Credits: 04 (Compulsory)

Objectives: The paper is the very foundation as it attempts to look into the intricacies of the discipline. The need of women’s studies, what purpose it serves and in what ways women’s experiences have been silenced and marginalized. The paper also attempts to explore the mechanisms through which silencing of women’s concerns can be removed.

Women’s Studies: Its Emergence (Indian and International Contexts)
Growth and Significance; Issues and Challenges
Feminist Epistemology: Overview, Feminist Empiricism, Standpoint Epistemology, Post Modernism
Question of Interdisciplinarity in Women’s Studies: Inter linkages between Women’s Studies and other social Sciences
Barriers to interdiscipli.nary Cooperation
Sex and Gender: Facts and Myths :Biological, Social, Cultural and Attitudinal Factors
Social Construction of Sexuality
Notions of Masculinity, Femininity and Patriarchy: Ideologies and Practices
Intersectionality of Gender to other Axes of Stratification such as Class, Caste, Community, Ethnicity and Race
Views of Bell Hooks, Anna Julia Cooper, Kimberle Crenshaw and Patricia Hill Collins
Gender, Social Norms and Values: Agents and Institutions of Socialization
Alternate sexualities and normative Codes
Nature/ Culture Dichotomy: The Sanskriti-Prakriti Debate
Subjugation: its Forms and Areas
Gender Stereotypes and Gender Discrimination
Understanding Social Exclusion, Social Stratification and Marginalization
Changing Language and Forms of Subjugation

Recommended Reading:
V. Geetha : Gender, Calcutta, 2006.
Maitrayee Chaudhari : Feminism in India, New Delhi, 2006.

Feminism: Concept, Objective and Debates
Varieties of Feminist Thinking
History of Evolution of Feminism
Three Waves of Feminism:
Liberal Feminism: Historical Development of Liberal Feminist Thought, Mary Wollstonecraft, Margaret Fuller and J. S. Mill
Rationality, Equality/Difference debate
Seneca Falls Convention: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott
Marxist Feminism: Class struggle, Alienation, Use Value & Surplus value, Production & Reproduction, Suffrage and Revolutionary struggle
Friedrich Engles: The Origin of Family, Private Property and the State
Socialist Feminism: Class and Gender, Division of Labour, Unified and Dual system, Exploitation
Radical Feminism: Critique of Family, Sexual Freedom, Women’s Political Empowerment
Contemporary Development in Feminist Thought: Afro American Feminism, Intersectionality, Alice Walker’s Womanism, Race as a Critical Category for Feminist Thought
Post Modern feminism: Anti Foundationalism, Anti Essentialism, Multi-generic writing forms
Three Perspectives of Postmodern Feminism: Helene Cixous, Luce Irigaray and Julia Kristeva
Feminism in Indian Context: Issues and Challenges

Suggested Readings:


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WMM 1003: WOMEN’S MOVEMENT IN A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Credit: 04 (Compulsory)

Objectives: This paper seeks to introduce students to the important milestones in the International women’s movement. The paper traces the development of the women’s movement in a historical perspective, starting from the French Revolution of 1789.

The concept of Enlightenment tradition in Europe French Revolution, participation of Women in the French Revolution; Women’s rights and during the revolutionary years
Women’s Movement in 19th Century Britain: Education, Political and Legal Rights
Women’s Movement in 19th Century in U.S.A.: Education, Political, Legal Rights
Socialist Revolution and its impact on women in erstwhile USSR 1917-28 (Lenin to Stalin);
Women in USSR and the role of Alexandra Kollontai
Zehnodel and the status of women in USSR
Women’s Movement in USA 1960’s; Consciousness raising groups, women’s liberation movement; N.O.W, Betty Friedan
Black feminist movement in USA; bell hooks
Women’s Role in the National Movement: Gandhi and Women, Women in the Non Cooperation Movement,
Women in the Civil disobedience Movement
Women in the Quit India Movement
Women’s participation in the popular movement of 1960s and 1970s
Important milestones in the women’s movement against violence: activism against dowry deaths and rape
Personal laws and communal identity: response of the women’s movement

Recommended Reading:
Barbara Sinclair: The Women’s Movement: Political, Socio-economic, and Psychological Issues
Karen Offen: Globalizing Feminisms 1789-1945
bell hooks: Feminism is for Everybody
Bonnie G. Smith: Women’s History in Global Perspective
Sarah Gamble (ed.): The Routledge Companion to Feminism and Post-Feminism
Gisela Bock: Women in European History
Amrita Basu (ed.): Women’s Movement in Global Perspective
Ann Loades: Feminist Theology: Voices from the Past
Taya Anderson: Movin On: New Perspectives on the Women’s Movement
Mukherjee Subrata and Ramaswamy Sushila (ed.): Mary Wollstonecraft, A Vindication of the Rights of Woman
Janki Nair: Women and Law in Colonial India
Radha Kumar: History of Doing
Kumkum Sangari and Suresh Vaid (ed.): Recasting Women: Essays in Colonial History
Geraldine Forbes: Women in Modern India
Geraldine Forbes: Women in Colonial India

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M.A. SEMESTER I
WMM 1004: WOMEN AND LAW

Credits: 04 (Compulsory)
Objectives: Legal empowerment is certainly the key to holistic empowerment of women. Through this paper, students will be equipped in knowing the specific legal rights and obligations for the protection of women. Law often plays a double edged role, often restricting and empowering as well, that needs to be critically probed into.

