

**M. PHIL SYLLABUS**

**2015**

**SCHOOL OF WOMEN'S STUDIES**

**JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY**

## LAYOUT OF THE SYLLABUS

<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>	CORE COURSE	<b>Feminist Thoughts and Practices I</b>	<b>CC101</b>
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Students will be offered at least two courses from the optional courses depending on the availability of teachers. A minimum of three students will be considered for running a course.

# **CORE COURSE: ONE**

## **PAPER CODE: CC101**

### **Feminist Thoughts and Practices: An Introduction**

This course is designed to provide students with an introduction to key directions and themes in feminist thought and practice both internationally and in a more local context. The course spans a time frame starting from the eighteenth–nineteenth century to the contemporary times. The course will dwell on key issues in feminist theory and attempt to foreground the interconnections of theory and practice through drawing the historical trajectory of feminist activism. The course will also explore the multiple ways in which other political/social movements have created webs of connectivity with the feminist movement. This course neither aims to be comprehensive nor proposes to cover all the debates and issues that have engaged feminists over years. It however, does hope to provide the context to draw students in a lively engagement, both inside and outside the classroom, with different imaginations and possibilities of practicing theory and theorizing practice with a feminist perspective.

### **Unit 1**

- Liberal Individualism and Women’s Rights: Suffragette, Employment, Education
- Theorizing around Patriarchy and Capitalism: Marxist and Socialist feminism
- Questioning the Public/Private: Radical feminism
- Indian Women’s Movement: Nationalism and New Social Movements

### **Essential Reading**

1. Wollstonecraft, Mary. “A Vindication of the Rights of Women”. Dover Publications, New York, [1792]1996.
2. Hartmann, Heidi I. “The Unhappy Marriage of Marxism and Feminism: Towards a More Progressive Union.” *Capital & Class*. 3(2): 1-33, 1979.
3. Beauvoir, Simone de. *The Second Sex*. Vintage Classics, New, [1949] 1996.
4. Sangari, Kumkum, and Sudesh Vaid (eds.) *Recasting Women*. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1989.
5. Banerjee, Nirmala et al. *Mapping the Field*. Volume 1 and 2. Stree, Kolkata, 2011.

## **Suggested Readings**

1. Mill, John Stuart. *The Subjection of Women*. Longmans, Greens, Reader & Dyer, London, 1869.
2. Rowbotham, Sheila. *Woman's Consciousness, Man's World*. Penguin Books, 1974.
3. Pateman, Carole. *The Sexual Contract*. Stanford University Press, 1988.
4. Greer, Germaine. *The Female Eunuch*. Harper Perennial Modern Classics, 2008.
5. Rajan, Rajeswari Sunder. *The Scandal of the State: Women, Law, and Citizenship in Postcolonial India*. Duke University Press, 2003.

## **Unit 2**

- Questioning the Family, State and the Labour Market
- Women's Labour– Productive and Reproductive Labour
- Women in India: Land and Labour
- Women in India: Poverty and Livelihoods

## **Essential Reading**

1. Tinker, Irene. *Persistent Inequalities: Women and World Development*. Oxford University Press, 1990.
2. Fraad, Harriet, Stephen A. Resnick, and Richard David Wolff. *Bringing it All Back Home: Class, Gender and Power in the Modern Household*. Pluto Press (UK), 1994.
3. Banerjee, Nirmala. *Indian Women in a Changing Industrial Scenario*. No. 5. Sage Publications Pvt. Ltd, 1991.
4. Burra, Neera, Joy Deshmukh- Ranadive, and Ranjani K. Murthy (eds.) *Micro-credit, Poverty and Empowerment: Linking the Triad*. Sage, 2005.

## **Suggested Readings**

1. Eisenstein, Zillah R. *Capitalist Patriarchy and the Case for Socialist Feminism*. Monthly Review Press, New York, 1979.
2. Edholm, Felicity, Olivia Harris, and Kate Young. "Conceptualising Women". *Critique of Anthropology* 3. No. 9-10: 101-130, 1978.
3. Agarwal, Bina. *A Field of One's Own: Gender and Land Rights in South Asia*. Vol. 58. Cambridge University Press, 1994.
4. Banerjee, Nirmala. "Working Women in Colonial Bengal: Modernization and Marginalization". *Re-casting Women: Essays in Indian Colonial History*. Kali for Women, New Delhi, 1989.

### **Unit 3**

- Understanding sexual difference across biological determinism, social construction and neo-materialism
- Introduction of 'gender' into feminism and understanding patriarchy
- Interrogating universals: Challenging the homogenous category called 'woman': Race, Ethnicity, Caste, Community, Sexuality

#### **Essential Reading**

1. Moitra, Shefali. *Feminist Thought: Androcentrism, Communication, and Objectivity*. New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata, 2002.
2. Haraway, Donna. "'Gender' for a Marxist Dictionary: The Sexual Politics of a Word", *Simians, Cyborgs and Women: The Reinvention of Nature*. London: Free Association Books, 1991.
3. Mohanty, Chandra Talpade. "Under Western Eyes: Feminist Scholarship and Colonial Discourse". In *Third World Women and the Politics of Feminism*, ed. Chandra Talpade Mohanty, Ann Russo, and Lourdes Torres. Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1991.
4. Rege, Sharmila. "Dalit Women Talk Differently: A Critique of 'Difference' and Towards a Dalit Feminist Standpoint Position" *Economic and Political Weekly*: WS39-WS46, 1998.
5. Combahee River Collection [ [circuitous.org/scraps/combahee.html](http://circuitous.org/scraps/combahee.html) ]

#### **Suggested Readings**

1. Laqueur, Thomas Walter. *Making Sex: Body and Gender from the Greeks to Freud*. Harvard University Press, 1992.
2. Nicholson, Linda. "Interpreting Gender". *Signs*, Vol. 20, No. 79-105, 1994.
3. Tharu, Susie, and Tejaswini Niranjana. "Problems for a Contemporary Theory of Gender". *Social Scientist*, pp. 93-117, 1994.
4. Menon, Nivedita (ed.) *Sexuality: Issues in Contemporary Indian Feminism*. Zed Books Ltd, 2007.
5. Davis, Angela Y. *Women, Race and Class*. Vintage, 2011.
6. Braidotti, Rosi. "Feminist Epistemology after Postmodernism: Critiquing Science, Technology and Globalisation". *Interdisciplinary Science Reviews* 32(1): 65-74, 2007.

## **Unit 4**

- The Post-Structuralist turn in feminism: Language, discourse and power
- Psychoanalysis, subjectivity and feminist politics
- Equality vs. difference feminism, Third World Feminism, Eco-Feminism
- Emerging Concerns: Queer Feminism, Trans Feminism

### **Essential readings**

1. Derrida, Jacques. "Structure, Sign and Play in the Discourse of the Human Sciences" in *Writing and Difference*. Trans. Alan Bass, London: Routledge, pp. 278-294, 1978.
2. Foucault, Michel. "The Subject and Power" in *Power, the Essential Works*. London: Penguin Press, 1982.
3. Freud, Sigmund. "Lecture XXXIII: Femininity". *New Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis*, pp. 1965-99, 1933.
4. Butler, Judith. "Bodies that Matter" in Janet Price and Margrit Shildrick (eds.), *Feminist Theory and the Body*, 1999.
5. Grosz, Elizabeth. "Sexual Difference and the Problem of Essentialism". *The Essential Difference*. pp. 82-97, 1994.
6. Butler, Judith. "Against Proper Objects. Introduction". *A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies* 6. 2 + 3, 1994.

### **Suggested readings**

1. Zuckert, Catherine. "The Politics of Derridean Deconstruction". *Polity*, 23(3): 335-356, 1991.
2. Scott, Joan. "Deconstructing Equality-Versus-Difference: or, The Uses of Post-structuralist Theory for Feminism" in Anne C Hermann, Abigail J Stewart (eds.) *Theorizing Feminism: Parallel Trends in the Humanities and Social Sciences*, Westwind Press, 1994.
3. J. Lacan. "The Meaning of the Phallus" in Juliet Mitchell & Jacqueline Rose (eds). *Feminine Sexuality* New York, London: W.W. Norton & Company, 1985.
4. Foucault, Michel. "The History of Sexuality. Volume 1: An Introduction". Translated by Robert Hurley. New York, Pantheon, 1978.
5. Koyama, Emi. "The Transfeminist Manifesto" in Rory Dicker and Alison Piepmeier (eds) *Catching a Wave: Reclaiming Feminism for the Twenty-First Century*, Northeastern University Press, 2003.

## **CORE COURSE: TWO**

### **PAPER CODE: CC102**

#### **Research Methodologies**

Research Methods are a central part of any intellectual pursuit. This paper carries an idea of areas of study which are accessible only to those who have undergone a lengthy training process in order to understand their inner workings. At the same time there are also those within these disciplines who might characterize themselves as ‘theorists’ rather than ‘researchers’. The latter concentrates on the process of research while the former might argue that they gain an advantage in having a distance from the empirical world in order to reflect upon those processes and products. There is a merit in both the views for they are not opposites that their respective protagonists often claim to be. Both innovative thinking and meticulous attention to the detail of the data gathering inform the practice of research. Theory, methodology and methods are all part of the issues and processes that surround and inform a discipline. These differences however frequently lead to disputes as well as confusions over the nature of research and the methods which it should employ in pursuance of its aim. For this reason the paper has been divided into under separate units each concentrating on different areas/issues in research. There are ways in which we gain our knowledge of the social world, the relationships that are held to exist between theory and research, and the place of values and ethics in research. While these issues are complicated they are also fundamental to an understanding of research methods. Without this, issues and methods can become separated and students left with the impression that they simply have to learn various techniques in order to undertake research. A narrow attitude to research practice perpetuates the idea that theory, ethics, values and methods of social research are distinct topics and that researchers despite living and participating in the societies that they study are somehow distinct from the social world which they aim to understand.

This paper will sensitize students about the choices that are available while doing research. Second, the students will be aware of the ‘do’s’ and ‘don’ts’ of while applying a particular approach for collecting and analyzing data. Third, it aims at training students with the overall research process enabling them to understand the difference between research needed for academic pursuits and common-sense deliberations. Such skills will empower students of a training that will be relevant to research in other spheres.

#### **Unit 1: Contextualizing Research**

- Relationship between Ontology, Epistemology, Methodology and Method; Issues in choosing a researchable topic and formulating a research problem; Units of Analysis and Units of Observation

- Research Design and Research Process: Types of Designs; Stages in research; Links between theory and Research
- Concepts, Variables, Developing a Hypothesis, Strategies for testing a Hypothesis
- Sampling: Methods and Types, Importance of Measurement in research
- Values and Ethics in Feminist Research; Unobtrusive Measures in Research
- Critique of Natural Science Research, Social Science Research and Research in Humanities
- Breaking the Quantitative and Qualitative Divide, Mixed Methods, Triangulation

### **Readings:**

1. Hakim, Catherine. *“Research Design: Strategies and Choices in the Design of Social Research”*. London, Routledge, 1987.
2. Hammersley, Martyn, ed. *Social Research: Philosophy, Politics and Practice*. Sage, 1993.
3. Brewer, John, and Albert Hunter. *Multimethod Research: A Synthesis of Styles*. Sage Publications, 1989.
4. Reinharz, Shulamit, and Lynn Davidman. *Feminist Methods in Social Research*. Oxford University Press, 1992.
5. Roberts H. *Doing Feminist Research*, London, Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1990.

## **Unit 2: Quantitative Research Methodology and Method**

- Approaches to Quantitative Research Traditions: Empiricism, Realism, Positivism
- Types of data gathered in Quantitative research: Sample Surveys: Origin of Surveys, Purposes and characteristics, uses; Case Study, Document (Official) Analysis, Content Analysis.
- Sources of Quantitative Data in Indian Context
- Types of Data gathered in Survey: Face-to-face Interviews, Mailed Questionnaire, and Telephone Surveys.
- Role of Interviewers, Issues in Constructing Questionnaire, Methods for eliciting high return in Mailed Questionnaire.
- Appropriate topics for surveys, Validity and Reliability in Survey; Establishing Causality, Experimental and Control groups
- Analysis and Interpretation of Quantitative Research Data
- Writing a Quantitative Research Report

### **Readings:**

1. Fowler, F. *Survey Research Methods*. London Routledge, 1993.
2. Bryman, Alan. *Quantity and Quality in Social Research*. London Sage, 1988.



