

**SYLLABUS / COURSE STRUCTURE**  
**P. G. Diploma in Gender and Women's Studies**  
**Course Layout**

**1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

Paper	Paper Name	Credits
WSD-411	History of Women's Movement	4
WSD-412	Theories of feminism	4
WSD-413	Feminist Methodology	4
WSD-414	Women in Literature and Culture	4
<b>Total Credits (04+04+04+04)</b>		<b>16</b>

<b>Paper I :</b>	<b>History of Women's Movements</b>
<b>WSD-411 Objectives:</b>	The central concern of this paper is to offer a broad outline with regard to the nature and growth of women's movement in the modern age, covering a range of issues pertinent to women's emancipation, dignity and status. Further, it seeks to familiarize the students with the major historical developments of women's movement in their onward march to freedom and equality. The paper is divided into four modules with a view to offer a chronological canvas of the linear development of various women's movements across the world in different socio-cultural and political milieu.
<b>Unit 1:</b>	<b>The Early Phase of Women's Movement in the West</b>
	Ideas of Enlightenment and the quest for women's rights; Women's republican clubs in French revolution; the socio-economic conditions of women during the age of Industrial revolution; Suffrage Movement; significance of Mary Wollstonecraft's "A Vindication of the Rights of Woman" and the Seneca Falls Convention and the Call for Women's Rights 1848; First wave feminism in Europe and US in 19 <sup>th</sup> century.
<b>Unit 2:</b>	<b>Genesis of Women's movement in India</b>
	Socio-economic cultural conditions of women in 19 <sup>th</sup> century India; social reforms concerning women's liberation and women's participation in social reform movements; women's participation in Gandhian national movement; women's rights in Karachi congress resolution, 1931; women's participation in Congress and left organisations.
<b>Unit 3:</b>	<b>Women's movement in the West during 20th century and after.</b>
	Second and third phase of feminism; electoral, legal and juridical reforms pertaining to women's rights in US and UK; women in politics in US and Europe; radical feminism in France; women's movement in Latin America, Africa and Asia; women's participation in peace and other civil rights movements; role of women in UN organizations
<b>Unit 4:</b>	<b>Women's Movement in Post-colonial India</b>
	Constitutional rights of women and Hindu civil code; property rights of minority women; Dalit feminism and the question of double marginality; women's participation in civil organizations and public sphere activities; challenges to feminism: globalization and religious fundamentalism
<b>Recommended Readings</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bolt, C. The Women's Movements in the United States and Britain from the 1790s to the 1920s. New York &amp; London: Harvester Wheatsheaf, 1993.</li> <li>2. Burton, A. Burdens of History: British Feminists, Indian Women and Imperial Culture. University of North Carolina Press, 1994.</li> <li>3. Holton, S. Suffrage Days: Stories from the Women's Suffrage Movement. London: Routledge, 1996.</li> <li>4. Legates, M. In Their Time: A History of Feminism in Western Society. London: Routledge, 2001.</li> <li>5. Rendall, J. The Origins of Modern Feminism: Women in Britain, France and the United States, 1780-1960. Basingstoke: Macmillan, 1985.</li> <li>6. Kemp, Sandra and Judith Squires. Feminisms, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997.</li> <li>7. Ramusack, Barbara N., and Sharon Sievers. Women in Asia. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1999.</li> <li>8. Bhasin, Kamala and Nighat Said Khan. Some Questions on Feminism and Its Relevance in South Asia., Kali For Women, New Delhi, 1986.</li> <li>9. Chaudhuri, Maitrayee (Ed.) Feminism in India, Kali for Women, New Delhi, 2004.</li> </ol>

