

CALL FOR PAPERS

Two Day Virtual International Conference on

'Gender Studies post 1990s- Technological Encounters and Narratives of Empowerment'

organized by

The Post Graduate Department of English, S D College, Alappuzha (Affiliated to University of Kerala) in collaboration with Beti Bachao Abhiyan, Department of Students' Development, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra.

An epilogue to the tumultuous mid-century decade, the 1990s had set ablaze a world upended by technology. It was an enthralling transformation that subverted the then existing social, political and cultural milieu. The growing power of internet, the surveillance of an ever more powerful press and the rise of entertainment culture in politics have outstripped the frontiers of learning framework accentuating 'interdisciplinarity' in various fields. One of the most popular branches among them is Gender Studies, which primarily aims at analysing gender identity and gendered representation.

The technological boom and the resultant man-machine interface have also undermined the traditional binaries of gender, proving it obsolete with the advanced assistive reproductive options. The newly emanated gender construct owing to the dismantled experience of a technologically oriented society have resulted in paradigm shifts in 'gender studies.' The conference aims to reflect on the indisciplinary of gender studies post 1990s. The thrust area is the role of gender in the wake of technologies and in particular, the access of girl students to technologies, effecting their empowerment. The conference also seeks to employ the campaigns undertaken by various organisations and departments for the welfare of girl students.

Papers can be about, but are not confined to the following themes pertaining to the global scenario after 1990s:

- *Gender and Sexuality
- *Female Foeticide: Causes and Impacts
- *Beti Bachao and Beti Padao Campaign in India
- *Gender and Language
- *Race, Ethnicity and Gender
- *Gender and Nationality
- *Gender, Class, Caste
- *Disability, Society and Gender
- *Gender and Mobility
- *Post-human gender/Post-gender

Important Dates

Submission of Abstracts: 31 December 2020

Intimation of Accepted Abstracts: 7 January 2021
Submission of Full-Length papers: 7 February 2021
International Conference: 12 & 13 February 2021

Guidelines for Abstract and Paper Submissions

Please send abstracts of about 500 words along with a short bio-note of the participant by e-mail to sdceenglishseminar@gmail.com on or before **31 December 2020**.

Full length papers of 2000-3000 words, Citation style: MLA 8th edition, should be sent to the same mail id on or before **7 February 2021**.

Participation is free. Fee to be paid by selected paper presenters.

Faculty: Rs.500

Student/Research scholar: Rs.250

Selected papers will be published as Conference proceedings with ISBN in electronic pdf format. Those who need printed copies should pay an additional fee which will be intimated later. For further queries and submissions, kindly mail at sdceenglishseminar@gmail.com.

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