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**Gender at the Intersection of
Identity and Community:
Viewing the Landscape of Culture
in a Changing World**

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Department of Sociology
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Theme in Perspective

The primary objective of the seminar is to understand the question of gender as it is unfolded in the dynamics between culture, community and identity in the present-day world. The gender relations and the role of women in India constitute a key area for analysing the multiple possibilities of weaving the cultural plot in a specific social setting. Studying gender in the Indian context involves engaging with the complexity of the process through which humans in general and women especially deal with the dichotomies of innovation and tradition, continuity and change, personal and collective duties and rights and individual achievements. Thus, the study of gender is fraught with complex negotiations, deeply imbued with culturally contexted meanings. The Seminar seeks to unravel this complexity by engaging with gender and identity issues across culture, community and ethnicity.

Culture is viewed as a meaning-making system in examining human conduct both personally and collectively as well as in the construction of identity. Dynamics between culture and identity is that it operates as an intermediary between persons and their environment; as that set of meanings, symbols, activities, materials and routines that situate a person or a group within a given context. Culture and identity also relates to power dynamics, subjectivity and human agency and hence people also create culture and exercise their choice in shaping and determining their destiny. In this sense, culture lies between individuals/communities and the environment. Thus, "Culture makes people and people make culture" and in doing so, identities are re/constructed.

Therefore, the sub themes of the seminar are centred on the following four inter-related themes: Gender, Identity, Community and Culture.



Mode of Conduct

The Seminar intends to bring together international and national scholars for intense and interactive two-day deliberations on the theme. There will be discourses and guided discussions by a small group of invited international and national scholars. In addition, a few scholarly papers, preferably those having empirical basis, are invited for presentations. The papers will be selected through a two-tier selection process: At the level of abstract and at the level of full paper.

Abstract between 400-500 words, in Times New Roman, 12 pt, double space, having the following elements: problem/issue, objective, methodology, the main argument/thesis of the paper, may be sent to antonypalackal@gmail.com

The style sheet for the full paper will be provided to those presenters whose abstracts are selected. Selected national outstation paper presenters will be provided sleeper train fare or equivalent TA on production of travel documents. If the papers are co-authored, all the authors will have to register and pay the registration fee, although TA will be given to only one author. Selected papers from those presented in the Seminar, will be brought out as a compiled volume by an international publisher.

Important dates

Submission of abstracts	October 05, 2017
Intimation of the selected abstracts	October 08, 2017
Submission of full paper	October 25, 2017
Intimation of the selected papers	October 28, 2017
Last date for Registration	October 30, 2017

