the law; 3 in the constitution
 - Sectors named in 8 countries (33%)
 - Judiciary most common (5)



What is Public Administration in the Arab States?

Kate Hancock

- Definition publicly available: 10 of 18 countries
- Of 10 countries with definitions:
 - Codified in law in 7 countries (70%)
 - Sectors named in 7 countries (70%)
 - Defense, Education, and Public Health most common



What is Public Administration in Europe and Central Asia?

Carmalena Moffa

- Definition publicly available: 12 of 18 countries
- Of 12 countries with definitions:
 - 9 countries codified definition in the law; 3 in the constitution
 - Sectors named in just 4 countries (33%)
 - Military (3), Judiciary (1)



Questions and Answers

What is Public Administration?
A Regional Analysis



Gender Equality in Public Administration by Age

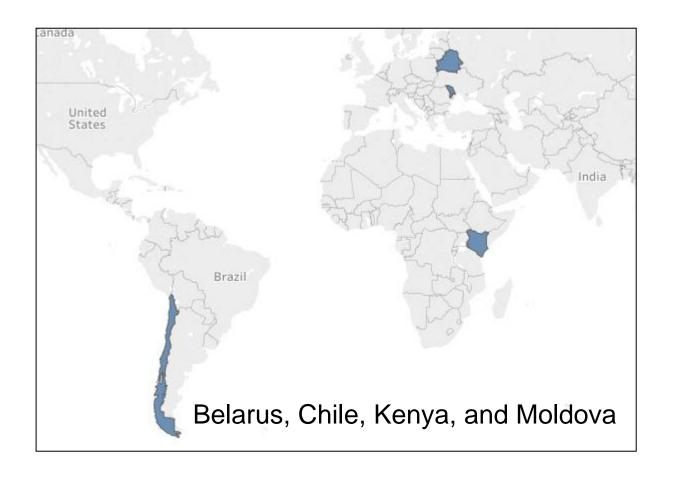


Gender Equality in Public Administration by Age

- Goal: understand how gender gaps vary by age
- Analyzed and visualized 16 countries with available data
- Surprising degree of variation and unexpected trends
- Classified six patterns:
 - Women are Overrepresented (2)
 - Relative Gender Balance
 - Men Are Overrepresented (3)