Defining Law under Different Schools of Jurisprudence: Analytical, Historical and Sociological School of Jurisprudence
Introducing Feminist Legal Theory: Contributions made by Catharine MacKinnon and Carol Gilligan
Women and Law in Colonial India: Prevailing Legacies of Colonial Legal System:
   a) Codification of Law under the Colonial Rule
   b) Legislative Interventions relating to Issues such as Sati, Widow Remarriage, Female Infanticide, Age of Consent and Child Marriage
   c) Judicial Pronouncements relating to Stridhan in Colonial India
Right to Privacy and Supreme Court’s Decision in Justice K. R. Puttaswamy vs. Union of India, 2017
Women’s Status within Marriage under Different Personal Laws: Essentials of Valid Marriage and the difference between Valid, Void and Voidable Marriage

Divorce: Varying Provisions of Divorce under Personal Laws: Hindu, Muslim and Christian Law

- Indian Divorce Act, 1869
- Talaq-us-Sunnat, Talaq-ul-Biddat, Talaq-e-Tafweez, Khula, Mubaraat, Lian, Zihar
- Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act, 1956

Supreme Court’s Decision on Triple Talaq in case of Shayara Bano vs. Union of India, 2017

Restitution of Conjugal Rights and Women’s Rights

Provision for Maintenance Section 125 of Code of Criminal Procedure

Laws relating to Property (Rules of Inheritance under Muslim Personal Law, Hindu Succession Act, 1956 and Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act, 2005),


An Analysis of Personal Laws from a Women’s Rights Perspective: Debates Surrounding the Uniform Civil Code

Registration of First Information Report: Rights and Duties under Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973

Laws relating to Arrest and Detention, Rights of Arrested Person including the Right to Bail

Difference between Cognizable and Non-cognizable Offence

Laws relating to Adultery and Bigamy (Sections 494 and 497 of Indian Penal Code, 1860)

Supreme Court’s Decision on Adultery in Joseph Shine vs. Union of India, 2018.

Recommended Readings:


Archana Parashar and Amita Dhanda (ed.): Redefining Family Law in India, Routledge, 2008.


Ratna Kapur (ed.): Feminist Terrains in Legal Domains, Kali for Women, New Delhi, 1996.


Carol Smart: Feminism and the Power of Law, Routledge, 1989.

Ratanlal and Dhirajlal: The Indian Penal Code, Lexis Nexis, 2015.


Vasudha Dhagamwar: *Towards the Uniform Civil Code*, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, 1998.


Kalpana Kannabiran and Ranbir Singh (eds.): *Challenging The Rule(s) of Law: Colonialism, Criminology and Human Rights in India*, Sage, 2008.


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**WMM 1011: WOMEN AND SOCIETY IN INDIA**

**Credits: 04 (Optional)**

**Objectives:** This course is aiming to introduce various aspects of women’s life, and agencies responsible to shaped them in contemporary Indian society and in the past.

Women’s position from Vedic times to the present
Women’s reforms and their participation in India’s independence movement, etc. in 19th and 20th century
Social construction of gender and gender roles
Socialization- institutions of socialization- changing content and context of gender-need for re-socialization.
Women in family: marriage, working women-multi-tasking, family law
Women and health issues: malnutrition, poor maternal health and infant mortality, women and HIV/AIDS. Etc
Women’s Education for equality
Feminization of poverty, women’s land right etc
Violence against women: missing girls, empowerment measures
Women’s labour: discriminatory wages, changing working conditions and work place related issues.

**Recommended Reading:**

Anupama Rao: Gender and Caste, Kali for Women, New Delhi, 2006


Iftikhar, Rukhsana, Indian Feminism-Class, Gender & Identity in Medieval Ages, Notion Press; 1 edition (2016)

Jodi O’ Brien (ed) : Encyclopedia of Gender and Society, Vol. I and II, New Delhi,
2009
Kirit K. Shah : History and Gender: Somen Exploration, New Delhi, 2005
Uma Chakravarti : Gendering Caste: Through Feminist Lens, Bhatkal & Sen, New Delhi, 2006

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M.A. SEMESTER I
WMM 1013: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Credits: 04 (Compulsory)
Objectives: The objective of this paper is to help the students in developing an understanding of designing research projects, analysing and presenting data. It will be useful to students who intend to work in organisations involved in collecting socio-economic data. Moreover, the paper is also very relevant for students planning to pursue M.Phil. or Ph.D. programme.

Topics
Basic theoretical debates and methodological practices in social sciences research
Brief introduction to quantitative, qualitative research & mixed methods
Literature Survey & Review; Preparing Index & Reference cards (Class exercise)
Choosing a topic and central/originating questions
Main steps for conducting research; Going from a topic to a research question
Attributes and variables; Units of analysis; Levels of measurement
Association vs. causality
Measurement scales – Nominal or classificatory; ordinal or ranking; interval and ratio scales
Hypotheses – Definition, functions, testing, characteristics, types & errors
Qualitative research designs – Based on number of contacts, reference period, nature of investigation
Quantitative & Mixed methods designs - Case study, Oral history, Focus groups / group interviews, Participant observation
Holistic research, Community discussion forums, Reflective journal log
Philosophy guided designs – Action Research, Feminist Research, Participatory research & collaborative enquiry
Research instrument in Quantitative & Qualitative research, pre-testing of research instrument
Data collection with Attitudinal Scales
Sample selection in quantitative & qualitative research
Principles of sampling; Types of sampling & calculation of sample size; Saturation point in qualitative research.
Collecting data – Primary & Secondary
Processing data in quantitative, qualitative & Mixed methods studies
Statistical Measures; Displaying data – Text, Tables, Graphs.
Writing a research report.

