

SUB-THEME 11: GENDER RELIGION AND DEMOCRACY

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VENUE: CONFERENCE HALL - GEOGRAPHY

Day 1: 22nd January 2017 (2.30 to 5.15 pm)

Session 1: (2.30 - 3.15 pm)

Religions and Political Identities

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| 1 | Feminist Views on Religion in Times of Rising Religious Nationalism | Gabriele Dietrich (Activist, Madurai) |
| 2 | Dalits and Religions in Contemporary India | Gogu Shyamala (Dalit writer, Hyderabad): |
| 3 | Gender Issues, Religion and Law | James C. Dhabhi |

Session 2: (3.15 - 4.00 pm)

Religions and Queer Selves

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| 1 | Between Sexual Self and Religious Self: Queer Subjects in Contemporary India | Pushpesh Kumar |
| 2 | The Urgent Need for Queer and Feminist Hindu Theology | Vikram Sundaram |
| 3 | Invoking the Goddess: Local Deities and Female Devotees | Nirmala Biluka |
| 4 | Women in Ritual Space: Negotiating Gender Roles | Madhurima Majumdar |

Session 3: (4.00 - 4.45 pm)

Gender and Religious Devotion

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| 1 | Jab Who Met? Indian Cinema, Religion and the Construction of Gendered Difference | Sunera Thobani |
| 2 | Love Jihad? – Experiences of Intervention in Karnataka | Vimala K. S |
| 3 | Schools as a site of Religious Intervention in the Reinforcement of Gender | Thasniya, K. T |

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Debating Marriage Laws

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| 1 | Nation and Uniform Civil Code: Locating Women of Northeast India | Arunima Deka |
| 2 | Legislative debates on marriage laws | Gitanjali Joshua |
| 3 | Matriliny and Islam: An Ethnographic Study of the Minangkabau of West Sumatra | Aleena Sebastian |
| 4 | Civil Social Life-The Rationale for a Gender Just Civil Code | Sobha P. V |
| 5 | Islamic Feminism and Legal Reforms in India | Tarannum Siddiqui |

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Muslim Women Interrogate Patriarchy

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| 1 | Beebak Collective: Voices of the Fearless: Imagining rights of Muslim women beyond religion, feasibility or impossibility? | Haseena Khan |
| 2 | Tamilnadu Muslim Jamaat | Daud Sherifa Khanum |
| 3 | Bharatiya Muslim Mahila Andolan | Zakia Soman |
| 4 | Inverted Argument, Subversive Opinion: Zeenath Sajida Writes to Muslim Patriarchy | Nazia Akhtar |
| 5 | Advocate, Mumbai | Veena Gowda |

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Muslim Women and Discrimination in Public Spaces

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| 1 | Exploring Religious Discrimination in Health Facilities in Mumbai | Zamrooda Khanday |
| 2 | Issues and Challenges before Muslim women Professionals: A Feminist Analysis based on Bangalore. | Ayesha Uzma and Sudheshna Mukherjee |
| 3 | Interrogating Hijab: Divergent Dimensions of wearing it – A Case Study of Delhi City | Saman Ahmed |
| 4 | Politics of Terrorism and Gender | Gunjan Singh |

Day 3: 24th January 2017 (2.30 - 4.00 pm)

Session 1: (2.30 - 3.15 pm)

Gender and Caste in New Religious Spaces

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| 1 | Neo-Buddhist Women and Buddhist Identity formation | Suvarna More |
| 2 | Mapping the Scholarship on New Religious Movements: Gender/Caste Perspective | Pallavi Harshe |
| 3 | Islamic Revivalism and Gender Justice in India | Tara Chaudhari and Afsar Husain Khan |
| 4 | Salvation through Starvation: Everydayness of Violence on Adolescent Girls through Jain Religious Rituals | Swarali Patil |

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Mobilizing Women for Hindutva

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| 1 | Sahadharmini and More: Expectations of Women in the Rashtra Sevika Samiti's Discourse | Aastha Tyagi |
| 2 | Hindu Women 'organise': The politics and programme of the All India Hindu Mahila Mahasabha | Namratha Ganneri |
| 3 | Several Scripts, Several Scribes: The (Un)Making of Taslima Nasreen | Anukruti Gupta |