	10. Menon ,Nivedita. Gender and Politics In India, OUP, New Delhi. 1999. 11. Sangari, Kumkum and Suresh Vaid (eds.). Recasting Women: Essays in Colonial India, New Delhi: OUP, 2003.
<b><u>Paper II :</u></b> <b><u>WSD-412</u></b>	<b><u>Theories of Feminism</u></b>
<b>Unit 1:</b>	<b>Liberal Feminism</b>
	Individual Freedom and Autonomy, and Universalism From Androgynous Equality to Difference Public vs. Private Domains Patriarchal Politics and Neutral State Welfare and Distributive Justice
<b>Unit 2:</b>	<b>Socialist Feminism:</b>
	Value of Housework and Reproduction Privileging Class and Capitalism Capitalist Patriarchy From Androgyny to Gynocentrism Politics of Difference
<b>Unit 3:</b>	<b>Radical Feminism</b>
	Sisterhood and Sexual Oppression Radical Rejection of Patriarchy Feminism of Difference Politics of the Private Sphere Control over and Celebration of Sexually Specific Body/Biology
<b>Unit 4:</b>	<b>Post-Structural/Post-Modern Feminism</b>
	Rejection of Grand Narrative and Essentialism Constitution of Meaning through Difference Difference and Deconstruction Death of the Subject Queer Theory
<b>Recommended Readings</b>	1. Rosemarie Tong: Thought –A Comprehensive Introduction. 2. Valerie Bryson: Political Theory: An Introduction.
<b><u>Paper III :</u></b> <b><u>WSD-413</u></b>	<b><u>Feminist Methodology</u></b>
	This course is an introduction to women’s studies research and is designed to help the student to think and write about women’s historical, socio economic and political experiences. The course will explore various methods of researching and interpreting women’s issues. The readings and discussions will be supplemented with exercises in applying research and interpretative methods
<b>Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To explore and discuss various definitions of "feminist methods" and "feminist epistemologies".</li> <li>• To introduce alternative definitions and locations of "knowledge" and "methodology".</li> <li>• To investigate and question how knowledge and power intersect.</li> <li>• To critically consider how the researcher impacts and shapes rather than simply "discovers" or "observes".</li> <li>• To acquaint students with critical thinking, reading, and writing through required written and oral assignments as well as through cooperative work in small groups.</li> </ul>
<b>Unit 1:</b>	<b>Concepts</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Need for a Feminist Methodology</li> <li>• Interdisciplinarity in Women’s Studies</li> <li>• Introduction to Basic Concepts and Debates in Feminist Research:-</li> </ul> Key Concepts- Gender; women’s ‘invisibility’; public/private; difference and domination; patriarchy; power and agency etc.
<b>Unit 2:</b>	<b>Theory</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding Gender: Gender of Politics, Religion &amp; Caste (Indian Context)</li> <li>• Women as Actors in Man's World Majula Padmanabhan: Light out Tarabai Shinde : Stri Purush Tulna</li> <li>• Women as Agents Rokeya Sakhawat: Sultana's Dream Babinabai: Abhangas.</li> <li>• From actors in a man's world to women as agents</li> </ul>
<b>Unit 3:</b>	<b>Alternatives</b>
	Feminist Research Methods and Feminist Dilemma:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conventional Approaches/Sources and their Limitations</li> <li>• Use of 'alternative' methods: use of life histories, pictures, inter-generational studies, interviews, memoirs, textual analysis, ethnosociological studies etc</li> </ul>
<b>Unit 4:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Design with especial reference to Feminist Methodology.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommended Readings</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sandra Harding (Ed.). "Social Sciences Issues.</li> <li>2. Helmi Jarviluoma, Pirkko Moisala &amp; Anni Vilkkko. "Gender and Qualitative Methods."</li> <li>3. Caroline Ramazanoglu &amp; Janet Holland. "Methodology: Challenges and Choices".</li> <li>4. Seale, Clive. (Ed.) Social Research Methods: A Reader (Routledge Student Readers) 2004</li> <li>5. Scott, Joan W. "Gender: A Useful Category of Historical Analysis," <i>American Historical Review</i> 91.5 (1986): 1053-1075.</li> <li>6. Wallace, Ruth. (Ed.) <i>Feminism and Sociological Theory</i>. Sage, California 1989</li> <li>7. Scott, Joan W. <i>Gender and the Politics of History</i>. Columbia Univ. Press 1988</li> <li>8. Reiharz, S. &amp; Lynn Davidman. <i>Feminist Methods in Social Research</i>. OUP, NY, 1992</li> <li>9. Moore, Henrietta. <i>Feminism and Anthropology</i>. Univ. of Minnesota Press, 1988</li> <li>10. Ramazanoglu C. <i>Feminist Methodology: Challenges and Choices</i>. Sage, London, 2002</li> <li>11. Visveswaran, Kamala. "Defining Feminist Ethnography" <i>Inscriptions</i> 3/4: 27-44 1988</li> </ol>
<b>Paper IV : WSD-414</b>	<b><u>Women in Literature and Culture</u></b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This paper introduces students to literature and to literary expressions by men/women writers.</li> <li>• Focus throughout will be on writings on/by women. There will be internal choice in each section.</li> <li>• However, there is no such choice in the first section.</li> </ul>
<b>Unit 1:</b>	<b>Approaches to literature</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defining literature.</li> <li>• Women and literary history.</li> <li>• Women and production, circulation and consumption of literature</li> <li>• Feminist critique/gynocritique.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommended Readings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bhasin, Kamla. <i>What is Patriarchy? Kali for Women</i>, 1993.</li> <li>• <u>Showalter, Elaine</u>, <i>A Literature of their own: from Charlotte Bronte to Doris Lessing</i>. London: Virago Press, 1977.</li> <li>• Spacks, Patricia Meyer, <i>The Female Imagination: A Literary and Psychological Investigation of women's writing</i>. George Allen and Unwin, 1976.</li> <li>• John, Mary E. <i>Discrepant Dislocations: Feminism, Theory, and Postcolonial Histories</i>. 1996.</li> <li>• Kumar, Nita, ed. <i>Women as Subjects: South Asian Histories</i>. Univ. Press of Virginia, 1994.</li> <li>• Gilbert, Sandra M., and Susan Gubar, eds., <i>The New Feminist Criticism: Essays on Women, Literature and Theory</i>. London: Virago Press, 1989.</li> </ul>
	<b>Women and Space</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mirabai : (1498-1565).</li> <li>• Binodini Dasi : Amar Katha</li> <li>• Gandhi on Women: (Collection of Mahatma Gandhi's Writings and Speeches on Women) by <u>Mahatma Gandhi</u> (Author), <u>Pushpa Joshi</u> (Compiler)</li> </ul>