3. Bryman, Alan. *Social Research Methods*. Oxford University Press, 2012.
4. Lewis-Beck, Michael, Alan E. Bryman, and Tim Futing Liao. *The Sage Encyclopedia of Social Science Research Methods*. Sage Publications, 2003.

### **Unit 3: Qualitative Research Methodology and Methods**

- Approaches to Qualitative Research/Traditions in Qualitative research: Critical Research, Interpretivism, Ethnomethodology, Post modernism, Feminist Research as Qualitative Research, Feminist Critique of Qualitative Research
- The origin and goal of Feminist research methodology: Empowerment and Emancipation, Objectivity/Subjectivity in Social research, Role of experience in Feminist Methodology, Nature of research relationships.
- Seeking appropriate topics for Qualitative Research (Feminist Research); Problems and Issues with Feminist methodology
- Type of data gathered in Qualitative research: In-depth Interviews, Focus Groups, Observation, Ethnography (Feminist Ethnography), Case Study, Document (Personal) Analysis, Narrative Analysis, Conversation Analysis, Thematic (Content) Analysis, Textual Analysis, Archives.
- Issues in conducting Qualitative research studies: Validity, Reactivity, Subjectivity, Reliability, Access, Ethics, and Reflexivity.
- Analysis and Interpretation of Qualitative Research Data
- Writing a Qualitative Research Report (Feminist Research).

#### **Readings:**

1. Bryman, Alan. *Quantity and Quality in Social Research*. London Sage, 1988.
2. Evelyn Fox Keller, Helen E. Longino (eds.). *Feminism and Science*. Oxford University Press, 1986.
3. Bryman Alan. *Social Research Methods*. Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2009
4. Lewis-Beck, Michael, Alan E. Bryman, and Tim Futing Liao. *The Sage Encyclopedia of Social Science Research Methods*. Sage Publications, 2003.
5. Silverman, David. (eds), *Qualitative Research: Theory, Method and Practice*. London, Sage, 2004.
6. Berg, B. L. *Qualitative Research Methods for the Social Sciences*. Needham Heights: Viacom. 1998.
7. Brewer, John, and Albert Hunter. *Multimethod Research: A Synthesis of Styles*. Sage Publications, Inc, 1989.
8. Reinharz, Shulamit, and Lynn Davidman. *Feminist Methods in Social Research*. Oxford University Press, 1992.
9. Roberts, Helen. *Doing Feminist Research*. Routledge, 1990.

# CORE COURSE: THREE

## PAPER CODE: CC201

### Feminist Thoughts and Practices II

#### Unit 1

- Theories of development -Modernization, dependency theory
- Boserup Thesis
- Gendering Development- WID/WAD/GAD
- Development as Discourse

#### Essential Reading

1. Wallerstein, Immanuel, *The Capitalist World Economy*. Cambridge University Press. Cambridge. Part I (The Inequalities of Core and Periphery), 1993.
2. Boserup, Ester. *Women's Role in Economic Development*. London, Routledge, 2007.
3. Visvanathan, Nalini, et al., eds. *The Women, Gender, and Development Reader*. New Africa Books, 1997.
4. Escobar, Arturo. *Encountering Development: The Making and Unmaking of the Third World*. Princeton, Princeton University Press, 1993.

#### Suggested Readings

1. Scott, C.V. "Gender and Development: Rethinking Modernization and Dependency". *Canadian Journal of Development Studies* 17, pp. 170-172, 1996.
2. Beneria, Lourdes, and Gita Sen. "Accumulation, Reproduction, and Women's Role in Economic Development: Boserup revisited". *Signs* 7(2), 1981.
3. Moser, Caroline. *Gender Planning and Development: Theory, Practice and Training*. London: Routledge, 1993.
4. Kabeer, Naila. *Reversed Realities: Gender Hierarchies in Development Thought*. New Delhi, Kali for Women, 1996.
5. Jacquette, J. "Women and Modernization Theory: A Decade of Feminist Criticism". *World Politics*, Vol. XXXIV, No 2, 1982.

## **Unit 2**

- Debates on Globalization, Neoliberalism
- Informalization and women's work
- Women poverty and migration

### **Essential Reading**

1. Stiglitz, Joseph. *Globalization and its Discontents*. Penguin Books, 2003.
2. Tinker, Irene. *Persistent Inequalities*. Oxford University Press, 1984.
3. Standing, Guy. "Global Feminization through Flexible Labor: A Theme Revisited". *World Development* 27(3): 583-602, 1999.
4. Mahapatro, Sandhya Rani. *Patterns and Determinants of Female Migration in India: Insights from Census*. Institute for Social and Economic Change, 2010.

### **Suggested Reading**

1. Harvey, David. *A Brief History of Neoliberalism*. Oxford University Press, 2005.
2. Beneria, Lourdes, and Shelley Feldman. *Unequal Burden: Economic Crises, Persistent Poverty, and Women's Work*. Colorado, Westview Press, No. E50 18. 1992.
3. Unni, Jeemol. "Gender and informality in labour market in South Asia". *Economic and Political Weekly*, pp. 2360-2377, 2001.
4. Bannerjee, Nirmala. "How Real is the Bogey of Feminization", Mary John (ed) *Women's Studies in India: A Reader*. Penguin Books, 2008.
5. Banerjee, Arpita, and Saraswati Raju. "Gendered Mobility: Women Migrants and Work in Urban India". *Economic and Political Weekly*. July 11, pp. 115-123, 2009.

## **Unit 3**

- Social determinants of health and health policies
- Biopolitics and the body
- Reproductive health (Contraceptives, abortion, surrogacy and ARS)
- Body – disability, prostitution and LBT issues (HIV,Trans)
- Mental health

## Essential readings

1. Canguilhem, Georges. *The Normal and the Pathological*. 1991.
2. Foucault, Michel. *The History of Sexuality, vol. 1*, trans. Robert Hurley (New York: Vintage, 1978), 1978.
3. Qadeer, Imrana, and Mary E. John. "The Business and Ethics of Surrogacy". *Economic and Political Weekly*, pp. 10-12, 2009.
4. Ghai, Anita. "Disabled Women: An Excluded Agenda of Indian Feminism". *Hypatia* 17.3, pp. 49-66, 2002.
5. Davar, Bhargavi V. (ed.) *Mental Health from a Gender Perspective*. Sage Publications, 2001.

## Suggested readings

1. Simon-Kumar, Rachel. "'Marketing' Reproduction: Ideology and Population Policy in India". Zubaan, 2006.
2. Wendell, Susan. "Toward a Feminist Theory of Disability". *Hypatia* 4(2): 104-124, 1989.
3. Arnold, Fred, Sunita Kishor, and T. K. Roy. "Sex-Selective Abortions in India". *Population and Development Review* 28(4): 759-785, 2002.
4. Meyer, Ilan H. "Why Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgender Public Health", *American Journal of Public Health*, 91(6), 2001.
5. Das, Anirban. "Choice, Life and the (m)other: Towards Ethics in/of Abortion". *Applied Ethics and Human Rights: Conceptual Analysis and Contextual Applications*. p. 219, 2010.
6. Levine, Philippa. "Rereading the 1890s: Venereal Disease as 'Constitutional Crisis' in Britain and British India". *The Journal of Asian Studies* 55(3): 585-612, 1996.

## Unit 4

- Women and religious fundamentalism (South-Asian debates)
- Women and honor: Family, State and Violence
- Women and Politics: Iran, China, Egypt, South Africa, Chile, Argentina, Palestine (any three)

## Essential readings

1. Bacchetta, Paola. *Gender in the Hindu Nation*. New Delhi, Women Unlimited, 2004.
2. Butalia, Urvashi and Sarkar, Tanika. *Women and the Hindu Right*. New Delhi, Kali for Women, 1995.

3. Chhachhi Amrita. "The State, Religious Fundamentalism and Women Trends in South Asia". *Economic and Political Weekly*, 24(11), 1989.
4. Kapur, Ratna, and Brenda Cossman. "Communalising Gender/Engendering Community: Women, Legal Discourse and Saffron Agenda". *Economic and Political Weekly*, WS35-WS44, 1993.
5. Hossain, Sara, and Lynn Welchman (eds.) *Honour: Crimes, Paradigms and Violence against Women*. Spinifex Press, 2005.

### **Suggested readings**

1. Bhasin, Kamla and Ritu Menon (for India), Khan Nighat Said (for Pakistan) (eds.) *Against All Odds: Essays on Women, Religion and Development from India and Pakistan*. New Delhi, Kali for Women, 1994.
2. Jayawardena, Kumari, and Malathi De Alwis. *Embodied Violence: Communalising Women's Sexuality in South Asia*. Zed Books, 1996.
3. Butalia, Urvashi. *The Other Side of Silence: Voices from the Partition of India*. Duke University Press, 2000.
4. International Initiative for Justice in Gujarat. *Threatened Existence: A Feminist Analysis of the Genocide in Gujarat*. Forum against Oppression of Women, 2003.

### **Unit 5**

- Liberalism, state and democracy
- Women and democracy
- Can woman speak? Gender and semantic authority
- Who speaks for woman: Caste, class and community
- Politics, justice and ethics: impartiality vs difference
- Speaking in a different voice: feminist responses to impartiality

### **Essential readings**

1. Pateman, Carole. *The Sexual Contract*. Stanford University Press, 1988.
2. Philips, Anne. "Democracy" in Alison Jagger and Iris Young (eds.) *A Companion to Feminist Philosophy*. Blackwell, 1998.
3. Gilligan, Carole. *In a Different Voice, Psychological Theory and Women's Development* Harvard University Press, 1990.
4. Friedman, Marilyn. "Impartiality", in Allison Jagger and Iris Marion Young (eds.), *A Companion to Feminist Philosophy*. Oxford: Blackwell, 1998.

5. Kiss, Elizabeth. "Justice" in Allison Jagger and Iris Marion Young (eds.), *A Companion to Feminist Philosophy*. Oxford: Blackwell, 1998.
6. Gill, Priti. (Ed) *The Peripheral Centre: Voices from India's Northeast*, Zubaan, 2013.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Gilligan, Carol. *The Deepening Darkness: Patriarchy, Resistance and Democracy's Future*. Harvard University Press, New York University, 2008.
2. Spivak, Gayatri Chakravorty. "Can the Subaltern Speak?" in C. Nelson and L. Grossberg (eds) *Marxism and the Interpretation of Culture*, Macmillan, 1988.
3. Sen, Samita. "Towards a Feminist Politics? The Indian Women's Movement in Historical Perspective" in Karin Kapadia (ed) *The Violence of Development The Politics of Identity Gender and Social Inequalities in India*, New Delhi, Kali for Women, 2002.

### **Unit 6**

- Science – methods, methodology, epistemology
- Does science have a history?
- Is science socially constructed? Does science construct society?
- Feminist critique of science – scientific practice, institutions, language, methodology
- Contextualizing feminist response to science in India

### **Essential readings:**

1. Bernal, John Desmond. *Science in History*. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1969.
2. Kumar, Neelam (ed), *Women and Science in India: A Reader*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2009.
3. Raina, Dhruv. *Images and Contexts: The Historiography of Science and Modernity in India*. New Delhi, India: Oxford University Press, 2003.
4. Moitra, Shefali. "Feminist Thought and Objectivity" in *Feminist Thought. Androcentrism, Communication and Objectivity*. Kolkata: Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd. 2002.
5. Harding, Sandra. "Rethinking Feminist Standpoint: What is 'Strong Objectivity'?" in *The Feminist Standpoint Reader* (ed.) by Sandra Harding. New York and London, Routledge, 2004.
6. Evelyn Fox Keller and Helen E. Longino (ed.) *Feminism and Science*. Oxford University Press, 1996.

