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Seminar 2024

Marginalities: Gendered Intersections

**An ICSSR-supported offline National Seminar
14-15 March 2024**

Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS) invites paper abstracts for an ICSSR-supported two-day offline National Seminar entitled '*Marginalities: Gendered Intersections.*'

The concept of marginality emerged in a globalized post-colonial context characterized by scholarly focus on areas such as migration, borders, bio-politics, hybridity and digital technologies among others that offered new ways of making sense of an increasingly complex and changing world. Broadly speaking 'marginality' is a spatial concept; it connotes the experience/s of individuals, people and/or social groups inhabiting, belonging or relegated to marginal/border social locations and spaces. In the field of Women/Gender Studies the concept of marginality works to foreground the intersections between different axes of social, cultural, economic and historical lives of women and the inherent limits, indeed impossibility, of considering one axis independently of the other (Gloria Anzaldua 1987, bell hooks 1984).

For example, while all women are subject to gender and economic discrimination at the workplace, Dalit women face gender, economic and caste-based discrimination. Neither category is independent of the other. Marginal subjectivities and identities in other words are produced through intersectional subjectifying discourses whose multiple axes cannot be examined in isolation of each other (Gayle Salamon 2008).

The seminar seeks to enhance and deepen critical interdisciplinary understanding of 'marginality' as a historical and intersectional category encompassing gender, society, social power, socio-cultural and economic processes. Using a gender lens, the seminar aims to examine space(s) of marginality through the cross-cutting categories of class, caste, sexuality, ethnicity, disability etc., as well as the intersections between categories. Presentations and discussions on the intersections shaping and defining marginality shall in turn, open up wider questions relating to

gender and society, gender and development, difference, conflict and integration in modern India.

Presentations include but are not limited to examining the 'marginal' as a historical category; highlighting empirical experience/s of marginality; insights into marginal subjectivity; socio-cultural and structural processes of marginalization; embodied marginalities; and struggles of marginalized individuals/social groups.

Sessions shall be organized into thematic panels. Individual presentations in a panel shall be introduced by a discussant from a different session. Discussants shall sum up comparisons between panelists followed by an open discussion after upon completion of each panel presentation.

A 300-word proposal for a 20-minute presentation may be submitted from any discipline using a gender lens. Interdisciplinary proposals are especially welcome.

Applicants must mail a copy of their Seminar abstract and a copy of their CV to seminar@cwds.ac.in by Monday 15 January 2024.

Selected panelists shall be notified by email by Monday 22 January 2024 following which each panelist must submit a soft copy of their full paper with their name and title of paper clearly marked to seminar@cwds.ac.in by 1 March 2024. Papers should be between 3000-4000 words including notes. Panel Abstracts shall be part of a CWDS publication based on the Seminar proceedings.

A Seminar programme shall be mailed to all participants on 7 March 2024.

Travel costs for outstation participants and local conveyance costs for local participants shall be reimbursed on an Actual basis. Please note that accommodation for outstation panelists is available from **13 March 2024 (after 12 noon) up to 15 March 2024 (morning)**. Participants wishing to leave after conclusion of the seminar on 14 March 2024 may do so.