<b>Recommended Readings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women Writing in India: 600BC to the Present. 2vols. Tharu and K.Lalitha (Eds) Delhi: OUP 1991 &amp; 1993.</li> <li>• Woolf, Virginia: a Room of One's Own</li> <li>• Signifying Self: Women and Literature . Malashri Lal, Shorminstha Panja &amp; Sumanyu Satpathy (eds) New Delhi: Macmillian.2004.</li> <li>• Lal, Malashri. Law of the Threshold: Women Writers in Indian English. Shimla:IIAS, 1995.</li> </ul>
<b>Unit 2:</b>	<b>Androgyny</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mahadevi Varma : Links in the Chain</li> <li>• Krishna Sobti : Hum Hashmat</li> <li>• Ishmat Chughtai: Lihaf</li> <li>• Kamal Das: Hijra</li> </ul>
<b>Recommended Readings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pande, Alka.Ardhanarishvara: The Androgyne Probing the Gender Within. New Delhi:Rupa &amp; Co, 2004 .</li> <li>• <u>The Invisibles: A Tale of the Eunuchs of India</u> by Zia Jaffrey</li> <li>• Pharr, S. (1997) Homophobia: A Weapon of Sexism. Oakland, CA: Chardon Press.</li> <li>• Lobel, K (Ed.) (1986) Naming The Violence: Speaking Out About Lesbian Battering. Seattle: Seal Press.</li> </ul>
<b>Unit 3:</b>	<b>Questioning Stereotypes</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muddupalani '<i>Radhika Santvanamu</i>'</li> <li>• Bhishma Sahani : Madhavi (Hindi)</li> <li>• Rabindranath Tagore's '<i>Stri Patra</i>'</li> </ul>
<b>Recommended Readings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staging Resistance: Plays by Women in Translation. Tutun Mukherjee (ed.), New Delhi; Oxford, 2005.</li> <li>• Barbara G. Walker, The Women's Encyclopaedia of Myths and Secrets, Harper Collins, 1983.</li> <li>• Recasting Women:Essays in Colonial India , Kum Kum Sangari &amp; Suresh Vaid (Eds). NewDelhi: Kali for Women.1989.</li> <li>• From Myth to Market: Essays on Gender, Kum Kum Sangari &amp; Uma Charkravarty (eds). New Delhi: Manohar, 1999.</li> </ul>
<b>Unit 4:</b>	<b>Women as victim</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urvashi Butalia: <i>The Other Side of Silence</i></li> <li>• Manjula Padmanabhan: <i>Lights Out</i> (English)</li> <li>• Mahasweta Devi: <i>Draupadi</i></li> </ul>
<b>Recommended Readings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Omvedt, Gail.1990. <i>Violence against Women: New Movements and New Tneories in India</i>, New Delhi: Kali For women.</li> <li>• Brownmiller, S. (1993) <i>Against Our Will: Men, Women, and Rape</i>. New York: Random House.</li> <li>• Datar, Chhaya, ed. <i>The Struggle against violence</i>. Calcutta: Stree, 1993</li> <li>• Kishwar, Mandu and Ruth Vanita. <i>In search of answers: Indian women's voices from Manushi</i>. London: Zed, 1984</li> </ul>