## Suggested readings

1. Needham, Joseph Dhruv Raina and Habib, Irfan (eds.) *Situating the History of Science: Dialogues with Joseph Needham*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1999.
2. Haraway, Donna. "Situated Knowledges: The Science Question in Feminism and the Privilege of Partial Perspective" in Sandra Harding, *The Feminist Standpoint Reader*. New York and London, Routledge, 2004.
3. Longino, Helen E. and Evelyn Hammonds. "Conflicts and Tensions in the Feminist Study of Gender and Science". *Conflicts in Feminism*, pp. 164-183, 1990.
4. Sally Gregory Kohlstedt and Helen Longino, (ed.) *Women, Gender, and Science: New Directions*. Osiris, Second Series Vol. 12, 1997.
5. Barnes, Barry. *Scientific Knowledge and Sociological Theory*. London, Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1974.
6. Nanda, Meera. *Prophets Facing Backward: Postmodern Critiques of Science and Hindu Nationalism in India*, Rutgers University Press, 2004.

# **OPTIONAL COURSE: I**

## **PAPER CODE: OP201**

### **Cultural Construction of Gender**

This course will revisit the discourses on ‘woman-as-culture’ and/or as ‘repository and emblematic of culture’ to contest or confirm cultural constructions of gender and to make gender visible and alternative perspective(s) possible. Interweaving history, sociology, anthropology and cultural studies this course will also address the existing discourses on woman and culture.

Surveying a range of popular culture forms, or focusing on any one audiovisual medium (e.g., film, television, music) the course will deploy theories and methods from gender and women’s studies to understand role of culture in shaping gender identity and do research on gender in the context of culture. The course also explores the space of gender and performance in its myriad forms and locates performance culture and performers historically in the politics of aesthetics and the politics of nation building. It explores contemporary developments internationally and nationally to understand how new experiments in cultural practice in various spaces of performance have challenged and reshaped gender politics and discourses on the performance of womanhood.

### **Unit 1**

#### **History and Culture: The Women’s Question in India**

- Social Reform Movement and the Woman’s Question
- Education, Culture and the ‘New Woman’
- Family, Marriage, Motherhood, Widowhood

#### **References:**

1. Sarkar, Sumit, and Tanika Sarkar. *Women and Social Reform in Modern India: A Reader*. Permanent Black, 2010.
2. Chatterjee, Partha. *The Nation and its Fragments*. Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1995.
3. Ghosh, Anindita, ed. *Behind the Veil: Resistance, Women, and the Everyday in Colonial South Asia*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2008.
4. Niranjana, Tejaswini. “Why Culture Matters: Rethinking the Language of Feminist Politics”. *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies*, 11(2): 229-235, 2010.



## **Unit 2**

### **Nation, Gender and Woman**

- Reinvention of Tradition and the Colonial Modernity
- Sanskritization and/or Marginalization of the Little/Low Tradition
- Culture as /and Woman – with reference to the print, visual and performing arts

#### **References:**

1. Banerjee, Sumanta. *The Parlour and the Streets: Elite and Popular Culture in Nineteenth Century Calcutta*. Calcutta: Seagull Books, 1989.
2. Chatterjee, Partha. “The Nationalist Resolution of the Women’s Question”, in Kumkum Sangari and Sudesh Vaid (eds.), *Recasting Women; Essays in Colonial India*, New Delhi, Kali for Women, 1989.
3. Chatterjee, Partha et.al. *New Cultural Histories of India: Materiality and Practices*, Oxford University Press, 2014.
4. Sarkar, Tanika. *Hindu Wife, Hindu Nation: Community, Religion, and Cultural Nationalism*. Indiana University Press, 2001.
5. Bannerji, Himani. “The Mirror of Class: Class Subjectivity and Politics in 19th Century Bengal”. *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XXIV No. 19, May 13, 1989.
6. Bannerji, Himani. “Projects of Hegemony: Towards a Critique of Subaltern Studies” *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XXXV No. 11, March 11, 2000.

## **Unit 3**

### **The Nation and its Arts – Post-Colonialism, Post-Classicism and Hybridity**

- India’s Culture- State, Market and Cultural Policies
- The Contemporary Challenge-New Age Movement
- Diaspora and Hybridity- Changing Ways of Representation

#### **References**

1. Singh, Balmiki Prasad. *India's Culture: The State, the Arts, and Beyond*. Oxford University Press, 2009.
2. Bhabha, Homi K. *Location of Culture*. London, Routledge, 1994.
3. Appadurai, Arjun. *Modernity at Large: Cultural Dimensions of Globalization*. Vol. 1. University of Minnesota Press, 1996.

4. Shukla, Sandhya Rajendra. *India Abroad, Diasporic Cultures of Postwar America and England*. Orient Blackswan, 2003.
5. Bial, Henry. *Performance Studies Reader*. New York, Routledge, 2002.
6. Chatterjea, Ananya. *Butting Out: Reading Resistive Choreographies through Works by Jawole Willa Jo Zollar and Chandralekha*. Wesleyan University Press, 2004.
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### **Women and the Media**

- Representing Women in the New Media
- Reification, Exoticisation and Commodification
- Performing Resistance –the Feminist Art Making

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## **Unit 5**

### **Women in Performance**

- Women as Performers and Performing Womanhood
- The Debates of Space, Aesthetics and Politics
- Politics of Culture and the Politics of Gender

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2. Bhatia, Nandi. *Performing Women, Performing Womanhood: Theatre, Politics, and Dissent in North India*. Oxford University Press, 2010.
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7. *Pebe Te Tu* by Sabitri Heisnam.
8. Maya Rao in *Khol Do* by Sadat Hasan Manto (Delhi).
9. Anuradha Kapur directed *Sundari: An Actor Prepares* (on an autobiography of a female impersonator) (Delhi).
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11. Soneji, Davesh (ed.) *Bharatanatyam: A Reader*. Oxford University Press, 2010.
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15. Seizer, Susan. "Jokes, Gender, and Discursive Distance on the Tamil Popular Stage", *American Ethnologist*, 24(1): 62-90, 1997.
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## **OPTIONAL COURSE II**

### **PAPER CODE: OP202**

#### **Gender, Society and Development**

The course on Gender, Society and Development attempts to draw the contours of development thought and practice from its historical origins to the present day, with special reference to how the gender question has been addressed in various contexts.

The course is roughly divided into three parts, comprising five Units of study : the first part deals with historical trajectories of development and development thought and the contestations from the margins; the second explores the current policy climate internationally and nationally including issues of measurement and comparison that determine major policy frameworks; the third deals with post-independence development concerns and interventions in India that have shaped socio-economic attainments of various sections of society, particularly women. Overall, this course attempts to present a distinct shift from standard courses in development studies so that students from diverse academic backgrounds are equipped to understand and situate development in its historical trajectory and to make a gendered reading of concepts, categories and outcomes of development that have led to disparate and unequal experiences for different sections of society, both globally and nationally.

#### **Unit1: Overview of Development Thought and Historical Trajectories of Development.**

- Classical Political Economy: From Smith to Marx.
- Keynesian and Post-Keynesian Perspectives.
- Neo-liberalism and Globalization.
- Political economy of the third world and colonialism in Asia.
- Post-Structuralist Turn : Dvelopment as Discourse.

#### **Essential Readings:**

1. Dobb, Maurice, (7<sup>th</sup> impression reprinted). *Studies in the Development of Capitalism*. Routledge, 1978, Chapters: 1 – 7.
2. Agarwal, Bina, Jane Humphries and Ingrid Robeyns (Eds.), *Capabilities, Freedom and Equality: Amartya Sen's Work from a Gender Perspective*. New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2006.
3. Bagchi, Amiya Kumar. *The Political Economy of Underdevelopment*. Orient Blackswan, Delhi, First printed by Cambridge University Press, 1989, 1982, Chapters: 1, 2, 4.
4. Escobar, Arturo. *Encountering Development: The Making and Unmaking of the Third World*. Princeton, Princeton University Press, 1995.

5. Roll, Eric. *History of Economic Thought*, (5<sup>th</sup> edition). London, Boston, Faber and Faber, 1992.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Kabeer, Naila. *Reversed Realities: Gender Hierarchies in Development Thought*. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1995.
2. Elson, Diane. "Labour Market and Gendered Institutions: Equity, Efficiency and Empowerment Issues". *World Development*, 27(3), 1999.
3. Chakrabarti, Anjan. (Ed.) *Of Development Critique and Beyond, From the Margins*, Vol.1 No. 2, 2001.
4. Lechner, Frank J. and John Boli (eds.) *The Globalization Reader*. London: Blackwell Publishing, 2002.
5. Jomo, Kwame Sundaram (ed.). *Pioneers of Development Economics: Great Economists on Development*. London and New York: Zed Books, 2005.

## **Unit 2: Feminist Reckonings of Development Thought and Practices.**

- Liberal Feminism.
- Socialist Feminism.
- Third World Feminism.
- Eco-Feminism.

### **Essential Readings:**

1. Boserup, Ester. *Woman's Role in Economic Development*. London, George Allen and Unwin Ltd. 1970.
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6. Agarwal, Bina. "The Gender and Environment Debate: Lessons from India". *Feminist Studies*, 18(1), 1992.

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2. Fraad, Harriet, Stephen Resnick and Richard Wolff. *Bringing it All Back Home: Class, Gender and Power in the Modern Household*. Colorado, Pluto Press. Boulder, 1994, Chapter 1.
3. Saunders, Kriemild (ed.). *Feminist Post –development Thought: Rethinking Modernity, Post colonialism and Representation*, New Delhi, Zubaan.
4. Jolly, Susie. "Queering Development: Exploring the Links between Same-Sex Sexualities, Gender and Development". *Gender and Development*, 8 (1): 78-88, 2000.

## **Unit 3: Policy and Planning in Gender and Development**

- International Perspectives: Role of International Institutions; Beijing Platform for Action and Gender Mainstreaming; Millenium Development Goals.
- National Perspectives: Overview of India's planned development and policy initiatives; gender budgeting.

### **Essential Readings:**

1. Stiglitz, Joseph. *Globalization and its Discontents*. Penguin Books. India, 2003, Chapters: 1-4.
2. Molyneux, Maxine and Shahra Razavi (eds.) *Gender Justice, Development and Rights*. Oxford University Press, 2002.
3. United Nations Development Programme. *Taking Actions: Achieving Gender Equality and Empowering Women: United Nations Millenium Development Project*, 2005.
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3. Chandrasekhar, C.P. and Jayati Ghosh. *The Market that Failed: Neoliberal Economic Reforms in India*, New Delhi, Left Word Books, New Delhi, 2002, Chapters: I – IV.
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5. Govt. of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development. *Gender Budgeting Handbook for Government of India Ministries and Departments*, 2007.

#### **Unit 4: Contemporary Indicators of Development**

- Development indices in international and national contexts: purpose, range and sources of data.
- Critical appraisal of selected indices: Human Development Index; Gender-related Development Indices; Multi-dimensional Poverty Index.

#### **Essential Readings**

1. UNDP, *Human Development Report*. 1995 and 2010.
2. Rawort, Kate and David Stewart. "Critiques of the HDI: A Review" in Sakiko Fukuda-Parr and A.K.Shivkumar (Eds.) *Readings in Human Development: Concepts, Measures and Policies for a Development Paradigm*. UNDP, 2003.
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## **Unit 5: Education in India: contemporary trends and issues.**

- The ‘centrality of education’.
- Brief review of education policy.
- Educational achievements and constraints from a gender perspective.

