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Dr. Fahima Aziz is the Vice Chancellor of the Asian University for Women Chittagong, Bangladesh. Prior coming to Asian University for Women Dr. Aziz served Endowed Chair in International Business and Economics at Hamline University in St Paul, Minnesota, USA. Dr. Aziz chaired the Department of Management and Economics for ten years and concurrently chaired the Environmental Studies Program for seven years at Hamline University. Dr. Aziz earned her MS from the University of Massachusetts, and a PhD from the University of Minnesota, all in economics. Her research interests include micro-finance, poverty and income inequality, gender and race in the labor market, women and leadership, and, more recently, the scholarship of teaching and learning.

Dr. Aziz is deeply interested in examining how students learn and the importance of instilling metacognitive skills in students for enhancing learning. She has earned many awards at Hamline, including the Burton and Ruth Grimes Outstanding Teaching Award and the John Wesley Trustee Award for her outstanding leadership and contributions as a faculty. Recently, she was awarded the Outstanding Alumni Award 2012 from the Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota. Dr. Aziz was also awarded the prestigious Fellowship for Leadership in Higher Education from the American Council for Education, Washington D.C. Dr. Aziz had also been the President of the Minnesota Economic Association. Dr. Aziz has numerous publications and presentations on her areas of research.

**Panel Discussion – 9:** Equality of Access and Role of Women in Higher Education and in Society