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

Course code	Title of the Course	Type of Course	Credit hour
WSD 421	Nationalism, Colonialism and Gender	Core	4
WSD 422	Women and Law	Core	4
WSD 423	Sexuality, Patriarchy and Social Reproduction	Core	4
WSD 424	Women, Ecology and Environment	Core	4
WSD 425	Field-based Dissertation	Core	8
Total Credits : 24			24

**Paper V :  
WSD 421**

**Nationalism, Colonialism and Gender (4 Credits)**

**Unit 1: Conceptualising nationalism: Gender perspective**

**Unit 2: Nationalism colonialism interface: Reform movements vis-a-vis-women**

**Unit 3: Role of women in national movement: Case studies based on biographical works: Hindu-Muslim-Parsee-Non-Indian**

**Unit 4: Recasting women: Post colonial scene**

- Women as political leaders
- Women as agencies of new enlightenment: Issues related to environment, education, democracy and justice.

**Reading List-**

1. Partha Chatterjee, "The Nationalist Resolution of the women's question", in Sangari and Vaid (eds), **Recasting Women**, New Delhi, 1989.
2. V. Ramakrishna, **Social Reform in Andhra, 1848-1919**, New Delhi, 1983.
3. Susie Tharu and Lalita K., **Introduction to women writing in India**, Delhi, 1991.
4. Stree Shakti Sanghatana, **We were making History**, New Delhi, 1989.
5. Rekha Pande, **Women's History**, in Encyclopedia of Historians and Historical Writing, in **Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, London, 1999**.
6. Joanna Liddle and Rama Joshi, **Daughters of Independence**, New Delhi, 1986.

**Paper VI :  
WSD 422**

**Women and Law (4 Credits)**

**Unit-1**

**Understanding Law**

- Legal Concepts
- Law and Feminism

**Source of Law**

- Primary sources
- Religion, Custom and Conventions
- Socio-Political Philosophy and Law
- Secondary Sources
- The Constitution, Statutes and Judicial Decisions

**Women Rights as Human Rights**

- U.N. World Conference on Women
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women
- Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women

**Unit-2**

**Gender Equality and Constitution**

- Preamble
- Political Rights, Economic Rights and Social Justice
- Fundamental Rights
- Equality, Right to Livelihood, Right to Live with Dignity, Right against Exploitation
- Directive Principles of State Policy
- Equal Justice and Free Legal aid, Provision for Just and Humane Conditions of Work and Maternity Relief, Uniform Civil Code,
- Fundamental Duties- Art. -51-A[e]
- Women's Representation in Local Bodies

**Unit-3**

**Law Relating to Crimes against Women**

- Indian Penal Code -1860
- Dowry Prohibition Act,1961
- Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- Indecent Representation of Women [Prohibition]Act,1986