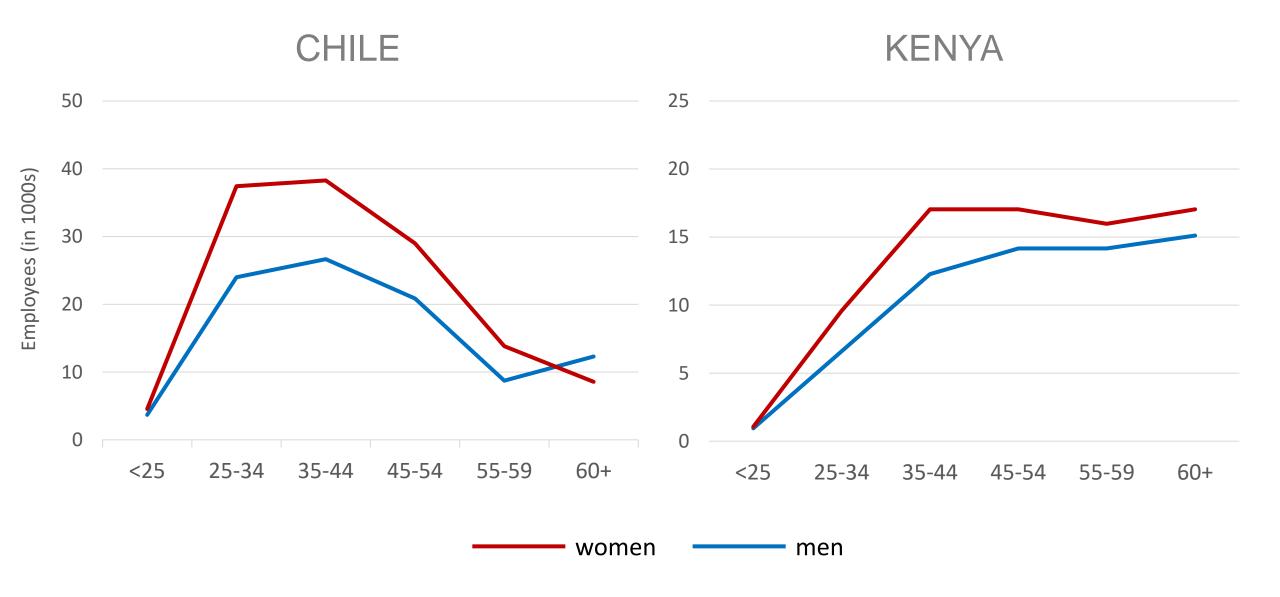


PATTERN I:
Women Are Overrepresented, Especially in Middle Age

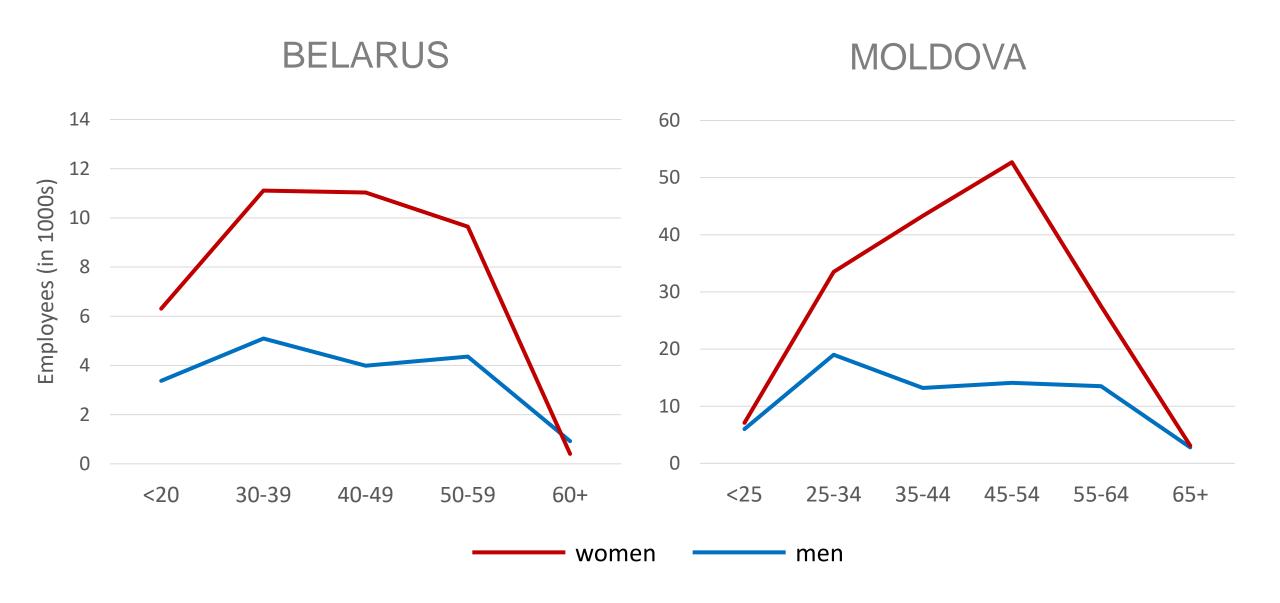


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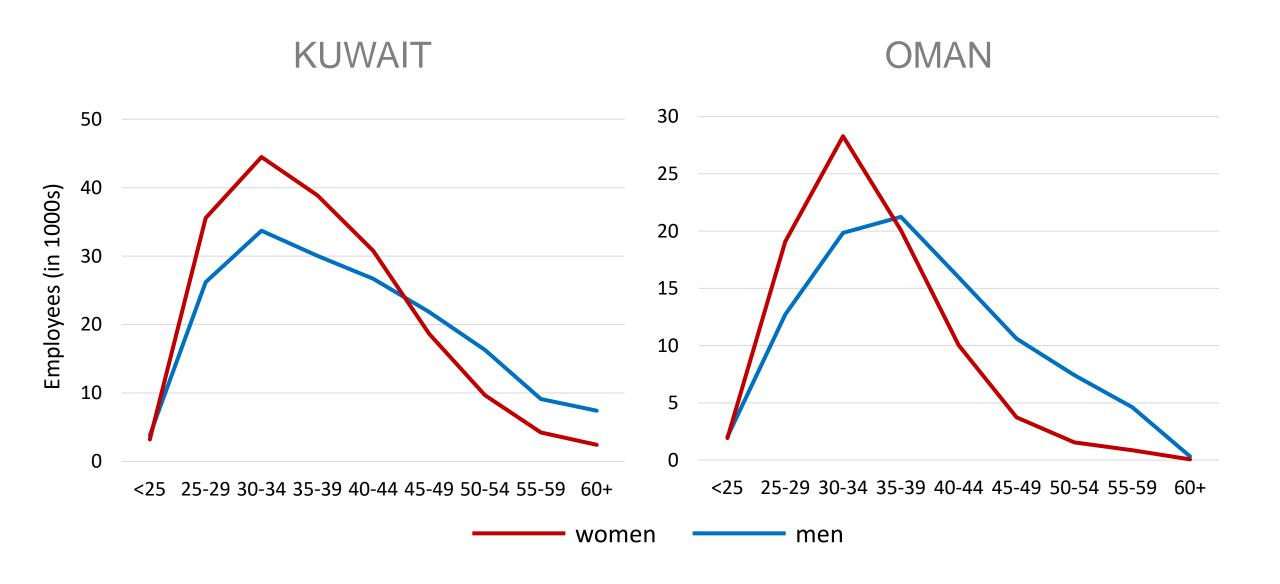