### **Essential Readings:**

1. Dreze, Jean and Sen. Amartya. *An Uncertain Glory: India and its Contradictions*, London, Allen Lane, 2013, Chapter 5.
2. Department of Education, Govt. of India, 1992. *National Policy on Education*, New Delhi, 1986 (with modifications introduced in 1992).
3. Council for Social Development, *India: Social Development Report*, New York, Oxford University Press, 2006.
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1. Chanana, K. “Threading the Hallowed Halls: Women in Higher Education India’. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 35 (12), 2000.
2. Duraiswamy, M. and P. Duraiswamy. “Women in the Professional and Technical Labour Market in India: Gender Discrimination in Education, Employment and Earnings”. *Journal of Labour Economics*, 42(4), 1999.
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4. De, A. et al. *PROBE Revisited: A Report on Elementary Education in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2011.

## **Unit 6: Employment in India: contemporary trends and issues.**

- Basic concepts related to work/employment etc. as per Census and National Sample Survey.
- Trends and patterns of women’s work in the organised and unorganized sectors.
- Emerging issues: women’s labour vis-à-vis globalization, technological change, surrogacy.

### **Essential Readings:**

1. Banerjee, Nirmala, Samita Sen and Nandita Dhawan (eds). *Mapping the Field: Gender Relations in Contemporary India: Readings in Gender Studies*, Vol. I, Kolkata: Stree, 2011.
2. Mazumdar, Indrani and Netha N. "Gender Dimensions in Employment Trends in India, 1993-94 to 2009-10". *Economic and Political Weekly*, 46(43), 2011.
3. Swaminathan, Padmini (Ed.) *Women and Work*. New Delhi, Orient Blackswan, 2012.
4. National Commission on Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector. *Report on Conditions of Work and Promotion of Livelihoods in the Unorganised Sector*. New Delhi, Academic Foundation, 2008.

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1. Rustagi, Preet. "Understanding Gender Inequalities in Wages and Incomes in India". *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, 48(2), 2005.
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3. Mitter, Swasti and Sheila Rowbotham (eds.) *Women Encounter Technology: Changing Patterns of Employment in the Third World*. London: Routledge, 1995.
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## **Unit 7: Poverty, Migration and Displacement in India: contemporary trends and issues.**

- Locating the poor: poverty line, feminization of poverty.
- Reviewing strategies for poverty alleviation and empowerment of women.
- Trafficking of women and children.

### **Essential Readings:**

1. Rath, N. "Measurement of Poverty: In Retrospect and Prospect". *Economic and Political Weekly*, 15 October, 2011.
2. Kannan, K.P. "Estimating and Identifying the Poor in India". *Indian Journal of Human Development*, 4(1), January – June, 2010.
3. Fisher, Thomas and M. S. Sriram (eds.). *Beyond Micro-Credit: Putting Development back with Micro-Finance*. New Delhi: Vistaar Publications, 2007.

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7. Annie, George et al. "Sex Trafficking and Sex Work: Definitions, Debates and Dynamics". *Economic and Political Weekly*, 4 April, 2010.

### **Suggested Readings**

1. Sengupta, Nilanjana. "Poor Women's Empowerment: The Discursive Space of Microfinance". *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, 20(2), 2014.
2. Cagatay, Nilufer. "Gender and Poverty". *UNDP Working paper No. 5*, May 1998.
3. Palriwal, R. and P. Oberoi. *Marriage, Migration and Gender*. New Delhi: Sage, 2008.
4. Sen, Sankar and P. M. Nair. *A Report on Trafficking in Women and Children in India*. New Delhi: Institute of Social Sciences and UNIFEM, 2004.

## OPTIONAL COURSE III

### PAPER CODE: OP203

#### Gender and Violence

The course aims to provide an understanding of the gendered dimensions of violence and its relations with inequality. Taking violence against women as the starting point, the course will guide one through the social, historical, economic, political and physical contexts of domination, oppression and discrimination that play out across intersections of gender, class, race, caste and sexuality. The course will examine the various institutionalized as well as individualized modes of perpetuation of violence traversing from concrete sites of violence (sexism) to more conceptual operations (androcentrism). It will also look at the various forms of resistance – some state mediated and some engineered individually and collectively outside state agencies.

#### **Unit 1: Basic concepts and theories/ conceptual contours of violence**

- Violence from sociological, legal and historical perspective
- Difference and violence – self and other
- Public/private divide and understanding violence
- Structural inequalities and violence – race, class, caste, patriarchy
- Is violence gendered? Theories of masculinity and violence

#### **Essential readings**

1. Mooney, Jayne. *Gender, Violence and the Social Order*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2000.
2. Dhar, Anup. “Survival of Violence: Violence of Survival”. *Identity, Culture and Politics*. 5(1,2): 60-85, 2004
3. Sinha, Mrinalini. *Colonial Masculinity: The 'Manly Englishman' and the 'Effeminate Bengali' in the Late 19th Century*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1995.
4. Theleweit, Klaus. *Male Fantasies*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press. 1987.
5. Das, Veena et al. (eds). *Violence and Subjectivity*. Berkeley, Los Angeles, London: University of California Press, 2000.
6. Omvedt, Gail. “The Struggle for Social Justice and the expansion of the Public Sphere” in *The Public, The Private: Issues of Democratic Citizenship*, New Delhi: Sage, 2003.
7. Fernandez, Bina. & Gomathy N.B. “Voicing the Invisible: Violence faced by Lesbian Women in India” in Kannabiran, Kalpana (ed.), *The Violence of Normal Times*. New Delhi: Women Unlimited Press, 2005.

8. Narrain, Arvind, and Gautam Bhan. "Because I have a Voice." *Queer Politics in India*, Delhi: Yoda, 2005.
9. Kapadia, Karin (ed.) *The Violence of Development: The Politics of Identity, Gender and Social Inequalities in India*. New Delhi: Zubaan. 2002.

### **Suggested readings**

1. Fromm, Eric. *The Anatomy of Human Destructiveness*. New York: Henry Holt and Company Inc. 1992, 1973.
2. Dawkins, Richard. *The Selfish Gene*. Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press, 1989 [1976].
3. Reich, Wilhelm. *The Mass Psychology of Fascism*. London, Souvenir Press, 1997 [1933].
4. Sen, Amartya. *Identity and Violence: The Illusion of Destiny (Issues of Our Time)*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2007.
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6. Pateman, Carole. *The Sexual Contract*. Stanford, California, Stanford University Press, 1998.
7. Chakravarti, Uma. *Gendering Caste: Through a Feminist Lens*. Kolkata: Stree, 2003.
8. Franco, J. *Cruel Modernity*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2013.
9. Collins, P.H. "The Tie That Binds: Race, Gender, and US Violence". *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 21(5): 917-38, 1998.

## **Unit 2: Violence in a continuum of conflict and normal times**

- Domestic violence, honour crimes, marital rape, female foeticide, dowry, incest, sexual violence in the public space
- Communal riots, partition violence, ethnic cleansing, AFSPA, war and militarization

### **Essential readings**

1. Kannabiran, Kalpana (ed.) *The Violence of Normal Times*. New Delhi: Women Unlimited.
2. Kannabiran, Kalpana and Ritu Menon. *From Mathura to Manorama. Resisting Violence against Women in India*. New Delhi: Women Unlimited, 2007.
3. Hossain, Sara. and Lynn Welchman. *Honour: Crimes, Paradigms and Violence against Women*. Spinifex Press, 2005.
4. Basu, Srimati. *The Trouble with Marriage: Feminists Confront Law and Violence in India*. University of California Press, 2015.

5. Phadke, Shilpa, Sameera Khan and Shilpa Ranade. *Why Loiter?: Women and Risk on Mumbai Streets*. Penguin Books India, 2011.
6. Butalia, Urvashi. *The Other Side of Silence: Voices from the Partition of India*. Duke University Press, 2000.
7. Baxi, Upendra. "The Gujarat Catastrophe: Notes on Reading Politics as Democidal Rape Culture", in KalpanaKannabiran (ed.), *The Violence of Normal Times*. New Delhi: Women Unlimited, 2005.
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### **Suggested readings**

1. Gupte, Manisha. *Honour and Women's Rights: South Asian Perspectives*, 2011
2. Menon, Nivedita. *Recovering Subversion: Feminist Politics beyond the Law*. Delhi: Permanent Black, 2004.
3. Kapur, Ratna. "Feminist Terrains in Legal Domains: An Introduction", in Ratna Kapur(ed.), *Feminist Terrains in Legal Domains: Interdisciplinary Essays on Women and Law in India*. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1996.
4. Joga Rao, S.V. "Marital Rape", in Lotika Sarkar and B. Sivaramayya(ed.), *Women and Law: Contemporary Problems*. Delhi: Vikas Publishing House, 1994.
5. Dasgupta, Rajashri. *The Politics of Silence: Sexual Harassment at the Workplace*. Kolkata: Sanhita, 2001.
6. Cossman, Brenda and Ratna Kapur. "Women, Familial Ideology and the Constitution: Challenging Equality Rights", in Ratna Kapur (ed.), *Feminist Terrains in Legal Domains: Interdisciplinary Essays on Women and Law in India*. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1996.
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8. Campbell, Kirsten. "Acts of Testimony. Legal Memories: Sexual Assault, Memory, and International Humanitarian Law", *Signs*, 28(1): 149-178, 2002.
9. Rajan, Rajeswari Sunder. *Scandal of the State*. New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2003.
10. Butalia, Urvashi. *Speaking Peace: Women's Voice from Kashmir*. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 2002.
11. Hansen, Lena. "Gender, Nation, Rape: Bosnia and the Construction of Security". *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, 3(1): 55-75, 2000.
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14. Jayawardena, Kumari, and Malathi De Alwis. "Embodied Violence: Communalising Women's Sexuality in South Asia". *Reproductive Health Matters*, 4(8): 162-166, 1996.

### **Unit 3: Love,sex and violence**

- Intimate partner violence
- Domestic violence
- Marital rape
- Sexual assault
- Sexual harassment

#### **Essential readings**

1. Geetha, V. "On Bodily Love and Hurt", in Mary E. John and Janaki Nair(eds.) *A Question of Silence: The Sexual Economies of Modern India*. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1998.
2. Kannabiran, Kalpana and Vasanth Kannabiran. *De-eroticizing Assault: Essays on Modesty, Honour and Power*. Calcutta: Stree, 2002.
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4. Panjabi, Kavita. "Sexual Violence and Mental Health: Confronting the Paradox of the 'guilty' Victim" in Bhargavi Davar (ed.) *Mental Health from a Gendered Perspective*. Delhi: Sage, 2001.
5. Kalathil, Jayasree. "Inscribing Madness: Another Reading of the *Yellow Wallpaper* and the *Bell Jar*" in Bhargavi Davar (ed.) *Mental Health from a Gendered Perspective*. Delhi: Sage, 2001.
6. Gallop, Jane. "Feminist Accused of Sexual Harassment" in Elizabeth Bronfen & Misha Kavka (eds.) *Feminist Consequences*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2001.

#### **Suggested readings**

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2. Dworkin, A. *Intercourse*. New York: Free Press, 1987.
3. Hengehold, Laura. "Remapping the Event: Institutional Discourses and the Trauma of Rape, *Signs*, 26(1): 189-214, 2000.
4. Devi, Mahasweta. *Breast Stories*, (trans.), Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak. Calcutta: Seagull Books, 1997.
5. Das, Veena. "The Act of Witnessing: Violence, Poisonous Knowledge and Subjectivity", in Veena Das et. Al (eds.), *Violence and Subjectivity*. Berkeley, Los Angeles, London: University of California Press, 2000.
6. -----"Language and Body: Transactions in the Construction of Pain", in Arthur Klleinman, Veena Das and Margaret Lock (eds.), *Social Suffering*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1997.



7. Chakravarti, Uma. "From Fathers to Husband: Of Love, Death and Marriage in North India." in Sara Hossain and Lynn Welchman (eds.) *'Honour': Crimes, Paradigms and Violence against Women*, London: Zed Books, 2005.
8. Hyden, Margareta. "'I Must Have Been an Idiot to Let It Go On': Agency and Positioning in Battered Women's Narratives of Leaving". *Feminism and Psychology* 15(2):169-88, 2005.