#### Unit-4

#### Protection of Women under Industrial Law

- Equal Remuneration Act,1976
- Maternity Benefit Act,1961

#### Personal Laws Relating to Women

- Marriage
- Divorce
- Maintenance
- Adoption
- Succession

#### State Agencies and Women

- National Commission for Women
- Police
- Judiciary

#### Recommended Readings

#### Books

- Women and law: contemporary problems/ed. by Lotika Sarkar and B. Sivaramayya.- New Delhi: Vikas,1994.272p., 346.0134 WOM 6073
- Kapur, Ratna, Subversive sites: feminist engagements with law in India/by Ratna Kapur and Brenda Cossman.- New Delhi: Sage,1996.352p., 346.0134 KAP.S 7069
- Feminist terrains in legal domains: interdisciplinary essays on women and law in India/ed. by Ratna Kapur.- New Delhi: Kali for Women,1996.280p., 346.0134 FEM 7344
- Engendering law: essays in honour of Lotika Sarkar/ed. by Amita Dhanda and Archana Parashar.- Lucknow: Eastern Book,1999.xv, 415p., 346.0134 ENG 8757
- Kishwar, Madhu, Off the beaten track: rethinking gender justice for Indian women.- New Delhi: Oxford University,1999.290p., 346.0134 KIS.O 8886
- India Centre for Human Rights, Women and the law/ed. by Christine Chorine, Mihir Desai and Colin Gonsalves.- Bombay: The Centre,1999.2 vols, 1050p; 912p., 346.0134 IND.W 9034; 9649
- Gupta, Krishna, Women, law and public opinion.- Jaipur: Rawat,2001. 228 p., 346.0134 GUP.W 9873
- Pereira, Faustina, The fractured scales: the search for a Uniform Personal Code.- Calcutta: Stree,2002.
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- Gour's empowerment of women in India with allied law's and useful appendices.- 2nd ed.- Allahabad: Law Publishers,2003.lvi, 961p., 346.0134 GOU 10537
- Sunder Rajan, Rajeshwari, The scandal of the state: women, law, and citizenship in postcolonial India.- Delhi: Permanent Black,2003.xv, 313p., 346.0134 SUN.S 10764.
- Mody, Perveez, The intimate state: love marriage and the law in Delhi.- New Delhi: Routledge, 2008. xx, 308p.- (Critical Asian Studies), 346.0134(5456) MOD.I 12322.

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- Seth, Leila, <A>Uniform Civil Code: towards gender justice, Vikasini:The Journal of Women's Empowerment. 20(1); January-March 2005. p. 2
- Wadia, Pouruchisti, Victim and witness protection: a women's right, From the Lawyers Collective. 20(6); June 2005. p.
- Sen, Rukmini, Sociological insight into the private sphere of women's lives, Roshni. January-June; 2006. p.20
- Suneetha, A and Nagaraj, Vasudha, A difficult match: women's actions and legal institutions in the face of domestic violence, Economic and Political Weekly. 41(41); 14-20 October 2006. p.43355-4362
- Miglani, Deepak, Some legal provisions to facilitate women's empowerment in India Legal News and Views. 20(11); November 2006. p.15-17
- Agnes, Flavia, Making laws work for women: the potential of existing laws against domestic violence, Manushi. No. 56; September-October 2006. p.25-31
- Miglani, Deepak, Role of legislation in women empowerment, Mahila Vidhi Bharati.

- No. 48; July-September 2006. p.260-268
- Rajalakshmi, T K., Seclusion inflicted by insecurity, *Frontline*. 23(24)2-16 December 2006. p.17-20
- A few steps of progress, but a long haul ahead, <A>few steps of progress, but a long haul ahead, From the Lawyers Collective. 21(11); December 2006. p.6-11
- Women, know your law, Roshni. October-December 2006. p.9
- Narrain, Arvind, Rethinking citizenship: a queer journey, *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*. 14(1); January-April 2007. p.61-71
- Singh, Jasbir and Vohra, Anupama, Citizenship rights of women in Jammu and Kashmir: an uncertain future, *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*. 14(1); January-April 2007. p.
- Jaising, Indira, Through the looking glass- Indira in wonderland, From the Lawyers Collective. 22(5); June 2007. p.8-13
- Women and the constitution: constitutional provisions pertaining to equality, *Legal News and Views*. 21(7); July 2007. p.8-9
- Bhardwaj, Kalpana, National and international legal development of women's human rights, *Mahila Vidhi Bharati*. No. 50-51; January-March, April-June 2007. p.215-220
- Bhardwaj, Meeta Kamal, Need for the new laws for women: changing social dynamics- an evaluation, *Mahila Vidhi Bharati*. No. 50-51; January-March, April-June 2007. p.221-223
- Sinha, Chitra, Images of motherhood: the Hindu Code Bill discourse, *Economic and Political Weekly*. 42(43); 27 October-2 November 2007. p.49-57
- Sharma, Panch Rishi Dev, Eminent women and law relating to women in pre-Vedic period, *Mahila Vidhi Bharati*. No. 52; July-September 2007. p.13-17
- Jessy K., Outraging the modesty of a woman, *Legal News and Views*. 22(4); April 2008. p.7-8
- Miglani, Deepak and Miglani, Dinesh, Are women still abla? Legislative and judicial approach towards empowerment of women, *Womens Link*. 14(3); July-September 2008. p.36-41
- Bright, Madhu, Women and law, *Womens Link*. 14(4); October-December 2008. p. 43-45.

