International Seminar
On
Gender Equality, Power and Violence against Women: Combating Myths and Understanding Legal Provisions"
February 13 -15, 2015

The turning point in the arena of gender equality was the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) which is akin to an international universal declaration of women's rights. The convention gives positive affirmation to the principle of gender equality by requiring the participating countries to take "all appropriate measures, including legislation, to ensure the full development and advancement of women, for the purpose of guaranteeing them the exercise and engagement of human rights and fundamental freedoms on a basis of equality with men". However, in spite of legal mechanisms which ensure formal equality in a modern democratic society, there are power hierarchies which are either hidden or are naturalized. This excessive of power is engendered in a range of situations and contexts cutting across the boundaries of public and private spaces. This tendency of power differences to structure gender relations in everyday spaces not only results in subtle and open discrimination but often culminates in various forms of physical and mental violence against women.

Gender relations as we know, do not exist in a vacuum. These are never constituted in isolation but are shaped by other relations of psyche, power, caste, class or ethnicity. The present seminar aims to provide a platform for analysing the context and factors that shape the entire set of relations and structures around gender including norms of masculinity and femininity. An understanding of these forces is a prerequisite for comprehending one's rights and forming an unbiased, informed opinion towards issues related to gender justice.

The international seminar: seeks to explore psychological, social, political, cultural, legal and ideological dimensions of gender, power and violence. The themes for deliberation include but are not limited to the following:

1. Psycho social engineering: cognitive approaches to gender and power
2. Social historicity, modernity and gender
3. Gender and Science
4. Female foeticide.
5. Implications of violence in the public and private spaces
6. Regional dimensions of gender
7. Gender and power in the globalized world
8. Role of education and employment in promoting gender equality
9. Gender and power in myth, folklore, legend and traditional social practices
10. Gender, legislation and jurisprudence
11. Gender and Media
12. Gender, Health and Nutrition

Paper are also invited for a special session on "Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya Ji's vision for Women Empowerment"

**SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT AND FULL PAPER**

Abstract/paper will be accepted either in Hindi or English. The soft copy of the same may be sent to intsem.mmvbhu@gmail.com. The abstract of paper should carry the title, names of authors with full addresses for communication and the salient features of the paper in approximately 250 words. It should be typed double spaced in MS word and the fonts to be used are Times New Roman in English and Kruti Dev 010 in Hindi. Please note that the Abstract will not be accepted without registration fee. The VTR No. or any other acknowledgement provided by the bank for online payment of registration fee may kindly be intimated while submitting the abstract. The authors will be required to submit the full paper only after communication of acceptance.

**DEADLINES**

Last date for submission of Abstract
December 15, 2014

Communication of Acceptance
January 01, 2015

Submission of Full Paper
January 10, 2015

**REGISTRATION FEE**

The registration fee does not include charges for accommodation for which delegates have to make their own arrangements

**Delegates of India:**

Faculty members and other employed delegates: Rs. 1,000/-
Research Scholars and other bonafide students: Rs. 500/-

**Delegates from other Countries:**

US $ 100

Virtual presentation in case of foreign delegates*: US $ 50

* Foreign delegates can send their video presentation via email which will be played during the seminar. We are also planning for interactive presentation.

Registration Fee will have to be paid online the details of which are as follows:

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Banaras Hindu University, the capital of knowledge was established in 1916 by Mahamana Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya Ji. It is perhaps one of the few universities in the world where courses ranging from primary school to higher research are taught and pursued at one place. Spread over 550 hectares the picturesque main campus houses most of the academic units including IIT (BHU), institutes of Medical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Environment and Sustainable Development; fifteen Faculties, Mahila Mahavidyalaya and three schools. The south campus at Barkaccha spread over 1104 hectares is emerging as a new hub of knowledge and technology dissemination in the region.

VARANASI

Varanasi, popularly known as Kashi or Banaras is one of the oldest living cites in the world. Besides being a cultural and religious centre of India, it occupied a preeminent place from ancient times as a great seat of learning. The glorious tradition of education and erudition of Varanasi is being kept alive by Banaras Hindu University founded by Mahamma Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviyaji.

Varanasi is well connected by train and air with all major cites of India. The weather in February tends to be cool and woollens may be required.

MAHILA MAHAVIDYALAYA

Mahila Mahavidyalaya established in 1929, originally named Women's College of the Banaras Hindu University is a landmark in the history of women's education in India. MMV is one of the first institutions to champion the cause of women empowerment through education. It currently runs UG programmes in Arts, Education, Performing arts, Visual Arts, Science and Social Sciences as well as PG programmes in Bioinformatics, Home Sciences and Education. Mahila Mahavidyalaya plays an important role in the safeguarding and promotion of women's rights.

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