

2017-2019: TEACHING FEMINISMS, TRANSFORMING LIVES
Questions of Identity, Pedagogy and Violence in India and the UK

Funded by the University Grants Commission and UK-India Educational Research Initiative and led by Radhika Govinda (Sociology) and Krishna Menon (Gender Studies), this is a 2.5 year North-South research and pedagogic collaboration between the University of Edinburgh, UK and Ambedkar University Delhi, India. Co-Is from the University of Edinburgh are Meryl Kenny (PIR), Fiona Mackay (PIR), Kanchana Ruwanpura (Geography) and Pablo Schyfter (STIS). Co-Is from Ambedkar University Delhi are Sumangala Damodaran (Development Studies), Rachana Johri (Psychology), Bindu KC (Gender Studies) and Rukmini Sen (Sociology).

The project offers a unique opportunity for us as feminist academics to reflect collectively and comparatively on the transformative potential of feminist classrooms at the University-level, delving into questions of identity and violence in two differently diverse yet hierarchical, neoliberal contexts in Northern and Southern locations. The central questions of interest are: How has feminism become institutionalised in the academy, and what part have women's movements played in this regard in contemporary UK and India? What opportunities and challenges do students and teachers encounter in present-day feminist classrooms, especially with respect to questions of identity and violence? Given the push for digital social sciences, can digital technology be used to develop innovative pedagogic tools to confront social inequalities within feminist classrooms? How is neoliberalism affecting feminist activism and knowledge production, and are feminist classrooms addressing this issue? By engaging with these questions comparatively and within a single project, we hope to make an important contribution to ongoing efforts to decolonise the academy and decentre feminist knowledge production and dissemination.

The cover design is inspired by Warli art form, which is said to have originated as early as 10th century A.D. in the Western Indian state of Maharashtra where it is practiced by the Adivasis even today.

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WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

University of Edinburgh, 19th-23rd February 2018

MONDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY

Morning Session 6th Floor Common Room

9.30 am Tea/Coffee

9.45 am Welcome by Dr Radhika Govinda

9.55 am Launch of the second project workshop by Prof Linda McKie, Head of School of Social and Political Science

10.00 am *Feminism and the Academy*: Paper Presentation Session I

Presenters and Discussants: Dr Radhika Govinda and Lisa Kalayji (Dr Rukmini Sen), Dr Rukmini Sen (Dr Radhika Govinda and Lisa Kalayji), Sarah Golightley (Naghma Abidi), Prof Krishna Menon (Prof Fiona Mackay)

Chair: Prof Linda McKie, Professor of Sociology and Social Policy

12 noon Lunch

Afternoon Sessions 6th Floor Common Room, CMB

1.00 pm *Feminism and the Academy*: Paper Presentation Session II

Presenters and Discussants: Dr Meryl Kenny (Prof

Rachana Johri), Shailly (Orla Murray), Prof Fiona Mackay (Prof Krishna Menon), Prof Rachana Johri (Dr Meryl Kenny)

Chair: Dr Angelica Thumala, Lecturer in Global Sociology

3.00 pm Tea/Coffee

3.30 pm *Working Within the Academy as Feminists*: A North-South Dialogue

Speakers: Dr Maria do Mar Pereira (University of Warwick) (keynote), Prof Sumangala Damodaran (Ambedkar University Delhi), Dr Rukmini Sen (Ambedkar University Delhi), Dr Delwar Hussain (University of Edinburgh), Dr Meryl Kenny (University of Edinburgh) and Diva Mukherji (LiberatED, EUSA)

Chair: Dr Radhika Govinda

Vote of thanks by Dr Meryl Kenny, Co-convener, Gender and Politics Research Group (finishes 5.30pm)

6.30 pm Welcome dinner hosted by Prof Fiona Mackay at 1/6 Warrender Park Crescent, Marchmont

TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY

Morning Session 6th Floor Common Room, CMB

9.30 am Tea/Coffee

10.00 am *Teaching and Learning Feminisms*: Autoethnographic Narratives Session I

Presenters and Discussants: Prof Sumangala Damodaran (Dr Radhika Govinda), Lisa Kalayji (Nancy Yadav), Lauren Wilks (Nibedita Hazarika), Kamyia Choudhary (Dr Bindu KC)