**Paper VII :  
WSD 423**

**Introducing the concepts used in the course:**

**Sexuality, Patriarchy and Social Reproduction (4 Credits)**

Patriarchy and male control over female sexuality form the core issues of women's studies. Patriarchy is generally understood in terms of gender hierarchy in which men possess superior authority. Control over female sexuality is the most important weapon in the hands of men and the society that maintains the patriarchal order. There have been feminist debates over a whole range of issues including the concepts of 'beauty', marriage, reproduction and motherhood focusing on women's lack of power over decision-making regarding their bodies are represented and dealt with. It is through the process of social reproduction that patriarchy and control over sexuality find new life. As a concept, social reproduction was used by Marx while analyzing the accumulation and reproduction of capital. In feminist theory, it is used to refer to a combination of the organization of production, the organization of social reproduction, the perpetuation of gender, and the continuation of class relations.

**Course objective:**

The present course aims at giving insight into the social, political, economic and ideological processes that go on to maintain patriarchy and male control over sexuality from one generation to another.

**Unit 1:**

**Conceptualizing Patriarchy and Sexuality**

- Understanding Patriarchy: Male Domination-Female Subordination
- Control over Female Sexuality: Men possessing Women, Female Sexual Alienation, Representation of Female Body
- Gender Hierarchy: Sex Segregation, Sexual Division of Labor
- Creation and Re-creation of the Patriarchal Order: A historical perspective

**Possible Curricular Activities:**

- A workshop on understanding our body and sexuality
- Students to share their experiences of the patriarchal order.
- Reading and discussion on *Lihaaf* by Ishmat Chughtai

**References:**

1. Lerner, Gerda. *Creation of Patriarchy*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1986.
2. Mackinnon, Katherine. 'Sexuality' in Linda J. Nicholson (ed.), *The Second Wave: A Reader in Feminist Theory*, Routledge, 1997, pp-158-180
3. Pilcher, Jane and Imelda Wheelan. *50 Key Concepts in Gender Studies*. London: Sage Publications, 2004
4. Sen, Gita. *Subordination and sexual control: a comparative view of the control of women*, in Nalini Visvanathan, Lynn Duggan, Laurie Nisonoff (ed), *Gender and Development Reader*, Zubaan, 2005, pp-142-150
5. Walby, Sylvia. *Theorising Patriarchy*, Sociology, Vol. 23, No. 2, 213-234 (1989)

**Unit 2:****A Feminist Understanding of Social Reproduction**

- Social reproduction: a conceptual understanding
- Production /Reproduction debate in Feminist theory
- Social Reproduction in feminist theory
- Sites of Social Reproduction: Family, Economy, State, Religion

**Possible Curricular Activities:**

- Viewing of film *Mrityudand* by Prakash Jha followed by discussion.

**Reference:**

1. Laslett, B. & Brenner, J. *Gender and Social Reproduction: Historical Perspectives*, [Annual Review of Sociology, August 1989](#), Vol. 15: 381-404.
2. Luxton, Meg & Bezanson, Kate. *Social Reproduction: Feminist Political Economy Challenges Neo-liberalism*, McGill-Queen's Press - MQUP, 2006.
3. Martin, Emily. *The Woman in the Body: A Cultural Analysis of Reproduction*, Boston: Beacon Press, 1987.

