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Women's Studies Undergraduate Syllabus Multidisciplinary Course (MDC) Credits –3 (45 Hours)

INITIATING WOMEN'S STUDIES

1. Gender as a Social Construct (15hrs.)

1.1 Basic concepts: Gender, Sex, Sexuality, Patriarchy

1.2 Gender Socialization, Gender Roles and Stereotyping

1.3 Sexual Identities: Heterosexual, Bisexual, Lesbian and Homosexual, Transgender, Transvestite, Hijra, Koti

2. Status of Women in India (15hrs.)

2.1 Health conditions, Sex Ratio

2.2 Education–Literacy and Gender Bias

2.3 Political Participation – Lack of Women's representation, Economic Conditions: Prostitution

2.4 Violence against Women

Reading List:

- Bhasin, Kamala. (2000). "Understanding Gender". Kali for Women, New Delhi
- Bhasin, Kamala (1993). "What is Patriarchy?". Kali for Women, New Delhi
- Geetha, V. (2006) Understanding Gender, Calcutta



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- Rege, Sharmila (ed.) (2003). "Sociology and Gender: The Challenges of Feminist Sociological Knowledge". Sage, New Delhi
- Majumdar, Veena (1974). "Report on the committee on the Status of Women: Towards Equality." Journal of Women Studies.
- Mallika Sengupta, 'Stree Lingo Nirman' (Bengali)
- Agnes, Flavia. (1992). "Give us This Day Our Daily Bread: Procedures and Case Law on Maintenance". Majlis, Bombay.
- Agnes, Flavia. (1999). "Law and Gender Inequality: The Politics of Women's Rights in India". OUP, New Delhi
- Agnes, Flavia. (2003). "Feminist Jurisprudence: Contemporary Concerns". Majlis, Mumbai.
- Dhagamwar, Vasudha. (1992). "Law, Power and Justice: The Protection of Personal Rights in the Indian Code". Second Edition, Sage, New Delhi.
- International Solidatory Network. (2006). "Knowing our rights: Women, Family, Laws and customs in the Muslim World". Zubaan, Kali for women, New Delhi.
- Iyer, Krishna V.R. (1984). "Law and Religion" Deep and Deep Publication, New Delhi.
- Chari, Leelavathi. (1987). "Know your rights – Marriage and Divorce, Maintenance". Custody and guardianship of minor children, Tamil Nadu Social Welfare Board, Madras.
- Menon, Nivedita (2004). "Recovering Subversion: Feminist Politics beyond the Law". Permanent Black, Delhi.
- Mukhopadhyay, Maitrayee. (1998). "Legally Dispossesses". Stree, Kolkata.
- Parashar, Archana. (2008). "Redefining Family Law in India". Routledge, London.
- Mukhopadhyay, Swapna. (1998) "In the Name of Justice: Women and Law in Society". Manohar, New Delhi.
- T, Brettel, Dawson, (ed). (1990). "Women, Law and Social Change: Core Suggested Readings" and Current Issues, 2nd ed, ON, Captus Press, New York.

Credit Distribution for Multidisciplinary Courses:

Credit Distribution for each course: Lecture (3credits) = 45 hours

Suggested Evaluation Pattern

Presentation (ppt and/or oral), Poster Presentation, Home assignment (essay), Written Examination (MCQ and/or Descriptive)
