

## CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

### OPEN ELECTIVE PAPER FOR III SEMESTER OF MA WOMEN'S STUDIES, BUB

#### Gender and Society

#### Objectives:

Total Hour: 56

**This course aims to generate awareness on various factors that constructs and shapes gender identity and perpetuates gender discrimination.**

**The course will examine how feminist analysis & methodology redefines traditional categories and disciplinary concepts through its attention to gender as a social category.**

**The course further aims to sensitize students on emerging areas of gender discrimination and its possible resolution.**

#### **Unit-I Fundamental concepts:**

**14 hrs**

Sex and gender, Social construction of gender, gender shaping Institutions, Theories of the construction of Gender, Femininity and Masculinity  
Understanding Patriarchy and theories of Patriarchy  
Private-public Dichotomy  
Gender Division of work

#### **Unit – II Major Feminist Theoretical perspectives & Methodology**

**14 hrs**

Liberal feminism, Marxist Feminism, Radical Feminism, Socialist Feminism, Post Modern Feminism, Feminist Stand point Theory, Feminisms in India, Feminist Methodology.

#### **Unit-III Gender and Inequality:**

**16 hrs**

Perpetuation of Gender inequality under Patriarchy: Gendered Socialization and role of social Institutions – family, marriage, kinship, Caste (Endogamy and Exogamy, Khap Panchayats and the reinforcing of marriage structures).

Gender inequality in education and employment,

Gendered nature of development.

#### **Unit –IV Emerging Gender issues in India**

**12hrs**

Gender based violence: rape, sexual harassment, dowry murder

Gender & sexual identity: Transgender issues in India

Gender & Human rights: Assertion of gender equality in India.

## Suggested Readings

1. **AnuSaksena.** (2004). "Gender and Human Rights". Shipra, New Delhi.
2. **Bhasin, Kamla.** (1993). "What is Patriarchy?" Kali For Women, New Delhi.
3. **Butler, Judith and JoanW Scott, eds.** (1992). "Feminist Theorize the Political". Routledge, New York
4. **Babbie Earl.** (1979). "The practice for social Research". Himalaya publishing house, Bombay.
5. **Caroline Ramazanocglu and J.Holland.** (2003). "Feminist Methodology, Challenges and choices". Sage publications, New Delhi.
6. **Clara Zetkin.** (1988). "Movements for the Emancipation of Women". KamgarPrakashan, New Delhi.
7. **Caroline Ramazanocglu and J.Holland.** (2003). "Feminist Methodology, Challenges and choices". Sage publications, New Delhi
8. **Evorett, Jana, Matson.** (1979). "Women in Social change in India". Heritage Publication, New Delhi.
9. **Engels, Friedrich.** (1979). "The Origin of Family, Private Property and the State". Pathfinder Press, New York. (1884 tr. 1902).
10. **Ghosh .S. K.** (1989). "Indian Women through the ages". Ashish Publishing house, New Delhi
11. **Government of India.** (1974). "Towards Equality Report of the Committee on the Status of Women". Ministry of Educational Social Welfare, December.
12. **Krishnaraj, Maithreyi(ed).** (1990). "Feminist Concepts: Part 1, 2, and 3, Contribution to Women's Studies Series-7". Research Centre for Women's Studies, SNDT Women's University, Bombay
13. **LeelammaDevasia and Devasia .V.V.** (1991). "Girl Child in India". Ashish Publishing House, New Delhi.
14. **MadhuShastri.** (1990). "Status of Hindu Women". RBSA Publishers, Jaipur.
15. **MaitrayeeChaudhru, (ed).** (2004). "Feminism in India – Issues in contemporary Indian Feminism". Book Review Literary Trust, New Delhi
16. **MeeraKosambi.** (1993). "At the intersection of Gender Reform and Religious Belief". RCWS, SNDT, Bombay.
17. **Neera Desai and MaithreyiKrishnaraj.** (1987). "Women and Society in India". Ajantha publications, New Delhi.
18. **Paul Chowdary.** (1992). "Women welfare and Development". Inter India Publications, New Delhi.
19. **Reddy .P.R, and Sumangala .P.** "Women in Development". Publishing Corporation, Vol.I&II, New Delhi.
20. **Rosemarie Tong.** "Feminist Thought: A comprehensive Introduction". Western press, Boulder, San Francisco.
21. **Regina Pappa B.** (2003). "Gender perspective curriculum in Higher Education". Women's Studies Division, Alagappa University, Karaikudi.

22. **Rehna Ghadially (ed).** (1988). "Women in Indian Society". Sage Publications, New Delhi.
23. **Sandhan Arya.** (2000). "Women Gender Equality and the State". Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi.
24. **Sandra Harding.** (1987). "Feminism and Methodology". Indian University press, India
25. **Susheela Mehta.** (1989). "Revolution and the Status of Women". Metropolitan Book co.pvt ltd, New Delhi
26. **Sushma Sood.** (1990). "Violence against Women". Arihant Publishers, Jaipur.
27. **Upadhay .H.C.** (1991). "Status of women in India". Anmol Publications, vol.I&II, New Delhi.
28. **Veena Poonacha.** (1995). "Gender within the Human Rights Discourse". RCWS, SNTD, Bombay