

# Sexuality and Gender Studies in South Asia

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## Course Overview

In recent times sexuality has emerged as politicized category and discussion on it is neither novel nor surprising. Many feminist scholars have analyzed political economy of sexuality and have fairly established that studying sexuality in the context of South Asia is not only limited to critiquing heteronormativity. At the same time sexuality and South Asia is also a field of interest for many feminists where they have examined and debated upon different constituents of sexuality like its legal aspect, its intersection with development discourse and sexual violence, impunity in South Asia.

This course on gender and sexuality in South Asia distills key works in the growing field of South Asian feminist research and theory. We propose a five day course, which includes readings, daily two hour lectures, and exercises to be completed by participants each day.

## Course will cover following themes:

- Women's Movements and Feminism in South Asia
- History and Historiography
- Sexuality
- Caste and Sexuality
- State of the Field

<b>Dates</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> January to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b> <b>Maximum Number of participants: 35</b>
<b>Who Can Attend</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Teachers, Social Scientists, civil society members, activist scholars working with different organizations working with women.</li><li>➤ Post-graduate students, research students of social sciences and humanities</li></ul>
<b>Fees</b>	<b>One-Time GIAN Registration:</b> Visit <a href="http://www.gian.iitkgp.ac.in/GREGN/">http://www.gian.iitkgp.ac.in/GREGN/</a> by paying Rs 500/-  <b>Course Fees:</b> No fee for PG students of the Women's Studies Centre of SPPU. All others will pay a fee of Rs 1000/- per module at the department over and above the GIAN registration. The fees will cover course material and tea. Out-station candidates need to arrange for transport and accommodation on their own. Full attendance is necessary to be eligible for certificate of participation / attendance. Appearing for evaluations / examinations during the course is necessary for certificate of grades in the course.

## Faculty



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