PATTERN II:

Women are Overrepresented, Only in Their 20s-30s



Elisabeth Benfield and Shashi Sarnaik

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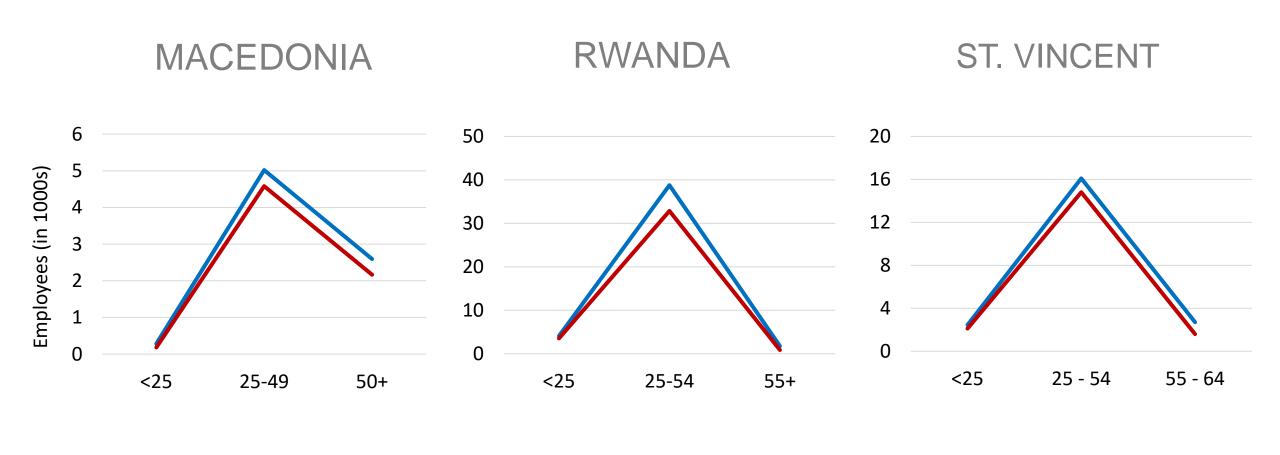
PATTERN III:

Relative Gender Balance



Martina Gesell and Lauren Ojeda

Relative Gender Balance



women

men



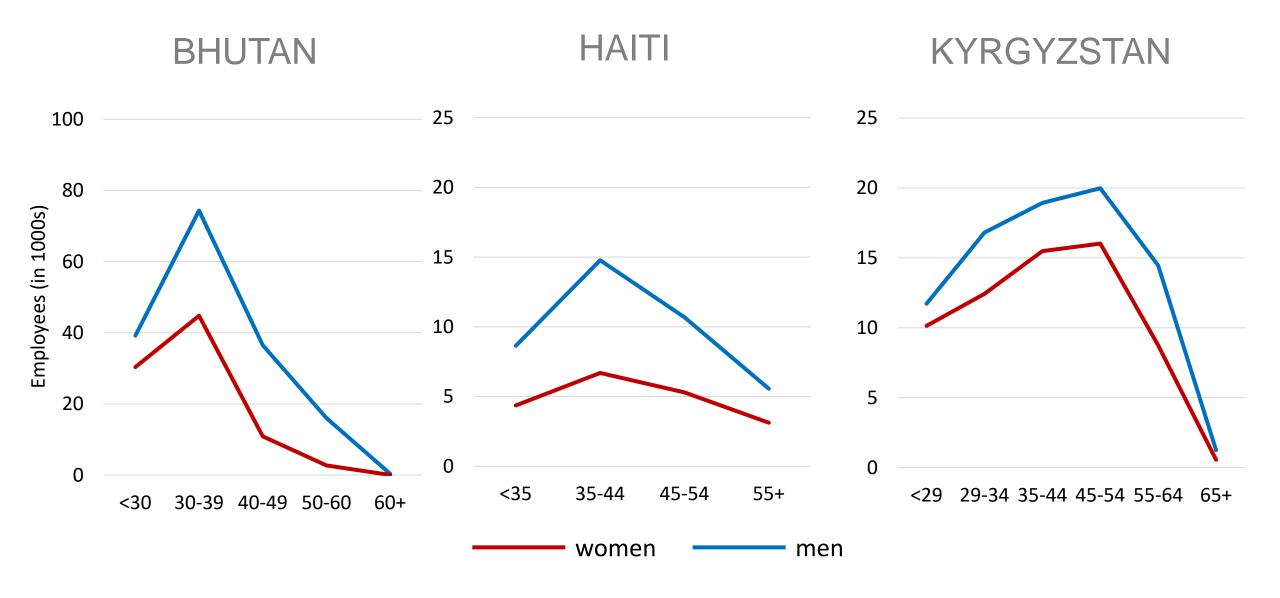
PATTERN IV:

Men Are Overrepresented, Especially in Middle Age



Mallory Womble and Amber Chaudhry

Men Are Overrepresented, Especially in Middle Age



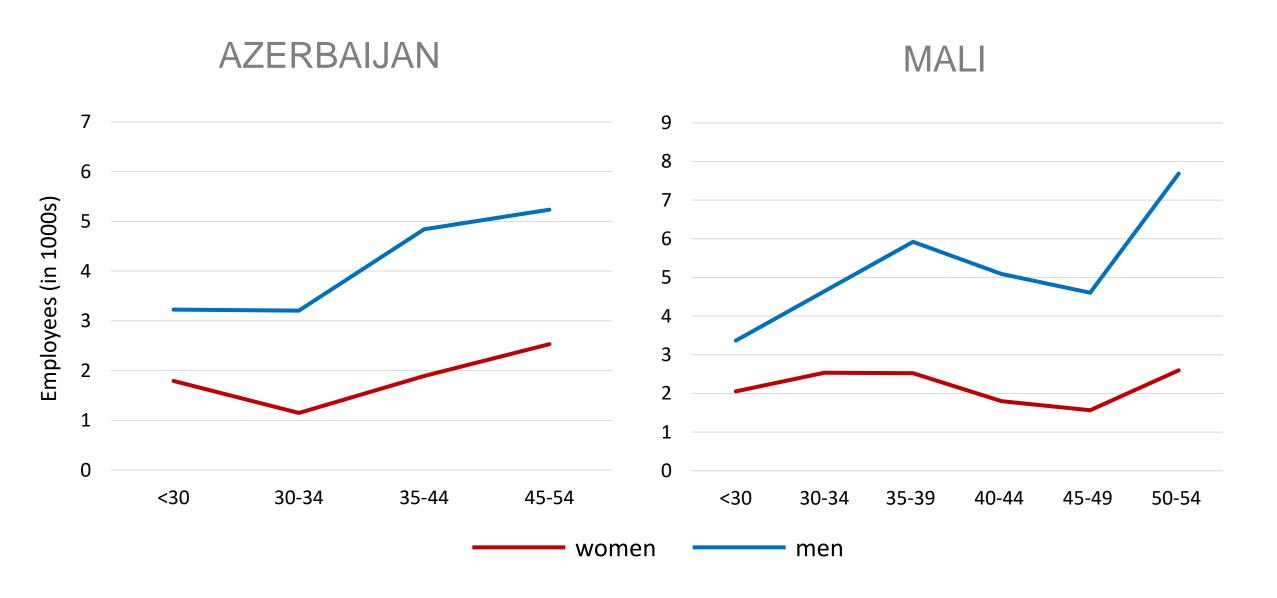


PATTERN V:

Men Are Overrepresented, Especially in Their 40s-50s



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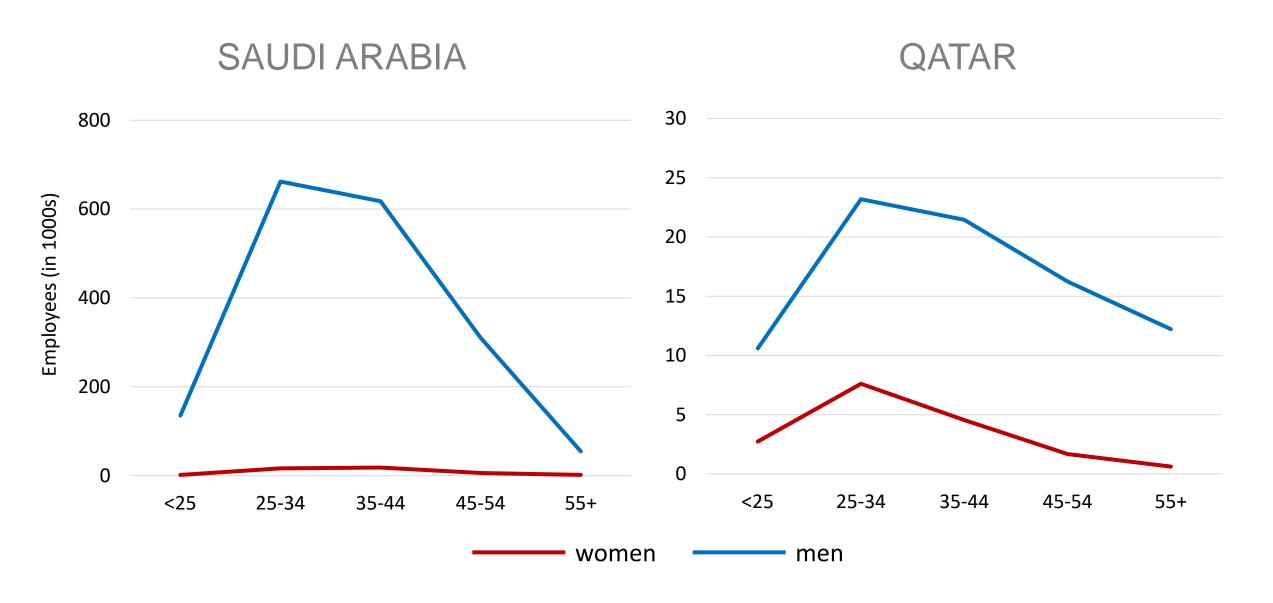