**Unit 3:****Social Reproduction of Patriarchy and Control over Sexuality**

- Good woman vs. Bad woman: Complying traditions, maintaining family honor; Politics of Procreation & Glorification of Motherhood
- Gendered work and work spaces, Invisibility of Female work, Unpaid labour, issues of ownership/access to resources, Reproduction of Patriarchy and Sexuality in Agricultural, Industrial and Post-industrial Society.
- Unequal burdens of morality & ethics, Notions of chastity, seclusion, segregation.
- Reinforcing Patriarchy through legitimizing force (of the state) and violence on women, controlling sexuality through laws.

**Possible Curricular Activities:**

- Viewing of Film *Astitva* by Mahesh Manjrekar to be followed by a discussion.

**Reference:**

1. Aggarwal, B. *Patriarchy and the "Modernising" State*, in Agarwal, B. (ed.), *Structures of Patriarchy: The State, the Community and the Household*, London: Zed Press, 1988.
2. Chodorow, Nancy. *The Reproduction of Mothering*, Berkeley: UC Press, 1978.
3. Gordon, April A. *Transforming Capitalism and Patriarchy*, Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1996.
4. Picchio, Antonella. *Social Reproduction: The Political Economy of the Labour Market*, Cambridge University Press, 1992.

**Unit 4:****Patriarchy and Sexuality in the Age of Globalization**

- Globalization and Patriarchy: Opportunities and Constraints
- Market economy and Internationalization of patriarchy
- Liberation of sexuality vs. Commodification of women's bodies
- Globalization and Neo-patriarchy

**Possible Curricular Activities:**

- A group discussion on Globalization and its impacts on women

**Reference:**

1. E Haghghat, *Neopatriarchy, Islam and female labour force participation: A reconsideration*, International journal of sociology and social policy, 2005



2. Elina Penttinen, *Globalization, Prostitution and Sex-trafficking: Corporeal Politics*, Routledge, 2008
3. H.Sharabi, *Neopatriarchy: A theory of Distorted change in Arab Society*, New York: OUP, 1988.
4. John, Mary. *Globalization, Sexuality and the Visual Field: Issues and Non-issues for Cultural Critique*. In *A Question of Silence? The Sexual Economies of Modern India*, ed. Mary John and Janaki Nair, 369-96. New Delhi: Kali Press for Women, 1998.
5. Mills, Mary Beth. *Gender and Inequality in the global labour force*. *Annual Review of Anthropology*, 2003, 32:1, 41-62
6. Runkle, Susan. *Making Miss India: Constructing Gender, Power and the Nation*, in *South Asian Popular Culture*, October 2004, vol.2, no.2, pp-145-159.

**Paper VIII :**

**WSD 424**

**Introduction:**

**Women, Ecology and Environment (4 Credits)**

- The course will be devoted to examine the relationship of women with the earth, non-human nature and other human.
- The course will try to explore the connection between the mastery of women and the mastery of nature i.e. ecology and environment

**Unit 1:**

**Ecology and Environment**

- Defining Ecology and Environment
- Human-environment relationship
- Various conceptions of ecology and environment, like environmentalism, ecological anarchism, reductionism, radical environmentalism, deep ecology, shallow ecology
- Feminine characteristic of Nature
- Subjugation of nature /subjugation of Women

**Unit 2:**

**Introducing Eco-feminism**

- Definition of Eco-feminism
- Various branches within eco-feminism
- Difference between eco-feminism and other types of feminism

**Unit 3:**

**Eco-feminism: Various Dimensions**

- Various concepts: Eco-feminist Coalitions, Eco-feminist Practice, Eco-feminist Politics
- Eco-feminism: Spiritual Dimension
- Eco-feminism in global economy
- Eco-feminist Power, Eco-feminist Resistance to war and violence

**Unit 4:**

**Eco-feminism: Environmental change and Justice**

- Gendered perspective of environmental change
- Gendered relationship to access to resource
- Environmental activism: gendered Perspective
- Feminist political ecology and environmental justice perspective

**Recommended**

**Readings:**

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**Paper IX :  
WSD 425**

**Field-based Dissertation (8 Credits)**

**Dissertation Work:** Student of P.G. Diploma will have to undertake a dissertation work during the two semesters and it will be examined by internal examiner and it will be followed by a viva-voce to be conducted jointly by internal and external examiners. (It will consist of 8 credits)