Readings:
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M.A. SEMESTER II
WMM 2001: WOMEN AND EDUCATION

CREDITS: 04 (Compulsory)
Objective: The purpose of this course is to understand the importance of women’s education and highlight various problems and prospects. It intends to develop critical perspective on issues related to gender inequalities in schooling and curriculum development and critique current school reform practices. The course places an emphasis on the significance of alternative system of education for women. It also provides an insight on the efforts of Indian Government to promote education of women through various commissions, committees and policy initiatives.

Concept, Need and Significance of Women’s Education
Social and Individual Aims of Women’s Education
Role of Education in Women’s Empowerment
Constraints to Women’s Education: Socio-Cultural, Economic, Geographical and other factors
Contemporary Situation of Women’s Education in India: Literacy, Enrolment Ratios, Dropout Rates Attendance ratio
Participation of Women at Different Stages of School Education
Need for alternative system of education: Non-formal Education, Distance Education, Vocational Education, Adult education, Continuing Education
Paulo Freire’s ‘Banking Concept of Education’, Ivan Illich’s ‘Deschooling Society’
Socialisation in Education
Gender Bias in Schooling, Stereotypes in Text-Books
Curriculum Development: Recent Curricular Reforms
Feminist Pedagogy
Programmes for Women’s Education- Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidhyalaya, Mahila Samakya, NPEGEL, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and others.
Women Education and Five Year Plans
Recommendations of various commissions and committees on women’s education; University Education Commission (1948), Secondary Education Commission (1952), National Committee on Women’s Education (1958), Hansa Mehta Committee (1961-63), Bhaktavatsalam Committee (1963), Indian Education Commission (1964-1966)

Selected References
Jandhyala B.G. Tilak: Women’s Education and Development, Published by Gyan Publications.

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WMM 2002: WOMEN, MEDIA AND LITERATURE

CREDITS: 04 (Compulsory)

Objectives: The objective of the paper is to make students understand the stereotypical images of women as portrayed through media. This paper also includes feminist readings of few texts by Kamla Das, Sylvia Plath and Kate Chopin.

Concept of Communication and Mass Media
Types/ Functions of Mass Media
Gender gap in Media Organization
Obstacles and Opportunities for Women Media Professionals
Censorship and Acts
Construction of Indian Women in Popular and Parallel Cinema, advertisements, TV Soaps and Web Series
Idealized image of women in media
Male Gaze: Concept and application
Feminist Film Theory: Introduction, application and Indian context.
Engendering and Endangering Stereotypes
Women’s issues in Print Media
Genres in Literature
Changing Notions of Literature, Women in Writing: Kamla Das, Sylvia Plath
Feminist Readings of Literature: Kate Chopin’s The Blue Stockings
Gender Construction in Fairy tales.

Suggested Readings:
Sue Thornhan. Women Feminism and Media, 2005
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WMM 2005: WOMEN, GENDER & ECONOMY

Credits: 04 (Compulsory)

Objective: The objective of the paper is to familiarise the students with economic and social factors which have influenced gender roles. The course will help the students to develop an understanding of gender inequalities under changing patterns of economic activity and globalisation. It also aims to make students aware about the contemporary issues facing women in modern economy and society especially in developing countries.

Brief introduction to gender roles in pre-historic & subsistence societies
Origins of family and private property
Neo-Classical, Marxian and Feminist economics
Capitalism and gender relations
Women’s marginalisation in rural employment; Gender divisions of labour
Recent economic growth & employment patterns in India
Conceptual issues in assessing women’s work
Women’s work and their economic position in India and Asia
Women’s economic participation in market and non-market production - Determinants & impact
Feminisation of agriculture and poverty
International context of Women’s work
Gender and development - issues and approaches; GDI & SDGs
Globalisation, uneven development and inequality - Patterns and consequences
Global integration, employment and gender inequalities – manufacturing, domestic and care work
Technological change and women’s employment opportunities
Contradictions of development and globalisation – case studies of China and India
Financial inclusion - Microfinance and gender

Readings:

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M.A. SEMESTER II
WMM 2006: LABOUR LAWS AND GENDER JUSTICE

Credit: 04 (Compulsory)
Objective: To acquaint students about the evolution of labour legislations in India, and significant legal provisions regarding women workers.

History of the Development of Labour Legislation in India
Formation of Trade Unions and Rights of Workers Trade Unions Act, 1926
Plantation and Mining Laws and Provisions relating to Women’s Welfare:
  a) Mines Act, 1952
  b) Plantations Labour Act, 1951
Constitutional Guarantees, Labour Rights and Gender Concerns: the Right against Exploitation and Right to Livelihood
Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace and the Legal Provisions: Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013
Provisions for Maternity Relief and Equal pay for Equal Work under the Constitution of India:
  a) Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 and Maternity Benefits (Amendment) Act, 2017
Minimum Wages Act, 1948
Factories Act, 1948
Commercial Surrogacy in India and its Legal Regulation in India: Guidelines of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) regarding Surrogacy
Assisted Reproductive Technologies (Regulation) Bill, 2010; Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016 Judicial Decisions relating to Surrogacy: Baby Manji Yamada vs. Union of India, Jan Balaz vs. Anand Municipality and others, Baby M New Jersey Case,
Labour and Land Rights for Women: Why do women need independent rights in land? Addressing the Question of Ownership and Control over Land
Social Protection Policies for the Urban Informal Sector and Women’s Issues: Unorganized Workers
Social Security Act, 2008