PATTERN VI:

Men are Vastly Overrepresented, Regardless of Age



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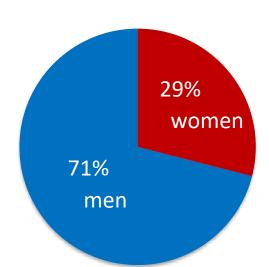
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Gender Equality in Public Administration by Age

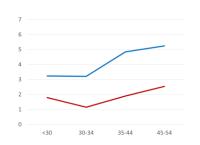


Glass Walls and Glass Ceilings by Age

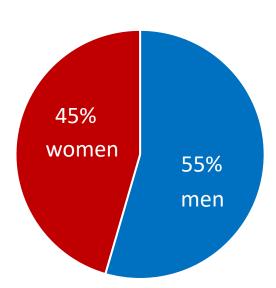
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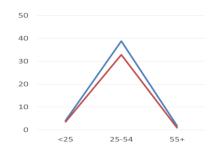
Glass Ceilings: Azerbaijan

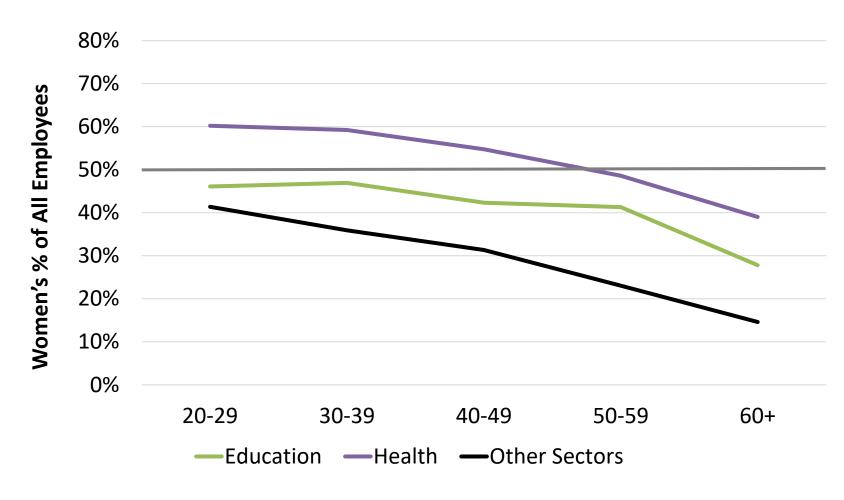


	Total	Under 30	30-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Administrative Posts: Superior - 3	28.3%	28.7%	30.5%	36.9%	32.6%	15.8%	11.1%
Administrative Posts: 4-7							
Deputy Head of Local Ex. Authority	22.8%	57.1%	50.0%	37.3%	18.6%	11.7%	0.0%
Head of Division	4.8%	4.1%	5.4%	4.2%	4.8%	4.8%	12.9%
Deputy Head of Division	7.3%	7.4%	2.4%	6.6%	8.9%	8.0%	18.8%
Head of Sector	18.3%	15.1%	12.3%	17.1%	22.6%	18.5%	21.4%
Chief Consultant	20.2%	19.8%	18.7%	18.5%	26.1%	17.0%	11.0%
Senior Consultant	25.6%	27.6%	21.3%	30.1%	28.6%	16.8%	33.3%
Leading Conultant	30.4%	30.1%	25.1%	28.9%	38.3%	28.7%	15.0%
Consultant	36.2%	41.2%	30.7%	28.7%	49.0%	33.1%	10.5%
Supplementary Posts:							
Chief Specialist	54.4%	58.5%	48.1%	60.0%	60.7%	36.6%	4.0%
Senior Specialist	60.3%	67.7%	53.2%	62.8%	57.1%	51.9%	55.6%
Leading Specialist	67.2%	61.8%	58.0%	67.6%	78.1%	70.9%	66.7%
Specialist	50.3%	44.1%	36.6%	46.9%	65.5%	50.7%	44.4%



