

Gender and Caste: Rethinking Intersectionality

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SUB THEME 1: GENDER, CASTE, LIVELIHOODS & ECONOMIC GROWTH

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SUB THEME 2: RESISTANCE, MOVEMENT & CHANGE

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SUB THEME 3: CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS AGAINST PATRIARCHY & OPPRESSION

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SUB THEME 4: GENDER AND CASTE INTERSECTIONS IN GOA

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION:

Deadline for submission of Abstracts: 31 August 2020

Finalization of selected Abstracts: 15 September 2020

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Article 15 of the Constitution of India mandates that no citizen shall be discriminated against, on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex, or place of birth. Even after seven decades, we notice that inequity continues to exist at all levels. The divisive and rigid structure of the caste system in India is built on the psychological, sexual, economic, and political, privilege and dominance over the other. Subordinated caste groups have been exploited, oppressed, deprived, and humiliated for generations. Gender inequality and injustice are further exacerbated amongst those identified as vulnerable castes. The intersectional network between caste and gender justice make it imperative to address both caste and gender inequities for the attainment of the universally acknowledged Sustainable Development Goal 5.

The present structure of our society with the existing division of labour, violence, stereotyping and prevailing inequalities in social reproduction roles, further impacts the interconnectedness between caste and the subordination of women. Gender and caste structures intersect with each other in more than one way in a person's life. In order to explore these realities, the following themes will be discussed at the conference:

1. Gender, Caste, Livelihoods & Economic Growth
2. Resistance, Movement & Change
3. Creative Expressions against Patriarchy & Caste Oppression
4. Gender & Caste Intersections in Goa

Important Guidelines for submission of abstracts

- Abstract maximum of 300 words to be sent to prachi@unigoa.ac.in
- Kindly state the subtheme under which you would like to include the abstract.
- Names of Author/ Co-Author should be clearly mentioned
- Contact details of author- email id and phone number must be mentioned
- Subject of the email should be 'Submission of paper for conference Gender and Caste: Rethinking Intersectionality (Your Name)'
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- E-Certificates as well as hard copies will be sent to all participants who present their papers online on 5 and 6th October via Google meet.

Subtheme 1: Gender, Caste, Livelihoods and Economic Growth

Public policy in India has aimed to achieve higher economic growth by reducing inequalities and poverty, though concerns about inclusiveness in the growth process persist. Women and vulnerable caste groups experience a wide range of inequalities with regard to health, nutrition, education, wages, occupation, ownership, control and access to resources. Despite gender and caste-based affirmative action undertaken by formal institutions these groups continue to suffer higher rates of poverty, generation after generation. People are seen to participate in the growth process mainly through their presence in the labour force. But in India the faster the economy grows, the less likely it is that women and marginalized social groups participate in it; women from marginalized groups are more disadvantaged in this respect. An analysis of labour force participation by gender and social grouping will be the core of this session.

Subtheme 2: Resistance, Movement & Change

Throughout history we have seen revolutions against oppression and resistance to exploitation but with regard to gender and caste movements in India, the journey has just begun. This session will deliberate on some of the successes and struggles of such movements for change. We will deliberate on the lessons learnt and we hope to throw light on the way forward.

Subtheme 3: Creative Expressions against Patriarchy and Caste Oppression

In recent times there has been an emergence of new forms of expression of resistance, particularly through the creative realm. Literature, poetry, art, film, comedy, social media are only some of the means of expression. These voices of protest have been both celebrated and derided. In this session we encourage the sharing of independent creative expressions as well as critical perspectives on existing work.

Subtheme 4: Gender and Caste Intersections in Goa

The uniqueness of Goa's socio-political landscape has often been extolled as western, liberated, and progressive. However deep-rooted caste, patriarchal and religious structures remain engrained in the society. Contemporary Goa is experiencing social and political concerns which need to be analysed from the context of gender and caste. This session invites students (Post-graduate and PhD) to explore gender and caste intersections with specific focus on Goa.

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