Chair: Dr Barbara Bompani, Reader in Africa and

International Development

12 noon Lunch

Afternoon Session 6th Floor Common Room, CMB

1.00 pm *Teaching and Learning Feminisms: Autoethnographic Narratives Session II*

Presenters and Discussants: Dr Radhika Govinda (Prof Sumangala Damodaran), Abdul Rahman (Megan Canning), Nibedita Hazarika (Lauren Wilks), Megan Canning (Abdul Rahman)

Chair: Dr Ayaz Qureshi, Lecturer in Anthropology

3.00 pm Tea/Coffee

3.30 pm *Edinburgh Walking Tour: Paths of Inspirational Women* led by Invisible's (Social Enterprise) Biffy

Evening King Khalid Lecture Theatre

5.30 pm Reach King Khalid Lecture Theatre

6.00 pm *Feminist Explorations of Contemporary South Asia*

Chrystal Macmillan Lecture: Prof Krishna Menon, Ambedkar University Delhi

Introduction by Prof Charlie Jeffery, Senior Vice Principal

Vote of thanks by Prof Fiona Mackay, Director, GenderED

7.15 pm Reception

8.00 pm Dinner at Sylvesters, 55-57 W Nicholson Street

WEDNESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY

Morning Session Assembly Room, ECCI

9.30 am Tea/Coffee

10.00 am *Teaching and Learning Feminisms: Autoethnographic Narratives Session III*

Presenters and Discussants: Dr Rukmini Sen (Dr Pablo Schyfter), Orla Murray (Shailly), Nancy Yadav (Lisa Kalayji), Dr Bindu KC (Dr Kanchana Ruwanpura)

Chair: Dr Mary Holmes, Senior Lecturer in Sociology

12 noon Lunch

Afternoon Session Assembly Room, ECCI

12.45 pm *Teaching and Learning Feminisms: Autoethnographic Narratives Session IV*

Presenters and Discussants: Dr Pablo Schyfter (Dr Rukmini Sen), Nagma Abidi (Sarah Golightley), Dr Kanchana Ruwanpura (Dr Bindu KC)

Chair: Prof Nasar Meer, Professor of Race, Identity and Citizenship

2.15 pm Leave for the Scottish Parliament

2.30 pm *Tour of the Scottish Parliament* followed by tea/coffee and presentation by Elaine Smith MSP and Ann Henderson (finishes 4.30pm)

Evening Session LLC Screening Room, 50 George Square

5.00 pm Reception hosted by Edinburgh University Student Association's (EUSA) Liberation Societies

5.30 pm *An Evening of Feminism and Creative Resistance: Lec-Dem* by Prof Sumangala Damodaran (Ambedkar University Delhi) and Poetry by Edinburgh-based poets, Nadine Aisha Jassat and Anni Cameron

Vote of thanks by Diva Mukherji, Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Officer, EUSA

7.30 pm High Tea

THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY

Morning Session 6th Floor Common Room, CMB

9.30 am Tea/Coffee

10.00 am MOOC Planning Session I

Ideas and Know-How: Interactive Workshop led by Jo Spiller, Head, Educational Design and Engagement (1.5 hours)

Recapping 5 Themes for 5 Weeks (all) (30 mins)

12 noon Lunch

Afternoon Session 6th Floor Common Room, CMB

1.00 pm MOOC Planning Session II

Look and Feel Storyboard Presentation by Jo Spiller (20 mins)

Interactive Storyboarding (small groups) (1 hour)

Report and Review (40 mins)

3.00 pm Tea/Coffee

3.30 pm Joint Project Meeting

Evening Session 6th Floor Common Room, CMB

5.00 pm *Teaching and Tackling Violence Against Women: Perspectives from India and the UK*

Speakers: Dr Anni Donaldson (University of Strathclyde), Dr Bindu KC (Ambedkar University Delhi), Prof Rachana Johri (Ambedkar University Delhi), Prof Lesley Mcmillan (Glasgow Caledonian University) and Dr Anuj Kapilashrami (University of Edinburgh)

Chair: Prof Fiona Mackay

Vote of thanks by Dr Kanchana Ruwanpura/ Dr Wilfried Swenden, Co-director, Centre for South Asian Studies

7.00 pm Reception hosted by the Centre for South Asian Studies

8.00 pm Farewell dinner at Divino Enoteca, 5 Merchant Street