Glass Walls: Rwanda







Questions and Answers Glass Walls and Glass Ceilings by Age



LGBTI Participation in Public Administration

Daniel Jacobson and Leslie Marshall



Overview of Research

Sub-Saharan Africa:

- West Africa
 - Cabo Verde; Guinea-Bissau
- Southern Africa
 - South Africa
- East Africa
 - Kenya; Rwanda

Americas & Caribbean:

- North and Central America
 - Canada; Mexico
- South America
 - Argentina; Brazil; Uruguay
- Caribbean
 - Cuba; Haiti; Dominican Republic



Departing from the GEPA Approach May Be Necessary

1. Grouping LGB and T and I

- Not mutually exclusive categories
- Differences within and across groups that vary by context

2. Collecting Individual-Level Data

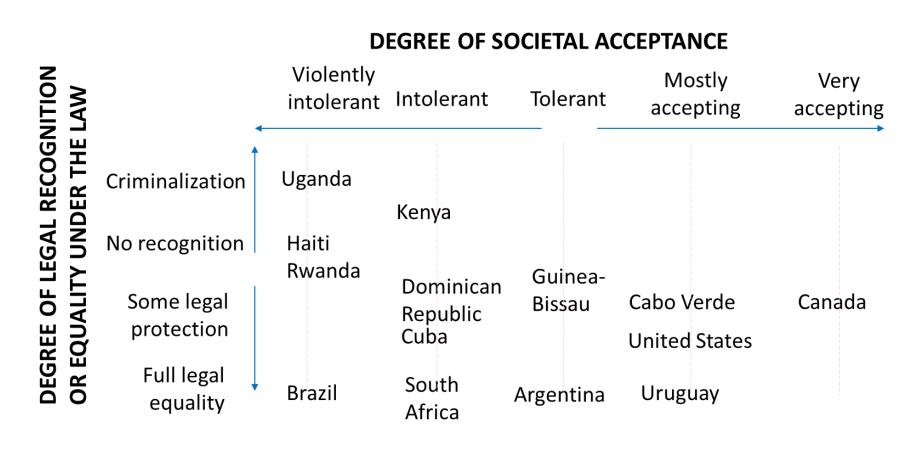
Sexual orientation and gender identity are fluid

3. Unintended Negative Consequences

- Reporting could lead to "witch hunts" in some contexts
- Increase in anti LGBT violence



Typology of LGBTI Legal Recognition and Societal Acceptance





A Path Forward

An Employer-Centered Approach:

- Employment and workplace benefits
- Laws and policies that establish rights and protect freedom of expression
- Follow the advocates and activists
 - Include government partnerships with NGOs who advocate for LGBTI

Advantages:

- Involve wide range of actors across countries and regions
- Draw on massive body of work already completed



Next Steps for LGBTI Working Group

Proposal for Spring 2017:

- Identify successful country examples of progress on LGBTI rights, representation, and participation in the public sector
- Draw from research on bureaucracy and ethnic/racial politics
- Follow the work of advocates and activists

Questions to Ask:

- What are the effects of anti-discrimination laws and polices?
- What are the best practices for implementation and enforcement?
- Who should be involved in policymaking?
- What data are already being collected?



Questions and Answers LGBTI Participation in Public Administration



Discussion and Next Steps