#### **Unit 4: Debates around violence**

- Body beautification/genital mutilation;
- Prostitution/sex work;
- Pornography/erotica;
- Sadomasochism/ sexual violence

#### **Essential readings**

1. Chancer, Lynn. *Reconcilable Differences: Confronting Beauty, Pornography and the Future of Feminism*. Berkeley, Los Angeles, New York: University of California Press, 1998.
2. Richard A. Shweder. "What about 'Female Genital Mutilation'? And Why Understanding Culture Matters in the First Place". *Daedalus* 129(4): 209-232, 2000.
3. Ellen Gruenbaum. "The Cultural Debate over Female Circumcision: The Sudanese Are Arguing This One out for Themselves". *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 10(4): 455-475, 1996.

#### **Suggested readings**

1. Wolf, Naomi. *The Beauty Myth: How Images of Beauty are Used against Women*. Vintage Publications, 1991.
2. Davidson, Julia O'Connell. "The Rights and Wrongs of Prostitution". *Hypatia*, 17(2): 84-98, 2002.
3. MacKinnon, Catharine A. "Feminism, Marxism, Method, and the State: An Agenda for Theory". *Signs*, 7(3): 515-544, 1982.

#### **Unit 5: Responding to Violence**

- CEDAW and other international conventions
- Women's movement and the state
- VAW and human rights
- The battered husbands groups
- Women's solidarity and collectives
- Psychiatry and healing

## Essential readings

1. Agnes, Flavia. "Sexuality, Ideology and Legal Reform", in Swati Bhattacharya (ed.), *A Unique Crime: Understanding Rape in India*. Kolkata: Gangchil, 2008.
2. ----- "Law, Ideology and Female Sexuality: Gender Neutrality in Rape Law", *Economic Political Weekly*, 37( 9): 844-847, 2002.
3. ----- "Violence against Women: Review of Recent Enactments", in Swapna Mukhopadhyay (ed.), *In the Name of Justice. Women and Law in Society*. New Delhi: Manohar, 1998.
4. Chowdhury, Romit. "Conditions of Emergence: The Formation of Men's Rights Groups" in *Indian Journal of Gender Studies* 21(27), 2014.
5. Jaisingh, Indira (ed.), *Men's Laws, Women's Lives: A Constitutional Perspective on Religion, Common Law and Culture in South Asia*. New Delhi: Women Unlimited, 2005.
6. Mukhopdhyay, Swapna. "Law as an Instrument of Social Change: The Feminist Dilemma", in Swapna Mukhopdhyay (ed.), *In the Name of Justice: Women and Law in Society*. New Delhi: Manohar Publications, 1998.
7. Mukhopadhyay, Maitrayee. *Legally Dispossessed: Gender, Identity and the Process of Law*. Kolkata: Stree, 1998.

## Suggested readings

1. Magar, Veronica. "Empowerment Approaches to Gender-Based Violence: Women's Courts in Delhi Slums". *Women's Studies International Forum*, 26(6): 509-523, 2003.
2. Miller, Alice. "Sexuality, Violence against Women, and Human Rights: Women Make Demands and Ladies get Protection", *Health and Human Rights*, 7( 2): 17 - 47, 2004.
3. Shramajibee Mahila Samity. "'Shalishi' in West Bengal: A Community-Based Response to Domestic Violence", *Economic and Political Weekly*, 38(17): 1665-1673, 2003.
4. Singh, Kirti. "Violence against Women and the Indian Law", in Savitiri Goonesekere (ed.), *Violence, Law and Women's Rights in South Asia*. New Delhi, Thousand Oaks, London: Sage Publications, 2004.
5. Shramajibee Mahila Samity. "'Shalishi' in West Bengal: A Community-Based Response to Domestic Violence", *Economic and Political Weekly*, 38(17): 1665-1673, 2003.
6. Mathur, Kanchan. *Countering Gender Violence*. New Delhi, Thousand Oaks, London: Sage, 2004.
7. Marcus, Sharon. "Fighting Bodies, Fighting Words: A Theory and Politics of Rape Prevention", in Judith Butler and Joan W. Scott. (eds.), *Feminists Theorize the Political*. New York, London: Routledge, 1992.
8. Dhagamvar, Vasudha. "'The Shoe Fitted Me and I Wore It ...' Women and Traditional Justice Systems in India", in Kalpana Kannabiran (ed.), *The Violence of Normal Times*. New Delhi: Women Unlimited, 2005.

9. ----- *Law, Power and Justice: The Protection of Personal Rights in the Indian Penal Code*. New Delhi: Sage, 1993.
10. Baxi, P. *Public Secrets of Law: Rape Trials in India*, India: Oxford University Press, 2014

## **OPTIONAL COURSE IV**

### **PAPER CODE: OP204**

#### **Gender, Law and State**

The course will examine the intersections between gender, the state and law with specific reference to the Indian context. The focus of the readings and lectures will be the ways in which the legal subject is constituted and how these processes were set in motion in India, beginning with the colonial period and until the present. This course will also engage with the provisions of the Indian constitution and international conventions, which impinge on questions of gender relations. The course will familiarize students with the constitution, which sets out the parameters for the state's functioning and the law. This course will draw attention to the debates over the dominant understanding of citizenship and its gender implications. The course selects some concrete context within which these general questions may be discussed—such as the debate over the uniform civil code, which will help the student understand the continuities from the colonial period as well as the contemporary shifts. It also focuses on a few areas of law such as marriage, domestic violence, rape, work and other related laws. Clearly, these may be expanded to include many other issues but the aim is help students gain an analytic understanding of questions of state and law in relation to gender rather than provide them with a comprehensive catalogue of laws related to women. Students may visit NGOs working with specific sets of laws to gain a better understanding of the nature and extent of women's movement's engagement with questions of law.

#### **Unit I: Gendering the State**

- Ideologies of the state: the paternalism of the modern state.
- Questions of citizenship: formal equality and substantive equality.
- Women, community and the state
- Law and social change
- Feminist Jurisprudence, women's rights and law reform.

#### **Essential Readings:**

1. Agnes, Flavia. *Feminist Jurisprudence: Contemporary Concerns*, Majlis, Mumbai, 2003.
2. Mackinnon, Catherine. *Towards a Feminist Theory of the State*, Harvard University Press, Cambridge, 1989.
3. Menon, Nivedita. "State/Gender/Community: Citizenship in Contemporary India". *Economic and Political Weekly*, 33(5): PE3-PE10, 1998.
4. Rajan, Rajeshwari Sunder. *The Scandal of the State*, New Delhi, Permanent Black, 2003.

5. Sangari, Kumkum. "Politics of Diversity: Religious Communities and Multiple Patriarchies". *Economic and Political Weekly*, December 23 and December 30, 1995.
6. Parashar, Archana. "Women, Law and Social Change" in Nirmala Banerjee et al (eds.) *Mapping the Field*, Kolkata: Stree, 2012.
7. Pateman, Carole. *The Sexual Contract*. Polity Press, 1989
8. Smart, Carol. *Feminism and the Power of Law*. London, Routledge, 1989.

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Fraser, Nancy. *Justice Interruptus: Critical Reflections on the 'Postsocialist' Condition*. New York: Routledge, 1997.
2. Kapur, Ratna. *Erotic Justice: Law and the New Politics of Postcolonialism*. New Delhi: Permanent Black, 1996.
3. Menon Nivedita. *Recovering Subversion: Feminist Politics beyond the Law*. New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2004.
4. Okin, Susan Moller. *Women in Western Political Thought*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1979, Chapter 11.

## **Unit II: The Colonial Context: Women and Law in India**

- Social reform and law
- Women and personal laws
- The penal code
- Negotiating custom
- Judiciary and other institutions of dispute resolution

### **Essential Readings:**

1. Derrett, J. Duncan. *Religion, Law and State in India*. London: Faber and Faber, 1968.
2. Agnes, Flavia. *Law and Gender Inequality: The Politics of Women's Rights in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1999.
3. Nair, Janaki. *Women and Law in Colonial India: A Social History*. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1996.
4. Parasher, Archana. *Women and Family Law Reform in India*. New Delhi: Sage, 1992.
5. Sen, Samita. "Offences Against Marriage: Negotiating Custom in Colonial Bengal" in Janaki Nair and Mary John (eds.), *A Question of Silence? The Sexual Economies of Modern India*, New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1999.

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Arunima, G. *There Comes Papa: Colonialism and Transformation of Matriliney in Malabar c. 1850-1940*. Hyderabad: Orient Longman, 2004.

2. Cohn, Bernard. *Colonialism and Its Forms of Knowledge: the British in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1996.
3. Kodoth, Praveena. *Shifting the Ground of Fatherhood: Matriliney, Men and Marriage in Early Twentieth Century Malabar*. 2004.
4. Singha, Radhika. *Despotism of Law: Crime and Justice in Early Colonial India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1998.
5. Sen, Samita. "Religious Conversion, Infant Marriage and Polygamy: Regulating Marriage in India in the Late Nineteenth Century". *Journal of History*, 26, pp. 99-145, 2008-2009.

### **Unit III: The Post-colonial State, International Covenants and the Women's Movement**

- Indian Constitution relating to women: Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy
- Women's Rights as Human Rights
- UN Rights of Women and Children. CEDAW.
- Women's movement and law reform: access to justice.
- Institutions: Legal Aid Cells and Centers, Family courts, Mahila Courts, National and State Commissions for Women (also perhaps Human Rights Commission, SC/ST Commission, Minorities Commission, Backward caste Commission, Integrated Child Protection)

#### **Essential Readings:**

1. Agnes, Flavia. *A Study of Family Courts in West Bengal*. Kolkata: West Bengal Commission for Women, 2004.
2. Agnes, Flavia, *Give us This Day Our Daily Bread: Procedures and Case Law on Maintenance*. Bombay: Majlis, 1992.
3. ----"Dowry Murders and Suicides in Judicial Discourse" in Nirmala Banerjee et al (eds.) *Mapping the Field*, Kolkata: Stree, 2012.
4. Kapur, Ratna, and Brenda Cossman. *Subversive Sites: Feminist Engagements with Law in India*. New Delhi, Sage, 1996.
5. Menon, Nivedita. *Recovering Subversion: Feminist Politics beyond the Law*. New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2004.
6. Nagaraj, Vasudha. Local and Customary Forums: Adapting and Innovating Rules of Formal Law. *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, 17(3): 429-450, 2010.
7. Peters J. & Wolper A (eds.) *Women's Rights, Human Rights: International Feminist Perspectives*. New York: Psychology Press, 1995.
8. Singh, Devinder. *Human Rights and Women and Law*. Faridabad: Allahabad Law Agency, 2005.

9. Shivdas, Meena, and Sarah, Coleman (ed.) *Without Prejudice: CEDAW and the Determination of Women's Rights in a Legal and Cultural Context*, Commonwealth Secretariat, 2010.

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Anand, Adarsh Sein. *Justice for Women: Concerns and Expressions*. Universal Law Pub. Co., 2008.
2. Shukla, V.K. *Constitutional Laws of India*. Revised by Mahendra P. Singh, Lucknow: Eastern Book Company, 2005.
3. Bhattacharya, T. *Indian Penal Code*. Allahabad: Central Law Agency, 1994

### **Unit IV: The Uniform Civil Code Debates**

- Women, citizenship and community
- The Shah Bano case and Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act 1986
- The case for legal pluralism

### **Essential Readings:**

1. Basu, Srimati. "Separate and Unequal: Muslim Women and Un-Uniform Family Law in India." *International Feminist Journal of Politics* Vol.10(4): 495-517, 2008.
2. Dhagamwar, Vasudha. *Law, Power and Justice: The Protection of Personal Rights in the Indian Code*. Second edition, New Delhi: Sage, 1992.
3. Jaising, Indira, ed. *Justice for Women: Personal Laws, Women's Rights and Law Reform*. Goa: Other India Press, Mapuse, 1996.
4. Mukhopadhyay, Maitrayee. *Legally Dispossessed*. Kolkata: Stree, 1998.
5. Parasher, Archana. *Women and Family Law Reform in India*, New Delhi, Sage, 1992.
6. Rajan, Rajeswari Sunder. "Women between Community and State: Some Implications of the Uniform Civil Code Debates in India". *Social Text* 65, 18(4), 2000.
7. Sangari, Kumkum. "Politics of Diversity: Religious Communities and Multiple Patriarchies". *Economic and Political Weekly*, December 23 and December 30, 1995.

