

Pre –PhD Course Work in Women’s Studies

The Course work will carry 20 credits (150 Marks) . The division of credits will be as follows

1. Feminist Research Methodology (5 Credits)

Research Scholars will have to complete one seminar presentation (50 Marks) and literature review (50 Marks)

2. Two Thematic Courses (10 Credits) : The first course will be on Problems in Feminist Theory (5 Credits) and the second on Gender concerns in Contemporary India (5 Credits) . The research scholars will have to submit two thematic review papers – one in each course of 25 marks each (total 50 marks)
3. Pilot field work /seminar presentation of methodological framework of the study (5 Credits)

The research scholar will have to give a seminar presentation (50 Marks)

Course WS PPHD1:

Feminist Research Methodology:

- Introduction to Qualitative Research and Feminist Research
- Feminist Challenges to Social Science: De-Stabilizing Objectivity
- The Researcher's Standpoint
- Feminist Standpoint Theory
- Connecting Question, Method, and Theory, Locating a site, designing a 'sample', gaining access Writing Ethnographic Fieldnotes,
- Interviewing, Creating Interview Guides Evaluating and Revising Interview Guides, Research Ethics and Relations in the Field
- Working with Data, Introduction to Coding
- Doing Oral Narratives : Social Location, History and Memory
- Speaking for the "Other": Race, Caste, Class and Power in the Field

Denzin, N. and Y. Lincoln (eds.), Handbook of Qualitative Research, California: Sage Publications, 2000.

- Harding, S. (ed.), Feminism and Methodology, Bloomington, Indiana University Press, 1987.
- Hesse-Biber S. (ed.), Handbook in Feminist Research: Theory and Praxis, California: Sage Publications, 2006.
- Keller, E.F. and H. Longino, Feminism and Science, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996.
- Oakley, A., Experiments in Knowing: Gender and Method in the Social Sciences, London: Polity Press, 2000.

- Ramazanoglu, C. and J. Janet Holland *Feminist Methodology: Challenges and Choices*, Sage Publications, 2002.
- Stanley, L. (ed.), *Feminist Praxis: Research Theory and Epistemology in Feminist Sociology*, Routledge, 1990.
- Visvesaran, K., *Fictions of Feminist Ethnography*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1999.

Course PPHD WS 2: Current Problems in Feminist Theory :

This course will focus on engagement of feminist critics with other theories and practices

- Marxism, psychoanalysis, the work of Foucault, and deconstruction
- Debates and discussions within feminism
- Intersections of feminist theory with queer theory and sexuality studies
- Post-colonial studies
- Science studies

- Studies of religions.
- The final research paper will focus on critical consideration of one question central to the development of feminist theory and activism.

Prescribed Readings

- John Mary, *Discrepant Dislocations*, New Delhi: OUP, 1996
- Collins, P. H., *Black Feminist Thought*, London: Routledge, 2000.
- Brooke, Ackerly, *Political Theory and Feminist Social Criticism*, London: Cambridge University Press, 2000
- Acker, Joan, *Class questions: Feminist Answers*, Maryland, Rowman and Littlefield, 2006.
- Narayan, U., *Dislocating Cultures: Identities, Traditions and Third World Feminism*. London: Routledge, 1997.
- Mohanty, Chandra Talpade, *Feminism Without Borders: Decolonizing Theory, Practising Solidarity*, New Delhi: Zubaan, 2003.
- Nicholson, L. (ed.), *The Second Wave: A Reader in Feminist Theory*, New York: Routledge, 1997.
- Bhavnani, Kumkum, (ed) *Feminism and Race*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2003.
- Weedon, Chris, *Feminism, Theory and politics of Difference*, London: Blackwell, 1999.
- Chadhuri, Maitreyee, *Feminism in India*, New Delhi: Women Unlimited, 2003.

Course PPHDWS3: Gender Concerns in Contemporary India

This course will focus on the deepening the research scholars understanding of the historical context, concepts and theoretical perspectives on the following themes

- **Emergence of the Women's Movement**
- **Gender and Development**
- **Caste, Class and community**
- **Alternate Sexualities**
- **Land, Labour and Women**
- **From Family Planning to Reproductive Health**
- **Challenges to 'Woman' as a Universal Category**
- **Family, State and Violence**
- **Gender and Governance**
- **Engendering Disciplines**

Prescribed Readings

- Chakravarti, U. and K. Sangari (eds), *Myths and Markets*, New Delhi: Manohar, 1999.
- Cossman, B. and R. Kapur (eds), *Subversive Sites*, New Delhi; Sage, 1996.
- CWDS, Collection of Papers on 'Engendering Disciplines: Disciplining Gender', February 2001.
- Dube L. (Series ed), *Women and Household in Asia: Series of five volumes*.
- *Feminification of Theory*, Debate in EPW Issues, March 25, 1995, June 3, 1995, June 10, 1995, July 1, 1995, August 26, 1995, June 17, 1995.
- Hasan, Z. (ed), *Forging Identities: Gender, Communities and the State*, New Delhi: Kalifor Women, 1994.
- Sangari, K., *Politics of the Possible*, New Delhi: Tulika, 1999.
- Uberoi, P. (ed), *State, Sexuality and Social Reform*, New Delhi: Sage, 1996
- Rege, S, *Writing Caste/Writing Gender*, New Delhi: Zubaan, 2007
- Kumar, R, *Venomous Touch: Notes on Caste, Culture and Politics*, Kolkata: Samya 2009.
- Chakravarti, U, *Gendering Caste*, Kolkata: Samya, 2003.
- John, Mary and Janaki Nair (ed), *A Question of Silence: Sexual Economies of Modern India*, New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1998.
- Menon, Nivedita (ed), *Sexualities*, New Delhi: Women Unlimited, 2007.
- Richardson Diane, *Rethinking Sexuality*, London: Sage Publications, 2000

PPHD WS 4 Practising Research Skills – Seminar Presentation on pilot study /methodological framework