Suggested Readings:
Janaki Nair, Women and Law in Colonial India: A Social History, Kali for Women in collaboration with NLSIU, 1996.
Urdu magazines in colonial India and Muslim women; Anjuman i Khawateen i Islam, Emergence of Muslim Women’s Organizations in colonial India, Muslim Women and Contextualizing Muslim Personal law, Historical development of personal laws in colonial India, Muslim personal law: Marriage, Divorce and maintenance, Women’s rights and personal laws in post-independence India; the Shah Bano debate; Danial Latifi case; Triple Talaq debate and the Shyera Bano Case, Gender and Community Identity in Post-Independence India, Locating Gender in Community Formation: Minority politics and Muslim women, Muslim women’s Organizations and Issues in post-independence India; Bharatiya Muslim Mahila Andolan, Awaz-e- Niswa, All India Muslim Women’s Personal Law Board

Suggested Readings:
Geralidine Forbes, Women in Modern India, Cambridge University Press, 1996
Patricia Jeffery and Amrita Basu (eds), Appropriating Gender: Women’s Activism, Politicized Religion and the State in South Asia (Routledge, New York & London)
Roger Jeffery and Patricia Jeffery, Population, Gender and Politics: Demographic Change in Rural North India (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge), 1997
Shahida Lateef. Muslim women in India political and private realities 1890s to 1980s, Kali for Women, 1990
Vrinda Narain, Gender and Community: Muslim Women’s Rights in India, University of Toronto Press
Vrinda Narain, Reclaiming the Nation: Muslim Women and the Law in India, University of Toronto Press, 2008
Zoya Hasan, Ritu Menon, Unequal Citizens Status of Muslim Women in India, New Delhi, OUP, 2004
Zoya Hasan, Ritu Memen, In a Minority Essays on Muslim Women in India; OUP, 2005

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M.A. SEMESTER II
WMM 2012: WOMEN AND LANGUAGE

CREDIT: 04 (Optional)
Objectives: This course intends to examine the language structures and usage patterns exhibited by women and men. It focuses on the questions of how members of each sex use language differently, how does language treat the sexes differently and how do such differences affect our perception, attitudes and behavior in everyday life.
Gender and Language
Gender, language and power
Construction of gender differences in language
Subjectivity and the woman writer
Theoretical Debates; Feminism and Linguistic Theory
When Men speak as Women; Gender, Genre and identity
Sexuality and language
Discourse of Language in the ‘Public Sphere’
Gender and Civility
Discursive construction of gender: metaphor, agency, stereotypes and subject positioning.
Linguistic interplay in the 18th and 19th Century Indo Muslim Literature
The language of the ‘Self’
Analyzing the biographical literature
Narrativizing Household and Power through language.

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**M.A. Semester III**

**WMM 3001: Women, State and Politics in India**

**Credits: 04 (Compulsory)**

**Objectives:** The paper aims to understand the nature of women’s political participation in the country. It holds specific relevance as it reveals the ways in which state and its mechanisms are informed by misogynist & patriarchal values.

Defining Power: Max Weber, Antonio Gramsci, Michel Foucault and Hannah Arendt’s views on power

Understanding Politics, its characteristics and different views on politics: Liberal, Marxist and Communitarian Perspective

Understanding Feminist Political Theory and the Contribution by Susan Moller Okin

Concepts of State, Nation and Nation-State, the nature of the Indian State (its Political Culture and Social Character)

State’s Policies and Women’s Question: Feminist Perspective and the Gendered Nature of Liberal Democratic State

State Feminism and the Political Representation of Women

Practical Gender Needs (PGNs) and Strategic Gender Needs (SGNs) and the Role of the State

Women’s Presence in Formal and Informal Politics: Issues and Challenges

Women as Leaders, Voters and Contestants: Few Case Studies, Facts and Figures representing Women’s Political Participation

Women in Public Administration: Legislature, Executive and Judiciary

Women and the Discourse of Citizenship: the Concepts of Dialogical Citizenship, Epistemic Community and Differentiated Citizenship

**Recommended Reading:**


Iain Mackenzie: *Politics: Key Concepts in Philosophy* Continuum, 2009


Kenneth Murray Kunttila, : *State Theories: Classical, Global and Feminist Perspective,*

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M.A. SEMESTER III
WMM 3002: WOMEN, ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Credits: 04 (Compulsory)

Objectives: The objective of this paper is to help the students to develop an understanding of the environmental issues from a gender perspective. The course also aims to highlight the impact of development policies and globalisation on women and food security, and women’s role in conserving the environment and gender issues in resource rights.

Eco-feminism, its origin and types; Epistemological challenges- Women–Nature connection
Environmental feminism and critique of eco-feminism
Gendered effects of environmental degradation
Environmental degradation and Poverty creation - concerns of Third World Women
Commercialization of forest produce and its effect on women
Impact of WTO (World Trade Organization) on agriculture; Expansion of agriculture for export & natural resource extraction
Food security - Third World women & Gender equality
Gender and resource rights
Gender & land rights – conceptual links; Need for independent land rights for women
Patriarchal nature of technology – Technological diffusion in agriculture and its effects on women
Environmental Movements in India and other countries - Women’s role in natural resource management and sustainable development
United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) – Rio Conference, World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg
SDGs related to environment
Environmental issues at national and local levels
Gendered impact of pollution and natural hazards; Climate change and gender
Environment policy in India - Ineffectiveness of resource protection policies.