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Agnes, Flavia. (Ed.) *Negotiating Spaces: Legal Domains, Gender Concerns and Community Constructs*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press India, 2012.
2. Desai, Akshayakumar Ramanlal. *Women's Liberation and Politics of Religious Personal Laws in India*. Vol. 16. CG Shah Memorial Trust, 1990.

3. Desai, Akshayakumar Ramanlal. *Women's Liberation and Politics of Religious Personal Laws in India*. Vol. 16. CG Shah Memorial Trust, 1990.

## **Unit V: Women and Law in contemporary India**

- Inside the Family: personal codes; marriage, inheritance and guardianship.
- Inside the Family: dowry and domestic violence.
- Women, work and law: maternity benefits, child care, surrogacy, equal wage legislation, the informal sector.
- Violence against women: rape (including recent amendments to the criminal law), sexual harassment in the workplace.

### **Essential Readings:**

1. Agnes, Flavia. "Protecting Women Against Violence? Review of a Decade of Legislation. 1980-89". *Economic and Political Weekly*, WS19-WS21-WS24-WS33, 1992.
2. Basu, Srimati. *She Comes to Take Her Rights: Indian Women, Property, and Propriety*. Albany, NY: SUNY, 1999.
3. ----- "Playing off Courts: The Negotiation of Divorce and Violence in Plural Legal Settings in Kolkata". *Journal of Legal Pluralism*, 52: 41-75, 2006.
4. -----"Violence against Women: Review of Recent Enactments", in Swapna Mukhopadhyay (ed.) *In the Name of Justice. Women and Law in Society*. New Delhi: Manohar, 1998.
5. Batliwala, Srilatha. *When Rights go Wrong*, [http://www.india-seminar.com/2007/569/569\\_srilatha\\_batliwala.htm](http://www.india-seminar.com/2007/569/569_srilatha_batliwala.htm), 2007.
6. Kannabiran, Kalpana and Menon, Ritu. *From Mathura to Manorama: Resisting Violence Against Women in India*, Delhi: Women Unlimited, 2007.
7. Rajan, Rajeswari Sunder. Rethinking Law and Violence: the Domestic Violence (Prevention) Bill in India, 2002. *Gender and History*, 16(3): 769-793, 2004.
8. Suneetha, A and Nagaraj, Vasudha. "Dealing with Domestic Violence towards Complicating the Rights Discourse". *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, 17(3): 451-478, 2010.

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Basu, Srimati. "Playing Off Courts: The Negotiation of Divorce and Violence in Plural Legal Settings in Kolkata". *Journal of Legal Pluralism*, 2006.
2. ----- (ed.) *Issues in Indian Feminism: Dowry and Inheritance*. Series: Issues in Indian Feminism; Series Editor: Rajeswari Sunder Rajan. New Delhi: Women Unlimited; London: Zed Books, 2005.



3. ----- “Judges of Normality: Mediating Marriage in the Family Courts of Kolkata, India”, *Signs*,37(2): 469-492, 2012.
4. ----- “Impossible Translation: Beyond the Legal Body in Two South Asian Family Courts”. *Law, Culture and Humanities*, 7(3): 358-375, 2011.
5. Basu, Srimati. “Sexual Property: Staging Rape and Marriage in Indian Law and Feminist Theory”. *Feminist Studies*, 185-211, 2011.
6. ----- “Dreaming a Better Court for Women: Adjudication and Subjectivity in the Family Courts of Kolkata, India,” in Rajni Palriwala and Ravinder Kaur (eds.) *Marrying in South Asia: Shifting Concepts, Changing Practices in a Globalising World*, New Delhi: Orient Black Swan, 2013.
7. ----- “Family Law Organizations and the Mediation of Resources and Violence in Kolkata, India” in Srila Roy (ed.) *New South Asian Feminisms: Paradoxes and Possibilities*. London: Zed Books, 2012.
8. ----- “Transformations of Dowry in Contemporary India: Marriage Practices and Feminist Discourses”, in Tamsin Bradley, Emma Tomalin and Mangala Subramanian (eds.) *Dowry: Bridging the Gap between Theory and Practice*. London: Zed Books, 2010.
9. Bush, Diane Mitsch. “Women’s Movements and State Policy Reform Aimed at Domestic Violence against Women: A Comparison of the Consequences of Movement Mobilization in the U.S. and India”. *Gender and Society*, 6(4): 587-608, 1992.
10. Dasgupta, Shamita, & Kapoor Anuradha. *Intimate Peril: Domestic Violence against wives in West Bengal*. Kolkata: Swayam, 2011.
11. Diwan, Paras. *Dowry and Protection to Married Women*, New Delhi: Deep and Deep Publication.
12. Diwan, Paras. *Family Law: Law of Marriage and Divorce in India*. Sterling, 1983.
13. Government of India, *Study on Child Abuse, Ministry of Women and Child Development*, <http://wcd.nic.in/childabuse.pdf>, 2007.
14. Gill, Kulwant. *Hindu Women’s Right to Property in India*. New Delhi: Deep & Deep, 1986
15. Kannabiran, Kalpana, (Ed.). *The Violence of Normal Times: Essays on Women’s Lived Realities*. Women Unlimited, 2005.
16. Kannabiran, Kalpana, Vasanth Kannabiran. *De-Eroticizing Assault*. Stree, New Delhi: Samya, 2002.
17. Kapur, Ratna. *Knowing Ours Rights*. New Delhi: Zubaan Publications, 2003.
18. Kumar, Ajay. *Marriage Laws in Indian Society*. New Delhi: Manak Publications Pvt. Ltd., 2005.
19. Saxena, Shobha. *Crimes Against Women and Protective Laws* New Delhi: Deep & Deep Publication, 2001.

## **OPTIONAL COURSE: V**

### **PAPER CODE: OP205**

#### **Science, Technology, Environment and Gender**

This course will examine, briefly, the theoretical, historical and material links between gender and the natural world. We will explore how the social category of gender relates to environmental issues, but also focus on how differences based on race, class; sexuality and nation connect to the so-called non-human environment. The course will also look at the relationship between gender and science and technology. This will be done at different levels. Are science research and the presentation of science neutral to gender? Feminist epistemology and philosophy has studied the ways in which gender does actually influence our conceptions of knowledge, and our practices of inquiry. Feminist scholars have argued that dominant conceptions and practices of science disadvantage women in a number of ways – by excluding them from inquiry; by denying them epistemic authority; by downgrading “feminine” modes of knowledge; by producing theories of women that represent them as inferiors; by creating hierarchies of knowledge so that science useful for women, or for people in subordinate positions, is seen as less significant science. On the question of environment, considerable space will be given to issues of development, environment and gender; and to contemporary environmental debates. Apart from Unit wise references, the following are suggested as texts for the entire course, though in two cases specific chapters have been cited in various units.

1. Wyer, Mary et al (eds.) *Women, Science, and Technology*. New York: Routledge, 2001.
2. Keller, Evelyn Fox and Helen Longino (eds.) *Feminism and Science*. Oxford University Press, 2006.
3. Neelam Kumar (ed.), *Gender and Science: Studies Across Cultures*, New Delhi: Cambridge University Press, 2012.

#### **Unit 1: Science, environment and feminist perspectives**

- Sex, gender, bodies, nature
- The history and critiques of natural sciences – with special reference to gender and the formation of theory and knowledge generation
- Standpoint feminism, situated knowledge, and their critics

### **Essential Readings:**

1. *Feminist Perspectives on Science*, Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy, 2009. <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/feminist-science/>
2. Keller, Evelyn Fox and Helen E. Longino. *Feminism and Science*. Oxford University Press, 5, pp. 15-17, 2006, chapter 2.
3. Nanda, Meera. "Modern Science as the Standpoint of the Oppressed" in Cassandra L. Pinnick, Noretta Koertge, Robert F. Almeder (eds.) *Scrutinizing Feminist Epistemology: An Examination of Gender in Science*. Piscataway, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2003.

### **Unit 2: Gender and nature**

- Ecofeminism
- Deep Ecology
- Feminist Environmentalism

### **Essential Reading:**

1. Salleh, Ariel. "Class, Race, and Gender Discourse in the Ecofeminism/Deep Ecology Debate". *Environmental Ethics*. Vol.15, pp. 225-244, 1993.
2. Zimmerman, Michael. "Feminism, Deep Ecology, and Environmental Ethics". *Environmental Ethics*. Vol. 9, 21-44, 1987.
3. Shiva, Vandana. *Staying Alive*. London: Zed, 1989.
4. King, Ynestra. "Toward an Ecological Feminism and a Feminist Ecology", in J. Rothschild, (ed.) *Machina Ex Dea*, Oxford: Pergamon, pp. 118-129, 1983.
5. Agarwal, Bina. "The Gender and Environment Debate: Lessons from India". *Feminist Studies*. Vol.18, pp. 119-158, 1992.
6. Leach, Melissa. "Earth Mother Myths and Other Ecofeminist Fables: How a Strategic Notion Rose and Fell". *Development and Change* 38(1): 67-85, 2007.

### **Unit 3: Science and Feminist perspectives – incompatible partners? Case studies**

- Anthropology and primatology
- Women and science education – a historical perspective
- Women negotiating the culture of physics/biology
- Teaching women and lessons for science pedagogics

### **Essential Readings:**

1. Evelyn, Reed. *Sexism and Science*. New York: Pathfinder Press, 1993.
2. Fedigan, Linda Marie. "Science and the Successful Female: Why There Are So Many Women Primatologists". *American Anthropologist*. 96(3): 529-540, 1994.
3. Sperling, Susan. "Baboons with Briefcases: Feminism, Functionalism, and Sociobiology in the Evolution of Primate Gender". *Signs*. Vol. 1(27), 1991.  
<http://courses.csusm.edu/hist460ae/genderaniamls.pdf>.
4. Geller, Pamela L. and Miranda K. Stockett. *Feminist Anthropology: Past, Present, and Future*. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007.
5. Rapp, Rayna (ed.) *Toward an Anthropology of Women*, New York and London: Monthly Review Press, 1975.
6. Haraway, Donna. *Primate Visions*. New York: Routledge, 1989.
7. Wyer, Mary, Mary Barbercheck, Donna Giesman, Hatice Örün Öztürk and Marta Wayne (Eds.) *Women, Science, and Technology*. New York: Routledge, 2001, Chapters by Keller, Evelyn Fox. "The Anomaly of a Woman in Physics" and Rose, Hillary. "Nine Decades, Nine Women, Ten Nobel Prizes: Gender Politics at the Apex of Science".
8. Lederman, Muriel and Ingrid Bartsch (Eds.) *The Gender and Science Reader*, London: Routledge, 2001, chapters 1,2, 4, 5, 28, 30.

### **Unit 4: Economic modernisation, environment and Gender**

- Resources—common property, privatisation, statization and the class-community-caste-gender bias in the impact of degradation – forests, water resource, erosion of community resource management
- Agricultural modernisation, development and women
- Industrial development, displacement and women

### **Essential Readings:**

1. Cornwall, Andrea, Elizabeth Harrison and Ann Whitehead. "Gender Myths and Feminist Fables: The Struggle for Interpretative Power in Gender and Development". *Development and Change*. 38(1): 1-20, 2007.
2. Zwarteveen, Margreet. "Linking Women To The Main Canal: Gender and Irrigation Management". *Gatekeeper Series* 54, IIED, 1995.
3. Agarwal, Bina. "The Gender and Environment Debate: Lessons from India". *Feminist Studies*, pp.119-158, 1992.

