

Course Name : Understanding Gender
Course Code :CP-525

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This course will help students to understand the various issues and perspectives related to the concept of gender as a category of analyzing cultural texts. Students will be introduced to a brief history of feminism and gender studies.

Unit I: Introduction to Gender: Sex and Gender, Gender Roles, Representation, Stereotypes, Patriarchy, Masculinities/femininities, Symbols, Representation, Socialization agencies

Unit II: Historical Overview of Feminism: Feminism— Liberal Feminism, Radical Feminism, Marxist Feminism, Socialist Feminism, Psychoanalytic Feminism; feminism in India

Unit III: Methods and Methodology: Feminist Research Methodology, gender as a category of analysis, sexism in research, Androcentricity

Text Books:

- (i) Ramazanoglu, Caroline. *Feminist Methodology: Challenges and Choices* (Sage Publications: New Delhi, 2002)
- (ii) Glover, David and Cora Kaplan. *Genders*. (London and New York: Routledge, 2007).
- (iii) Chaudhuri, Maitrayee (ed). *Feminism in India*, (Kali for Women and Women Unlimited, New Delhi, 2004).

Reference Books:

- (i) Beauvoir, Simone de. *The Second Sex*. 1949. New York: Vintage Books, 1989. Print.
- (ii) Bristow, Joseph. *Sexuality* (Routledge, London, 2007)
- (iii) Butler, Judith. *Bodies That Matter: On the Discursive Limits of Sex* (Routledge, New York, 1993)
- (iv) Chakravarti, Uma. "Conceptualising Brahminical Patriarchy in Early India: Gender, Caste, Class and State" (Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. 28, No 14, 1993)
- (v) Eagleton Mary (ed.). *Feminist Literary Theory: A Reader* (Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1988)



- (vi) Jain, Jasbir and Sudha Rai. *Films and Feminism: Essays in Indian Cinema* (Rawat, Delhi, 2002)
- (vii) Lerner, Gerda. *The Creation of Patriarchy* (Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1986)
- (viii) Miles, Maria. *Indian Women and Patriarchy* (Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, 1980)
- (ix) Mohanty, Chandra Talpade. "Under Western Eyes: Feminist Scholarship and Colonial Discourses" in Chandra Talpade Mohanty et al. eds., *Third World Women and the Politics of Feminism*(1991)
- (x) Rubin, Gayle. "The Traffic in Women: Notes on the "Political Economy" of Sex" in Rayna Reiter, ed., *Toward an Anthropology of Women*, New York, Monthly Review Press (1975)
- (xi) Ruth, Sheila. *Issues in Feminism: An Introduction to Women's Studies* (Mayfield Publishing Company, California, 1990)
- (xii) Thapar, Suruchi. *Women in the Indian National Movement: Unseen Faces And Unheard Voices, 1930-42* (Sage, New Delhi, 2006)

