

National Workshop on Gender Development

Organized by

**Women's Studies and Development Centre, (Advanced Studies), Delhi
University in Collaboration with Institute of Social Studies Trust (ISST)**

11th February, 2019 – 16th February, 2019

Concept Note

The discipline of gender and women studies has had a long evolutionary journey. It is an interface which examines gender as a social construct which cuts across different categories of class, caste, religion, region and linguistic diversities. Unlike the general belief it explores the world of both femininity and masculinity. The discipline of gender and women studies brought the issues of unequal distribution of power and resources to the fore. The development of different theories try to explain reason of this unequal distribution and try to understand the nature of discrimination and violence inflicted against a particular gender. It is an ever growing discipline through its expanding interfaces with challenging realities and growing academic engagements.

The Women Studies and Development Centre (WSDC) of the University of Delhi, in collaboration with Institute of Social Studies Trust (ISST) endeavour in this workshop to explore gender development through academic and activists' engagement. At the heart of asymmetry of power in gender relations lies the material base of social construction of genders. Control of resources, and cultural bias in favour of one gender, have lead to multivariate inequalities that get further entrenched in practice. If development policies remain oblivious to this uneven terrain to say the least, it would only lead to skewed development and reinforce pervading gender inequalities. There is an urgent need for discussion and research in all subject disciplines to address this important area.

The focus of the workshop is to introduce and discuss frameworks of analysis of gender and development, include current issues especially women's paid and unpaid work in all its manifestations. Discussions around political economy; state interventions, empowerment and culture would be the running themes across sessions.

Research is an important terrain through which gender is included in subject disciplines and inroads are made in public policies. The workshop aims at encouraging and facilitating research in the area.

Various methods will be used to conduct the sessions: **Lectures, panel discussions, films, case studies and interactions. Experts from academia and activism would be conducting the sessions.**

The workshop is open to registered researchers scholars and teachers. This workshop would be conducted in a participatory mode, wherein **participants would be expected to make presentations and actively participate in the sessions.**

Interested participants are requested to send their CV to wcdc.du.office@gmail.com, and isstdel@isstindia.org, along with a one page write-up (300 words), on why they wish to participate in this workshop and a scanned copy of a testimonial signed by H.O.D. or Director of your institute stating that you are currently a faculty/registered research scholar. Last date for applying for the workshop is THURSDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 2019. The registration fee for the workshop is Rs. 3000/-. Applicants would be intimated about their selection by MONDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 2019.

Important Dates:

Submission of applications along with testimonial, and one page (300 words), on why would you like to participate in this workshop and how would you be benefitted latest by **3rd January, 2019.** (Seats are limited to 30 only).

Selected applicants would be notified by **14th January, 2019**

Last date for Registration: **21st January, 2019**

Workshop dates: **11th – 16th February, 2019**

Venue: WSDC, North Campus, University of Delhi, Delhi 110 007

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