## **Unit 5: Environmental issues in a global perspective**

- Women and nuclear power – resistance -- repression (Greenham Commons, Karen Silkwood)
- Women and environment – science and the question of femininity – Rachel Carson and the Chemical Industry
- Women and industrialisation
- Population and Gender

### **Essential Readings:**

1. Silliman, Jael Miriam, and Ynestra King. *Dangerous Intersections: Feminist Perspectives on Population, Environment, and Development*. South End Press, 1999.
2. Lear, Linda. *Rachel Carson: Witness for Nature*. New York: Holt & Co., 1997.
3. Mark H. Lytle. *The Gentle Subversive: Rachel Carson, Silent Spring and the Rise of the Environment Movement*. Oxford University Press, 2007.
4. Erin Brockovich's Biggest Debunker, Debunked  
<http://www.motherjones.com/environment/2013/05/erin-brockovich-hinkley-california-junk-science>  
Erin Brockovich -- the film
5. Tilly, Louise and Joan Wallach Scott. *Women, Work, and Family*. Psychology Press, 1987.

# OPTIONAL COURSE: VI

## PAPER CODE: OP206

### Sexualities

This course will be an introduction to concepts and issues related to human sexuality and attempts to understand sexuality in its complexities and interrelatedness with other social systems. Through an exploration of its inter linkages with other constructs of difference like race, caste, class, ethnicity, the goal is to encourage critical thinking about the ways in which various intersectionalities shape the historical, social, political, economic and cultural contexts of our sexual beings. The course will explore how sexuality became central to our understanding of identity or how our experiences of sex and sexuality are shaped by a history of "scientific" theories of desire in the west. Furthermore, how liberal politics incorporate certain queer subjects into the fold of the nation-state, how conservatism and fundamentalisms reconfigure the language of resistance and how heterogeneity necessarily constitutes the field of sexuality also figure as topics for discussion.

### **Unit 1: Undoing/ (de)constructing sex, gender and sexuality**

- Sex and its Medicalization – Heterosexualization of sexual desire; the reproductive imperative; psychopathologies and perversions
- Sexuality and its institutionalization – state (laws, policies), religion, marriage and kinship.
- Sexuality and its intersectionalities - class, caste, race, ethnicity, gender
- Sexuality as a lens for understanding genders and other identities

### **Essential Readings:**

1. Davidson, Arnold I. *The Emergence of Sexuality: Historical Epistemology and the Formation of Concepts*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2004.
2. Weeks, Jeffrey. *Sexuality*. Routledge, 2009 (1986).
3. Puri, Jyoti. *Woman, Body, Desire in Post-Colonial India: Narratives of Gender and Sexuality*. New York: Routledge, 1999.
4. Menon, Nivedita. "Introduction" in Nivedita Menon (ed.), *Sexualities*. New Delhi: Women Unlimited, 2007.
5. Tharu, Susie. "The Impossible Subject: Caste and Desire in the Scene of the Family". Rajeswari Sunder Rajan (ed) *Signposts*. Kali for Women, 1999.
6. Butler, Judith. *Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity*. Routledge, 1990.

## **Suggested Readings**

1. Katz, Jonathan. *The Invention of Heterosexuality*. University of Chicago Press, 2007.
2. Rubin, Gayle. "Traffic in Women: Notes on the 'Political Economy' of Sex" in Joan Scott (ed.) *Feminism and History*. Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press, 1996 (1975).
3. Rubin, Gayle. *Thinking Sex: Notes for a Radical Theory of the Politics of Sexuality*, 1984.
4. Rajan, Rajeswari Sunder "Beyond the Hysterectomies Scandal: Women, the Institution family and State" in *The Scandal of the State*. Duke University Press, 2003.
5. Baxi, Pratiksha. "The Medicalization of Consent and Falsity: The Figure of the Habitude in Indian Rape Law" in Kalpana Kannabiran (ed.) *The Violence of Normal Times*. Women Unlimited, 2005.
6. John, Mary. "Globalisation, Sexuality and the Visual Field: Issues and Non-issues for Cultural Critique" in Mary E. John and Janaki Nair (eds) *The Question of Silence*. Kali for Women, 1998.
7. Mandell, Nancy. *Feminist Issues: Race, Class and Sexuality*. Toronto: Pearson Education, 2009.
8. Clark, Anna. *Desire: A History of European Sexuality*. New York: Routledge, 2008.
9. Phillips, Kim M. and Barry Reay. *Sexualities in History: A Reader*. New York: Routledge, 2002.
10. De Lamater, John D., and Janet Shibley Hyde. "Essentialism vs. Social Constructionism in the Study of Human Sexuality". *Journal of Sex Research* 35(1): 10-18, 1998.
11. Jackson, Stevi and Sue Scott. *Feminism and Sexuality: A Reader*. Columbia University Press, 1996.
12. Rich, Adrienne. "Compulsory Heterosexuality and Lesbian Existence (1980)". *Journal of Women's History*. 15(3): 11-48, 2003.

## **Unit 2: Femininities, Masculinities and Sexualities**

- Approaches to femininities and masculinities as social, cultural, political, and economic constructions.
- Hegemonic and competing masculinities
- Masculinity, virility and nation building
- Feminisation of love, masculinization of sex: queering the gender binary

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9. Dasgupta, Rohit K., and K. Moti Gokulsing (eds.) *Masculinity and Its Challenges in India: Essays on Changing Perceptions*. North Carolina: McFarland & Co., 2013.

### **Unit 3: Bodies, pleasures and consumptions**

- Sexual pleasure or sexual violence? Debating Prostitution; Pornography; Sadomasochism; Sex tourism
- Bodies – good, bad and ugly: beautification, illness (HIV/Anorexia) and disability



- Media, market and cultural representations: Sexual dissent and popular culture
- Performing sexuality: dance, theatre and the erotic 'excess'
- The virtual body of desire – cyberspace and new corporeal imaginations
- Translocated/intersexed bodies, identities and sexualities

### Essential Readings

1. Chancer, S. Lynn. *Reconcilable Differences: Confronting Beauty Pornography and the Future of Feminism*. University of California Press, 1998.
2. Bose, Brinda. (ed), *Translating Desire: Politics of Gender and Culture in India*. New Delhi: Katha, 2002.
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12. Banerjee, Sumanta. "Marginalisation of Women's Popular Culture in Nineteenth Century Bengal" in Kumkum Sangari and Sudesh Vaid (ed), *Recasting Women. Essays in Colonial History*, Kali for Women, 1989.

#### **Unit 4: Sexuality: issues of control and coercion; choice and consent**

- Woman's sexuality and social reform in 19th century India
- Controlling choice and consent: honour crimes; love jihads; sexual assault; sex trafficking; sexual harassment at workplace
- Marking the sexed/sexual body: partition narratives; genocidal rapes; sexual terrorism
- Making of the queer subject: Section 377, the HIV discourse and lesbian love
- Regulating sexual intimacy in public: From Rightist (hindutva vigilantism) to statist (laws on obscenity) measures (including more libertarian spaces like educational institutions and workplaces).

#### **Essential Readings:-**

1. Sarkar, Sumit, and Tanika Sarkar. *Women and Social Reform in Modern India: A Reader*. Indiana University Press, 2008.
2. Freedman, Estelle B. *Redefining Rape. : Sexual Violence in the Era of Suffrage and Segregation*. Cambridge Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2013.
3. Kannabirān, Kalpana. *From Mathura to Manorama: Resisting Violence against Women in India*. New Delhi: Women Unlimited, 2007.
4. Renzetti, Claire M., Jeffrey L. Edleson, and Raquel Kennedy Bergen. *Companion Reader on Violence against Women*. Sage Publications, 2011.
5. Gupte, Manisha, Ramesh Awasthi and Shraddha Chickerur, *'Honour' and Women's Rights: South Asian Perspectives*. Masum Publication, 2012.
6. Narrain, Arvind and Alok Gupta (eds) *Law Like Love: Queer Perspectives on Law*. Yoda Press, 2011.
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8. Baxi, Upendra. "The Gujarat Catastrophe: Notes on Reading Politics as Democidal Rape

Culture” in Kalpana Kannabiran (ed.) *The Violence of Normal Times*. New Delhi: Women Unlimited, 2005.

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2. Annavarapu, Sneha. “Hetero-normativity and Rape: Mapping the Construction of Gender and Sexuality in the Rape Legislations in India”. *Official Journal of the South Asian Society of Criminology and Victimology*. 8(2): 248-264, 2013.
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5. Vance, Carole. “Thinking Trafficking, Thinking Sex”. *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies*. 17 (1): 135-43, 2011.
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8. Vanita, Ruth and Saleem Kidwai. *Same-Sex love in India*, New Delhi: Macmillan India, 2001.
9. Phadke, Shilpa, Sameera Khan, and Shilpa Ranade. *Why Loiter?: Women and Risk on Mumbai Streets*. Penguin Books India, 2011.
10. Mojzes, Paul. *Balkan Genocides: Holocaust and Ethnic Cleansing in the Twentieth Century*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2011.
11. Stiglmeier, Alexandra (ed.). *Mass Rape: The War against Women in Bosnia-Herzegovina*. University of Nebraska Press.
12. Totten, Samuel (ed.) *Plight and Fate of Women during and Following Genocide*. (Rwandan context). Transaction Publishers, 2012.
13. Apsel, Joyce and Ernesto Verdeja (eds.), *Genocide Matters: Ongoing Issues and Emerging Perspectives*. Routledge, 2013.
14. Chattopadhyay, Maitreyi and Soma Marik (eds.), *Garbhaghati Gujarat*. PBS, 2004.

### **Unit 5: Movements and mobilizations around sexuality**

- Winning the right to safe abortion and contraception in the west (60s – 70s)
- Radical feminism and the question of sexual freedom (70s – 80s)
- Sex radicalism/ Sex positive feminism (80s-90s)
- The queer movement and the right to sexual pleasure

- New assertions around sexual freedom: pink chaddi campaign; slut walk, TBTN, kiss of love, sanitary napkin campaign, blood on my skirt etc.
- Homonationalism and sexual citizenship

### Essential Readings:

1. Millet, Kate. *Sexual Politics*. New York: Ballantine Book, 1970.
2. Blasius, Mark. *Sexual Identities, Queer Politics*. New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2001.
3. Puar, Jasbir. *Terrorist Assemblages: Homonationalism in Queer Times*. Duke University Press, 2007.
4. Dave, Naisargi N. *Queer Activism in India: A Story in the Anthropology of Ethics*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2012.
5. Mackinnon, Catherine. A. "Sexuality" in Linda Nicholson (ed.) *The Second Wave: A Reader in Feminist Theory*. New York and London: Routledge, 1997.
6. Bose, Brinda and Subhabrata Bhattacharya (eds.), *The Phobic and the Erotic: The Politics of Sexualities in Contemporary India*. London, New York: Seagull Books, 2007.
7. Sen, Samita Ranjita Biswas and Nandita Dhawan (eds.), *Intimate Others: Marriage and Sexualities in India* Kolkata: Stree, 2011.

