Women in QIT - question list

1 Introduction
   • When was it clear to study Physics or something in the MINT field?
   • What did you study?
   • When did you decide to do Phd or to want to become a professor?

2 Family
   • If you have a partner, how did you find a place where you both would be happy?
   • Do you have kids? If yes:
     – Were you afraid to get pregnant or to tell it someone?
     – How did your partner / family react?
   • Is there a “good time” to get pregnant?

3 Sexual assault
   • Have you ever heard about sexual assault in your career?
   • Have you thought about it while choosing your adviser? If yes:
     – How did you handle it; or how would you nowadays handle it?

4 Women programs
   • Do we need ”Women in something“ programs?
   • Is it legitimate to have such programs and what are they good for?
   • Do you feel that participating in “Women in something” programs gives you an unfair advantage?
   • Do you worry about what outsiders think of such programs?
   • Do you feel you must go to social events in order to advance your career?
5 Men versus Women

- Did you ever feel uncomfortable as a woman in a lecture hall or at a conference (possibly being the only women)? What can men do to make you feel better in such a situation?

- Were there comments like "The reason you are at this position is cause you are a woman."?

- Do/Did you feel like you do more service work than your male peers? Service work meaning: being on committees, organizing conferences/events, etc.

6 Further questions

- It seems that scientists (of any gender) must always show strength - we are all energetic, always focused, always ready to do things, always active.
  - Do you feel the same?
  - Does this cause additional problems for women?
  - How much "weakness" is accepted in science?

- What is something you wish you had known as a graduate student/postdoc/more junior professor?

- Do you have further advices?

- Do you wish some changes for the new generation?