Readings:
Guha, R. (1992). This Fissured Land: An Ecological History of India. OUP, India.
McNeill, J.R. et al. (eds.): Environmental History – As if Nature Existed. OUP, N. Delhi.
Rajgopalan, R. Environmental Studies from Crisis to Cure, OUP, N. Delhi.

Max. Marks: 100
Sessional: 30
End Semester: 70

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M.A. SEMESTER III
WMM 3003: FEMINIST RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Credits: 04 (Compulsory)
Objectives: This course is aiming to make students aware that in the course of the time feminism developed its own tools for research methodology with an objective to structure the contemporary system of knowledge formation free from any bias.

Feminist Critiques of Modern Knowledge Paradigms;
Emergence of the concept of “Feminist” research
Feminist critique of Science
Feminist critique of social sciences
Sexuality and Gender: An Analysis of Intersectionality
From Truth/Reality to knowledge/Power: Taking a feminist standpoint
Feminist engagement with Marxist and Socialist thoughts
The Impact of Postmodern thought on feminist Methodology
Foucault and Feminism
Feminist Approaches to Survey Research and Statistical Analysis:
Data Collection and Interpretation
Feminist Methods of Textual and Content Analysis
Feminist Pedagogy and Praxis: New Applications in the Academy and Public Policy

**Recommended Reading:**

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**M.A. SEMESTER III**
**WMM 3004: SOCIAL INCLUSION: DALIT AND MINORITY WOMEN**

**Credits: 04 (Compulsory)**
**Objective:** This paper aims to draw the attention to the periphery of the society, in terms of women belonging to the most marginal communities, while dealing with the idea of citizenship, social justice and accessibility to the resources.

Historical locations and Forms of Social exclusion – Ostracism; Solidarism; Stigma; Poverty, Deprivation, Discrimination
Types of Exclusion Societies
Perspectives on Social Exclusion - Rene Lenoir, Hilary Silver, Ruth Levitas, Jo Beall, Charles Taylor, Amartya Sen, Martha Nussbaum
Gender Inequality and Theories of Justice
Citizenship – Concept, Debates and Challenges
Constitutional and Legal Provisions for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes
National Commission for Minorities
Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989
Status of Dalit and Religious minority women – Education, Property, and other resources
Indian Exclusion Reports
Dalit women’s Subversion in Literature - Dalit Literature: Shantabai Kamble; Bama; Om Prakash Valmiki; Namdeo Dhasal
Translations from Modern Marathi Literature by Arjun Dangale
Women’s Reservation: Debates and Challenges
Uniform Civil Code – Concerns and Contentions
Implications of social exclusion for Dalit and Religious Minority Women

Suggested readings:
Ahmad, Imtiaz (ed.), Modernisation and Social Change among Muslims of India. (Delhi: Manohar, 1983)
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M.A. SEMESTER III
WMM 3011: WOMEN'S HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Credits: 04 (Optional)

Objectives: Through this paper we intend to generate awareness among students about issues and concerns about women’s health & provide perspectives for women’s better access to healthcare services,

Concept of General and Reproductive Health
WHO’s Definition of Health, Health Indicators and Assessment of Health Status
Status of Women’s Health in India
Factors Influencing Women’s Health
Women Specific Health Issues throughout the Life Cycle: Infancy, Adolescence, Adulthood and Old Age
Health Care Infrastructure in India,
Women’s Access to Health Care Service
Women and Nutrition, Malnutrition, Deficiency and Diseases
New Reproductive Technologies and Maternal Health in India
Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Ethical and Legal Issues about In- Vitro Fertilization (IVF) and Commercial Surrogacy, Baby Manjhi Case Study;
Women’s Health and Occupational Hazards, Case Study of Beedi Workers etc,
Health Issues of Migrant Women and Displacement.
National Health and Population Policies and Programs in India
National Family Health Surveys (NFHS), National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), National Urban Health Mission (NUHM), Pradhan Mantri Swasthaya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY)
International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), Cairo, 1994; Alma Ata Declaration, 1978
Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act (1971), Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique Act (1994) and Issue of Sex Selective Abortions; Gender Budgeting and Women’s Health.
Suggested Readings:
Annandale, Ellen: Women’s Health and Social Change, Routledge, Oxon
Gandhi, Anjali (Ed.): Women’s Work health and Empowerment, Aakar, Delhi
James, K. S. & Others (Ed.): Population, Gender and Health in India, Academic Foundation, New Delhi
Koening, Michael A. & others (Ed.): Reproductive Health in India: New Evidence, Rawat Publications, Jaipur
Mukhopadhyay, Swapna (Ed.): Women’s health, public policy and community action, Manohar Publishers, N. Delhi
Murthy, Padmini & Smith Clyde Lanford. Women’s Global Health and Human Rights, Jones and Bartlett Publishers, Sudbury
Pandya, Rameshvari (Ed.): Health, Family Planning and Nutrition in India, New Century Publications, New Delhi
Rao, B. Sambasiva: Empowerment of women and health, serial Publications, Delhi
Singh, Abha, Lakhsmi: Rural, women: work and health, The Women Press, Delhi

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M.A. SEMESTER III
WMM 3012: WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Credit: 04 (Optional)
Objectives: Feminist interventions have led to several significant developments in international human rights law. This paper seeks to introduce students to the UN framework and its contributions in the development of international human rights law from the perspective of women’s human rights.