### Suggested Readings:

1. Turner, William Benjamin. *A Genealogy of Queer Theory*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2000.
2. Sullivan, Nikki. *A Critical Introduction to Queer Theory*. New York: New York University Press, 2003.
3. Weed, Elizabeth, Naomi Scholar (eds.), *Feminism Meets Queer Theory*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1997.
4. Irigaray, Luce. *This Sex which is Not One*. Cornell University Press, 1985.
5. Laws, D. Richard, and William T. O'Donohue (eds.) *Sexual Deviance: Theory, Assessment, and Treatment*. Guilford Press, 2008.
6. Middleton, Sue. *Disciplining Sexuality: Foucault, Life Histories, and Education*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1998.
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9. Wolf, Sherry. *Sexuality and Socialism*. Chicago: Haymarket Books, 2009.
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11. Cameron, Deborah. "Language, Gender, and Sexuality: Current Issues and New Directions". *Applied Linguistics*. 26(4): 482-502, 2005.
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15. Butters, Ronald R., John M. Clum and Michael Moon. *Displacing Homophobia: Gay Male Perspectives in Literature and Culture*. Duke University Press Books, 1989.
16. Dworkin, Andrea. "Against the Male Flood: Censorship, Equality, and Pornography". *Harvard Women's Law Journal*. Vol. 8: 1-29, 1985.
17. Ferguson, Roderick. "Race-ing Homonormativity: Citizenship, Sociology, and Gay Identity" in E. Patrick Johnson, Mae Henderson (eds.) *Black Queer Studies: A Critical Anthology*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2005.
18. Sen Gupta, Indrani. *Human Rights of Minority and Women's: Transgender Human Rights*. Delhi: Isha Books, 2005.
19. Vatsyayana, Mallanaga. *Kama Sutra*. Translated by Richard Burton. Hertfordshire: Wordsworth, 1995.
20. R. D. Karmarkar (ed.) *Mrcchakatika*. Varanashi: Chaukhamba Sanskrit Pratishtan, 2002.
21. Dixon-Mueller, Ruth. "The Sexuality Connection in Reproductive Health". *Studies in Family Planning*, 269-282, 1993.
22. Fine, Michelle. "Sexuality, Schooling, and Adolescent Females: The Missing Discourse of Desire". *Harvard Educational Review*. 58(1): 29-54, 1988.
23. Ward, Tony, D. Richard Laws, and Stephen M. Hudson (eds.). *Sexual Deviance: Issues and Controversies*. Sage Publications: New Delhi, 2003.
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25. Rahman, Momin. *Sexuality and Democracy: Identities and Strategies in Lesbian and Gay Politics*, 2000.
26. Dolan, Jill. *Presence and Desire: Essays on Gender, Sexuality, Performance*. University of Michigan Press, 1994.
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## **OPTIONAL COURSE: VII**

### **PAPER CODE: OP207**

#### **Gender, Race and Nationalism in the Global South**

This course aims to examine the gendered discourse of nationalism and to address how conceptualization of nation and race are foregrounded by gender. It is also necessary to explore myriad ways in which women negotiate their spaces in 'the nation' and in which the very concept of 'nation' as a male-defined collective reinforces the stereotyped notions of family, sexuality, womanhood and motherhood.

The course needs to question nationalism as a gendered project and to locate agency: women projected as symbols of the new nation, as custodians of culture and tradition, as reproducers of the nation's next generation, and as sites of nationalist struggles. Along with this the course will question the masculine agenda of nationalism where men are presented as active fighters and men as protectors of the nation (women and children).

The study of nationalism will be taken up in several contexts, but mostly looking at the South or the colonial/ex-colonial world -- imperialist study of the colonized nations, nationalism of the oppressed, conflicting nationalisms in the independent (post-colonial) countries, with stress on South Asia, and Nation, Religion and Gender in a number of cases. The first two will be dealt at length with particular reference to British colonialism and India. The impact of British colonial system and policies on local cultures and values will be examined.

#### **Unit I: Colonialism and the Construction of Race and Gender identities – with Special Reference to British India**

- Colonialism and Orientalism: Edward Said and after – explanatory value and relevance of Orientalism.
- Race, nation and gender – Feminist perspectives
- Imperialism and the gendered construction of Indian identities.
- Colonial strategies and their later reverberations
  - I. Law making: Imagining India and India's women
  - II. Using the discourse to defend colonialism – Katherine Mayo and Mother India

### **Essential Readings:**

1. Lewis, Reina. "Gendering Orientalism, Race, Femininity and Representation". *Journal of Historical Geography* Vol. 22, pp. 489-494, 1996.
2. Young, Robert JC. *Colonial Desire: Hybridity in Theory, Culture and Race*. London and New York: Routledge, 2005.
3. Mrinalini Sinha. *Specters of Mother India: The Global Restructuring of an Empire*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2006.
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5. Andersen, Margaret and Patricia Hill Collins. *Race, Class, & Gender: An Anthology*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1995.
6. Mohanty, Chandra Talpade. Ann Russo and Lourdes Torres (eds.) *Third World Woman and the Politics of Feminism*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1991.

### **Unit 2: Ideology of Indian Nationalism and the Space of Gender**

- Contestations of Colonial and *Bhadralok* patriarchies: Setting the tone for women and nationalist resistance
- Nationalist politics and the woman question
  - I. Religion and Community identities
  - II. Sex, Body and Modernity
- Women Imagining the nation; Repositioning Motherhood in the Bengali Nationalist construction of womanhood
- Performing the Nation: Gender and Sports

### **Essential Readings:**

1. Sarkar, Sumit and Tanika Sarkar. *Women and Social Reform in Modern India: A Reader*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2008.
2. Chatterjee, Partha. "The Nationalist Resolution of the Women's Question" in Sudesh Vaid and Kumkum Sangai, *Recasting Women: Essays in Indian Colonial History*. New Jersey: Rutgers University Press, 1990.

3. Sengupta, Indira Chowdhury. *The Frail Hero and Virile History: Gender and the Politics of Culture in Colonial Bengal*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998.
4. Bannerji, Himani. *Inventing Subjects, Studies in Hegemony, Patriarchy and Colonialism*. India: Tulika, 2001.
5. Gupta, Charu. *Sexuality, Obscenity, Community: Women, Muslims and the Hindu Public in Colonial India*. New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2001.
6. Gupta, Radhika. "Bowled out of the Game: Nationalism and Gender Equality in Indian Cricket". *Berkeley Journal of Entertainment and Sports Law*. 2 (1): 90-120, 2013.

### **Unit 3: Gender and Contesting Nationalisms in South Asia since the end of British Rule**

- Sri Lanka – Sinhala and Tamil identities in conflict
- Nation, Religion and Gender in Pakistan
- Bangladesh – Secular Nationalism, Islamic Nationalism and Gender
- Kashmir: Democracy, Nationalism and Gender; Gendering the concept of Kashmiriyat

#### **Essential Readings:**

1. Jayawardena, Kumari. *Feminism and Nationalism in the Third World*. London: Zed Books, 1986.
2. Nazneen, Sohela. "Something is Better than Nothing: Political Party Discourses on Women's Empowerment in Bangladesh". *South Asian Journal*. 24:1-10, 2009.
3. Shaheed, Farida, ed. *Shaping Women's Lives: Laws, Practices and Strategies in Pakistan*. Shirkat Gah, Women's Resource Centre, 1998.
4. Hussain, Neelam, Samiya Mumtaz, and Rubina Saigol (eds.) *Engendering the Nation-state*. Simorgh Women's Resource and Publication Centre, 1997.
5. De Mel, Neloufer. *Women and the Nation's Narrative: Gender and Nationalism in Twentieth Century Sri Lanka*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2001.
6. Kazi, Seema. *Between Democracy and Nation: Gender and Militarisation in Kashmir*. Diss. London School of Economics and Political Science (United Kingdom), 2008.



## **Unit 4: Hindutva and Gender**

- Defining the Nation and the 'Other' in the context of debate on Hindutva and Fascism—Feminist Perspectives
- Gender and Race in Fascism, Nazism and Hindutva
- From Ram Janmabhoomi to Gujarat 2002

### **Essential Readings:**

1. Sarkar, Tanika, and Urvashi Butalia. *Women and the Hindu Right: A Collection of Essays*. Kali for Women, 1995.
2. Bridenthal, Renate, Atina Grossmann and Marion A. Kaplan. *When Biology became Destiny: Women in Weimar and Nazi Germany*. Vol. 1. Monthly Review Pr, 1984.
3. Stephenson, Jill. Claudia Koonz. *Mothers in the Fatherland: Women, the Family, and Nazi Politics*. New York: St. Martin's Griffin, 1988.
4. Chattopadhyay, Maitreyee and Soma Marik (eds), *Garbhaghati Gujarat*. Kolkata: PBS, 2002.

## **Unit 5: Nation, Religion and Gender in West and Central Asia**

- Israel and Palestine
- Israel and the Arabs
- Iran – modernisation, revolution, Islam

### **Essential Readings:**

1. Simona Sharoni, *Gender and the Israeli–Palestinian Conflict: The Politics of Women's Resistance*. Syracuse Studies: Syracuse University Press, 1995.
2. Sheila H. Katz. *Women and Gender in Early Jewish and Palestinian Nationalism*. University Press of Florida, 2003.
3. McClintock, Anne, Aamir Mufti, and Ella Shohat, eds. *Dangerous Liaisons: Gender, Nation, and Postcolonial Perspectives*. Vol. 11. U of Minnesota Press, 1997.
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2. Said, Edward. *Culture and Imperialism*. New York: Vintage, 1993.
3. Yuval-Davls, Nira. *Gender and Nation*. London: Sage, 1997.
4. Mayer, Tamar. "Gender Ironies of Nationalism: Setting the Stage" in T. Mayer (ed.) *Gender Ironies of Nationalism: Sexing the Nation*. London and New York: Routledge, 2000.
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7. Hall, Catherine. "Gender, Nationalisms and National Identities". *Feminist Review* Vol.44, pp. 97-103, 1993.
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13. Ray, Sangeeta. *En-Gendering India: Woman and Nation in Colonial and Postcolonial Narratives*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2000.
14. Stoler, Ann Laura. "Making empire respectable: The politics of race and sexual morality in twentieth-century colonial cultures". *Cultural Politics* Vol. 11, pp. 344-373, 1997.
15. Hassan, Zoya. (Ed.), *Forging Identities: Gender, Communities and the State*. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1994.
16. Burton, Antoinette. "Reading Indian Women: Feminist Periodicals and Imperial Identity" in A. Burton, *Burden's of History: British Feminists, Indian Women, and Imperial Culture, 1865-1915*. North Carolina: University of North Carolina Press, 1994.
17. Saigol, Rubina. "Cricket, Gender and Nationalism". *The Express Tribune*, May 5, 2010.
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19. Massad, Joseph. "Conceiving the Masculine: Gender and Palestinian Nationalism". *The Middle East Journal*, pp. 467-483, 1995.
20. Berg, Gerry. "Zionism's Gender: Hannah Meisel and the Founding of the Agricultural Schools for Young Women". *Israel Studies*, 6 (3):135-165, 2001.

21. Davin, Anna. "Imperialism and Motherhood" in Frederick Cooper and Ann Stoler (eds.). *Tensions of Empire*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997.
22. Bock, Gisela. "Racism and Sexism in Nazi German: Motherhood, Compulsory Sterilisation and the State" in R. Bridenthal, A. Grossman, M.A. Kaplan (eds.) *When Biology Became Destiny: Women in Weimar Germany*. New York: Monthly Review Press, 1984.
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24. Mohanty, Chandra Talpade. "Cartographies of Struggle: Third World Women and the Politics of Feminism" in Chandra Talpade Mohanty, *Feminism Without Borders: Decolonizing Theory, Practicing Solidarity*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2003.
25. Bannerji, Himani, Shahrzad Mojab, and Judith Whitehead. *Of Property and Propriety: The Role of Gender and Class in Imperialism and Nationalism*. Vol. 21. University of Toronto Press, 2001.
26. Khan, Nyla Ali. *Islam, Women, and Violence in Kashmir: Between India and Pakistan*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2010.
27. Kabeer, Naila. "The Quest for National Identity: Women, Islam and the State in Bangladesh". *Feminist Review* Vol. 37, pp.38–58, 1991.
28. Jeffery, Patricia, Amrita Basu (eds.) *Appropriating Gender: Women's Activism and Politicized Religion in South Asia*. New York: Routledge, 1998.
29. Lynch, Caitrin. "Economic Liberalization, Nationalism, and Women's Morality in Sri Lanka" in Deborah Winslow and Michael D. Woost (eds.), *Economy, Culture, and Civil War in Sri Lanka*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2004.
30. Yeganeh, Nahid. "Women, Nationalism and Islam in Contemporary Political Discourse in Iran". *Feminist Review*, Vol.44, pp.3-18, 1993.
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