

Workshop for Research Scholars

Researching Gender: Methods and Challenges

4 December 2024

10.30 am to 1.30 pm

Venue: Committee Room

Dept. of Humanistic Studies

IIT (BHU), Varanasi

About the Workshop

The workshop aims to equip students with potentialities needed to enhance their research skills in the area of Gender Studies (and/ allied areas). It will update students on the questions which are significant for Gender Studies at present. It will also look into the methods and challenges involved in undertaking research in the area.

Resource Persons

J. Devika is a professor at the Center for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram. She is an acclaimed feminist historian, Social Science researcher and translator. She writes about the intertwined histories of gender, politics, development and culture in modern Kerala and explores contemporary issues aided with her training as a historian. She translates between English and Malayalam and writes in both. Her books in English include: *Individuals, Householders, Citizens: Malayalees and Family Planning, 1930s-1970'*, Zubaan, New Delhi, 2008, *En-Gendering Individuals: The Language of Re-forming in Early 20th Century Keralam*, Orient Longman, Hyderabad, 2007, *Women Writing= Man Reading? Masculinist Literary Criticism and Women Writing in Twentieth Century Kerala*, Zubaan-Penguin India, New Delhi, 2013.

Navaneetha Mokkal teaches at Center for Women's Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Her areas of research and teaching include feminist theory and methodology, print and visual culture, and public formations of sexuality. She is the author of *Unruly Figures: Queerness, Sex Work and the Politics of Sexuality in Kerala* (2019) and the co-editor of *Thinking Women: A Feminist Reader* (2019). Her articles on the non-linear imaginations of sexuality have appeared in the journals *Studies in European Cinema*, *Inter Asia Cultural Studies*, *South Asian Popular Culture*, and *BioScope: South Asian Screen Studies*.

Workshop Format

The resource persons will be delivering lectures focusing on the major research works they have undertaken with a focus on: how to reach at research problems, how to frame research questions, quantitative, qualitative and archival research methods etc. The format of the workshop will be interactive. Research scholars are encouraged to present their thesis proposals in brief (about 500 words) and get feedback on the same from the experts.

All research scholars are invited to participate in the same.

Note: The workshop is open only for Research Scholars of the Dept. of Humanistic Studies/ Research Scholars of other Depts. of IIT (BHU).

Those who want to present their research proposals for feedback are encouraged to give their names to the coordinator by email in advance for time management.

For any queries, you can email or meet the coordinator Dr. Kavya Krishna K.R.

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