Concept of International Law
Historical development of the concept of Human Rights and human rights law
Development and concept of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), the Geneva Conventions
Difference between human rights law and IHL
Gender based provisions of Humanitarian Law
Feminist Critiques of human rights law
Women’s human rights; UN and the protection of Women’s rights UDHR, ICCPR, ICESCR
CEDAW, Treaty based bodies and protection of women’s rights
Protection women’s rights under the regional treaties of Human rights
Women’s rights under the African Charter of Human rights
Protection of Women’s human rights under the Inter-American system of human rights
European court of Human rights and the protection of women’s rights
Violence against women and provisions of international human rights law, UN Declaration on Elimination of Violence against women 1992; General Recommendation no.19
International refugee law and the protection of women.
Suggested Readings:
Francoise Krill. The Protection of Women in international humanitarian Law, International Review of the Red Cross, No. 249, 1985
Jo Lym Southhard. Protection of Women’s Human rights under the CEDAW
Julie Peters and Andrea Wolper (eds.) Feminist Perspectives Women’s Rights and Human Rights: International Feminist perspectives
Laura Sjoberg (ed.) Gender and International Security
Radhika Coomaraswamy. Are Women’s Rights Universal? Re-engaging the Local in, At the Cutting Edge: Essays in Honor of Kumari Jayawardena

Credit: 4 (Open Elective)
Objectives: The purpose of this course is to evaluate how development affects women in various situations. It identifies with women’s concerns about development. The course also looks into the women’s lived experiences of development and the ways in which they are promoting sustainable development.

Understanding Inclusive Development: Development as Freedom (Amartya Sen);
Women and Human Development (Martha Nussbaum); Development as Agency Enhancement (Naila Kabeer)
Masculinist paradigms of Development
Women in Development (WID), Women and Development (WAD) and Gender and Development (GAD)
Sustainable Development Goals and Gender Equality
Paradigms of Development in State Policies - Issues of Heteronormativity
Masculinity and the Global Popular
South Asian Feminisms: Gender in a globalised world
Development, Globalisation and Nation building: Inclusion and exclusion of women
Politicising Gender Economy: Migration, Refugee protection, and Labour movements.
Caste, Indigeneity and Development discourses.
Women and Technologies.
Women and Livelihood concerns.
Women’s Struggles for recognition and sustenance on various fronts- Ecology, Media, and Economic development.
Reading List

D. R. Nagaraj. The Flaming Feet and Other Essays: The Dalit Movement in India. Permanent Black: New Delhi. 2010
Indrani Mazumdar, N Neetha, Indu Agnihotri. Migration and Gender in India, Economic and Political Weekly.
Maitreee Chaudhry. Gender and Advertisements: The rhetoric of globalization
Malani Bhattacharya (ed.). Perspectives in Women’s Studies: Globalization, Tulika Books: New Delhi. 2004
Nivedita Menon (ed). Themes in Politics: Gender and Politics in India, OUP, 1999
Pamela Abbott, Claire Wallace, Melissa Tyler (eds). An Introduction to Sociology: Feminist Perspectives
Rajeshwari Sunder Rajan (ed.). Signposts: Gender Issues in post Independence India, Kali for Women, 1999
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WMM 4001: COLONIALISM, NATIONALISM AND GENDER

CREDITS: 04 (Compulsory)

Objectives: This paper aims to introduce to students the conceptual framework of nationalism and its relation with the gender. Specifically it dealt with emergence of Indian nationalism and issue of gender in colonial context.

Explaining Nationalism, Imperialism and Colonialism
Gender and Nation: A Complex Interplay
Feminist Nationalism: An Academic Discourse on Women and Nationalism
Gender, Nation and State: Influence of State and Religious Communities on the Construction of Gendered Identities
Construction of National and Community Identities in the Light of Partition of India
Women and Biological Reproduction of Nation
Communalism, Caste and Hindu Nationalism
Construction of Gender: A Colonial Perspective
Feminism and Nationalism: Third World Perspective

Recommended Readings
Nira Yuval Davis: *Gender and Nation*, Sage Publication, New Delhi, 2007
Angela Woollcott: *Gender and Empire*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2006
Lois A. West (ed.): *Feminist Nationalism*, Routledge, 1997
A.R. Desai: *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*, Popular Prakashan, 1984
Rada Ivekovic & Julie Mostov (eds.): *From Gender to Nation*, Zubaan, 2004
Ritu Menon, *Selfhood, Nation and Gender: The Psychic Roots of Sexism, Racism and Nationalism*;
Urvashi Butalia: *Do Women Have a Country?*;
Malini Bhattacharya (ed.): *Gender and Nation: Some Reflections from India*
Radha Krishna Sharma: *Nationalism, Social Reform and Indian Women*, Janaki Prakashan, 1979 (Chapter-III Nationalism, Politics and Women)
CREDITS: 04 (Compulsory)

Objectives: The objective of the paper is to understand the intersections involved in the various aspects of women’s struggles. The paper seeks to explore the impact of culture and development on women in the fast changing global order. It also aims to locate gender at the interface of national and global identities and equip students with nuanced arguments and discourses on various local and global issues.

