



Society Activity Report 2020-21 The Gender Studies Cell

For the Academic year 2020-21, the Cell opened its activities by conducting the very 1st event on 9 October 2020—a Webinar on the theme **‘Caste in Media’**, which involved a panel discussion by Mr. Tejas Harad Harad (Copy Editor for the journal, 'Economic and Political Weekly'), Ms. Cynthia Stephen (Veteran Journalist) and Ms. Meena Kotwal (Freelance journalist, currently writing for The Wire and The Shudra, previously worked for BBC Hindi as a broadcast journalist). The event was a part of a larger Webinar Series organized by the Cell over the month of October, titled **‘Visibilizing Caste’**. The second session in the sequence, **‘Caste in Cinema’** was organised on 16 October 2020, the panelists for which were Ms. Jyoti Nisha (independent writer, filmmaker, illustrator and scholar) and Mr. Somnath Waghmare (Documentary filmmaker and a PhD scholar at TISS Mumbai). Following this, the Cell conducted the third webinar in the series on 23 October 2020 which involved a lecture by Dr Jenny Rowena (Department of English, Miranda House) on the theme, **‘Caste in Festivals’** and a reading of the paper, “Understanding Myths Around Festivals: Caste and Cultural ConRicts”, written by Sumit Samos (Rapper and Dalit Rights Activist).

Since the 1st-year students were inducted into the College community in the latter half of the 1st semester, the Cell could hence conduct its Orientation only on 25 November 2020 which was followed by their initiation into the Society. The Cell then announced the release of the very 1st edition of its newsletter- Kōn on 1 December 2020, the theme for which had been decided as **‘Queer Lives in Quarantine’**. The issue was a compilation of various kinds of submissions (Essays, Poems, Artwork, Memoir etc.) that had been received by the Editorial Board over the past two months (October and November).

In the following semester, on 25 January 2021, the Cell organised an informal discussion with the Student Community in its standard ‘Let’s Talk’ format on the theme **‘Lockdown, Pandemic and Online Education’**. The Society looks forward to mark the end of the Academic year with the release of the second issue of its newsletter by the end of May 2020, which will be a collection of Creative Writings and Articles on the theme, **‘Resistance and Beyond’**, and which will also include a transcription of an interview with Rahee Punyashloka, who is a Dalit writer, artist, researcher, and filmmaker from Bhubaneswar, Odisha and who also creates Ambedkarite art under the moniker ‘Artedkar’.



Links for the two issues of the Journal are as follows-

First Edition- <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/735fa999e4.html>

Second Edition- <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/6a8ce9a1c0.html>

Photos of some of the aforementioned events are as follows-

**GENDER STUDIES CELL
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PRESENTS THE FIRST WEBINAR
FROM THE SERIES
"VISIBILISING CASTE"

CASTE IN MEDIA

ON 9TH OCTOBER
FRIDAY, AT 6:00PM

A PANEL DISCUSSION BY

MR. TEJAS HARAD
Copy Editor for the journal, 'Economic and Political Weekly, Founder of the online publication, The Satyashodak

MS. CYNTHIA STEPHEN
Independent social policy researcher, analyst and a veteran journalist

MS. MEENA KOTWAL
Freelance Journalist, currently writing for The Wire and The Shudra.

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MS. JYOTI NISHA
An independent writer and filmmaker based in Mumbai. She is known for making a feature length documentary on Dr. Ambedkar.

MR. SOMNATH WAGHMARE
Documentary Filmmaker and PhD Scholar at TISS Mumbai. He is known for films such as 'I am not a Witch', 'The battle of Bhima Koregaon', 'Rajgruha Stands Tall'.

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PRESENTS THE THIRD WEBINAR
FROM THE SERIES
"VISIBILISING CASTE"

CASTE IN FESTIVALS

ON 23RD OCTOBER
FRIDAY, AT 6:00PM

A DISCUSSION BY
DR. JENNY ROWENA
The Department of English at Miranda House, Delhi University. Her interest areas include caste, gender and Indian secularism.

FOLLOWED BY A READING OF THE PAPER
"UNDERSTANDING MYTHS AROUND
FESTIVALS: CASTE & CULTURAL
CONFLICTS", WRITTEN BY
ANTI-CASTE RAPPER SUMEET SAMDS



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THE GENDER STUDIES CELL
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invites you to a
LET'S TALK SESSION

on
**LOCKDOWN, PANDEMIC, AND
ONLINE EDUCATION**

25th January 2021
Monday
5pm

Register at <https://bit.ly/2Mc6OfU>

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