Four Major theories of Development: Modernisation, Dependency, World System, Globalisation;
Understanding Inclusive Development: Amartya Sen’s Development as Freedom and Naila Kabeer: Women, Agency and Development
Women in Development (WID), Women and Development (WAD) and Gender and Development (GAD).
Cultural Hierarchies and Masculinist paradigms of Development;
Statism and Neo-liberal Globalisation: A Gender Perspective
Women and International migration: Issues and Concerns
Development, Nationalism and Global Populism
Orality and Indigeneity in the era of Globalisation;
Gender, Culture and Economic Marginalities;
Role of Information and Communication Technologies in women’s empowerment;
Women’s struggles for alternative development: Media and Ecology

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D. R. Nagaraj. The Flaming Feet and Other Essays: The Dalit Movement in India. Permanent Black: New Delhi. 2010
Indrani Mazumdar , N Neetha , Indu Agnihotri. Migration and Gender in India, Economic and Political Weekly.
Nivedita Menon (ed). *Themes in Politics: Gender and Politics in India*, OUP, 1999
Pamela Abbott, Claire Wallace, Melissa Tyler(eds). *An Introduction to Sociology: Feminist Perspectives*
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WMM4003: FEMINIST EPISTEMOLOGY

CREDIT: 04 (Compulsory)

Objective: To give an understanding of feminist perspective on the knowledge claims and to bring about awareness regarding the hegemony of androcentric natural science and social sciences knowledge.

Understanding Feminist Epistemology, Incompatibility between Feminism and Epistemology
Taxonomies of Feminist Epistemology: Feminist Empiricism, Feminist Standpoint Theory and Feminist Postmodernism;
Women and Deconstruction: Representation and the Question of History; Science as Social Knowledge: Knower and Known.
Feminist Approaches to Science; Feminist Approaches to Social Sciences; Understanding the idea of ‘Personal is Political’: Method, Politics and Theory of State; Language and Ideology: Gendered Reason, Sex Metaphor.
Bio-Politics of the Multicultural Field: Donna Haraway;
Feminism, Postmodernism and Gender Skepticism: Susan Bordo;
Feminist Methods: Contextual Empiricism, Interactive Methodology, Action Research, Ethnomethodology, Phenomenology, Ethnography; Critical Neo-Rationalist Approach;
Critique of Feminist Epistemology- Debates.

Max. Marks: 100
Sessional: 30
End Semester: 70
**Suggested Readings:**

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**WMM 4004: WOMEN IN THE THIRD WORLD: AN AFRO-ASIAN PERSPECTIVE**

**Credit: 04 (Compulsory)**  
**Objective:** The paper seeks to provide feminist insight into women’s issues in the third world. The paper introduces the students to the contributions of some of the important third world feminists with reference to the development of third world feminism. A study of women’s movements and women’s participation in the anti-colonial struggles in the third world countries is also an important component of this paper

**Concept of Third World**  
**Post-Modern Feminism, Postcolonial Feminism, Third World Feminism**  
Women’s Movement in Egypt in the early twentieth century  
The Egyptian Feminist Union and the contribution of Huda Sharavi in the rise of the Egyptian Feminist Union  
Women’s question in Egypt and the contribution of Qasim Amin  
Feminism in the works of Zeinab Al Ghazali and Nawal Sadawi  
Women’s Movement in Iran a historical perspective; the Constitutional Revolution. And the role of women, Women’s Anjumans early twentieth century Iran  
Women’s Rights and Status during the rule of the Pehlvi Dynasty  
Women’s participation in the Iranian Revolution of 1979  
Women’s rights and status during the rule of Ayatullah Khomeni  
Women’s journals, Rise of Islamic feminism in Iran  
Women in Turkey in the twentieth century; Young Turks movement, The Kemalist Revolution and the emancipation of women  
Women’s movement in Malaysia in a historical perspective  
Women’s movement in Sri Lanka
Women’s Status, Legal codes and women’s rights  in Tunisia

**Suggested Readings:**
Chandra Talpade Mohanty, Feminism without Borders: Decolonizing Theory Practicing Solidarity
Bonnie G. Smith. Women’s History in Global Perspective
Sarah Gamble (ed.), The Routledge Companion to Feminism and Post-Feminism
Valentine M. Moghadam, From Patriarchy to Empowerment: Women’s Participation, Movement and Rights in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia
Valentine M. Moghadam, Modernizing Women: Gender and Social Change in the Middle East
Amrita Basu (ed.) Women’s Movement in Global Perspective
Saliba Therese, AblenCarolyn & Howard Judith (ed.), Gender, Politics and Islam

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**WMM 4011: WOMEN AND VIOLENCE**  

**CREDITS: 04 (Optional)**

**Objective:** This paper will help students understand the issue of gender based violence and its various forms. It will give them an insight into the laws and movements for countering gender based violence.

Targeting Women’s Bodies in Political Conflicts  
Gender Violence in Communal Conflicts  
Women as Participants in Violence and Women’s Associations in Combating Violence: AIDWA, SEWA  
Gender Violence in Private Sphere: Foeticide, Infanticide, Domestic Violence, Dowry etc  
Khap Panchayats: Cultural Barriers, Honour Killing  
Gender Violence in Public Places: Acid Attack, Sexual Harassment, Rape etc  
Laws Related to Violence against Women and their effectiveness  
Role of NGOs in Fighting against Violence on Women: Anveshi, Women’s Counseling Centre, Breakthrough  
Civil Society Initiatives and Women’s Movements for Violence against Women: Gulabi Gang, Honour for Women National Campaign

**Suggested Readings:**
Laxmi Devi, Ed.  
Crime Atrocities and Violence Against Women and Related Laws of Justice  
Thomas, Joseph  
Social Movements and Violence  
Krishnaraj, Maithreyi Ed.  
Women and Violence : A Country Report  
Jaising, Indira Ed.  
Law of Domestic Violence  
Chatterjee, Partha Ed.  
Community, Gender and Violence  
Geonesekere, Savitri, Ed  
Violence, Law and Women’s Rights in South Asia  
Welehman, Lynm Ed.  
Honour: Crimes, Paradigms and Violence Against Women
Omvedt, Gail  
Mohanty, Bedabati  
Kapadia, Karin Ed.  
Chitrasen  
Goel, Aruna Ed.  
Misra, Preeti  
Redford, Jill & Othrs. Ed.  
Sudhir,H. & Others Ed.  
Mathur, Kanchan  
Singh, Kirti  
Ahuja, Ram  
Kannabiran, Kalpana Ed.  
Menon, Vineetha & K. N.Nair Ed.  
Merry, Sally Engle  
Shirwadkar, Swati Ed.  
Walikhanna, Charu  
Kelly, Liz And Linda Regan  
Banerjee, Sunita  
Wykes, Maggie & Kirsty Welsh  
Chatterjee, Piya & Others Ed.  
Brownridge, Douglas A.  
Violence Against Women  
Violence Against Women  
The Violence of Development: The Politics of Identity, Gender & Social Inequalities in India  
Violence Against Women and Human Right  
Violence Against Women : Issues And Perspective  
Domestic Violence Against Women: Legal Control and Judicial Response  
Women Violence and Strategies for Action  
AViolence Against Women in North East India  
Countering Gender Violence.  
Law, Violence and Women in India.  
Violence Against Women  
The Violence of Normal Times: Essays on Women’s Lived Realities.  
Confronting Violence Against Women.  
Gender Violence: A Cultural Perspectives  
Family Violence in India  
Law on Violence Against Women  
Violence Against Women: A Briefing Document on International Issues and Responses  
Violence Against Women in Globalization Asia  
Violence, Gender and Justice  
States Of Trauma Gender And Violence In South Asia  
Violence Against Women: Vulnerable Population  

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WMM 4012: WOMEN AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  

CREDITS: 04 (Optional)  
Objective: The idea behind teaching this paper is to make students realize about the potential in women for becoming entrepreneurs with basics of management. This paper also informs students about the plans and policies running to train and encourage women to become entrepreneur.  

Concepts of Management: Functions, Roles, Levels and Skills  
Women Entrepreneurship : Meaning, Status of Women Entrepreneur in India  
Role of Entrepreneurs in the Economies of Nations  
Entrepreneurial Decision Making  
Women Leadership  
Social Entrepreneurship  
Recent trends in Women’s Entrepreneurship.
Internal and external Barriers for Women’s Entrepreneurs
Role of NGO and Self Help groups in Developing Women’s Entrepreneurship in India
Case Study of Successful Women Entrepreneur: Indira Nooyi, Kiran Mazumdar Shaw etc.
Government policies and programme for Women Entrepreneurs
Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP)
Role of Financial Institution in Entrepreneurial Activities
National Institution of Entrepreneurship and small business development (NIESBD)
Cultivating entrepreneurship among women in 21st century.

Recommended Readings:
Lavanya ,T. Women Empowerment through Entrepreneurship, New Century Publications; 1 edition 2010
Lalitha Rani ,D. Women Entrepreneur, APH Publishing
Nongibri,Tiplut ,Gender ,Matrilliny and Entrepreneurship
Jain, Gunjan, She walks She Leads, Women who Inspires India,Penguin random house India,2016
Swarajya Lakshmi ,C. Development of Women’s Entrepreneurship In India, Discovery Publishing House, New Delhi.
Vauhari ,Vinnie & others (ed.) Women Technology and Entrepreneurship
Elam ,Amanda Brickman Gender and Entrepreneurship

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WMM 4013: WOMEN IN INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT

Credits: 4 (Optional)
Objective: Paper attempt to introduce the students the unique feature of emergence of women’s consciousness in India while it has been emerged in colonial context, aimed to liberate the country and entwined this issue with the women’s question.

Socio-economic and cultural conditions of women in 19th century India
Social Reform Movement and women’s issues ; Challenges and response
Towards modernity ; Women's participation in reform movement
Emergence of unheard voices, Tarabai Shinde, Cornelia Sorabji and Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain
Emergence of Indian National Movement and issues of reform
Women and movement against the partition of Bengal
Emergence of Women's organisation, politics and response
Gandhian phase of Indian National Movement; Gandhian views on state, domesticity and ideals of womanhood
Women's participation in Gandhian phase of mass movement
Women's rights in Karachi Resolution
Women's participation in Indian National Congress
Women's participation in Trade Union Movement
Women's participation in Peasant Movement
Nehru's view on women's role in nation building
National Planning Committee (1939) and women's role in planned economy
Women in Constituent Assembly

Recommended Readings:
Radha Kumar : History of Doing, Zubaan, N. Delhi, 1997
Mary Meynard and June Pruvis (eds.) : New Frontiers of Women’s Studies, Knowledge, Identity and Nationalism, Taylor and Francis, 1997
Maitreye Choudhary : Feminism in India, N Delhi, 1996
Nira Yuval Davis : Gender and Nation, Sage Publication, New Delhi, 2007
Kumari Jayawardena : Feminism and Nationalism in the Third World, Zed Books, 1986,
Angela Woolcott : Gender and Empire, Palgrave Macmillan, 2006
A.R. Desai : Social Background of Indian Nationalism, Popular Prakashan, 1984
Rada Ivekovic & Julie Mostov (eds.): From Gender to Nation, Zubaan, 2004
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