

Call for Papers

International Seminar
on
Women in Contemporary Society

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Venue: Seminar Hall, MidnaporeCollege(Autonomous)

CONCEPT NOTE

Women in contemporary society are treated as equal to men in the terms of laws and rights. In reality however, we see that women are often discriminated by society in general. Gender inequality is widely prevalent in today's society. Although three waves of feminism have strengthened the position of women in society, a lot of work still needs to be done to ensure a life of dignity for women.

Mary Wollstonecraft, the mother of modern feminism talked about economic independence of women to uplift their conditions. She also gave importance to education for women. There was a time when women were caged inside home. They were deprived of education and going out for work. Today the scenario has changed now the women are receiving education and they are working with men in the fields which were once thought to be absolutely male privilege. Today women enjoy political, social, economic and human rights – at least nominally, but a substantive enjoyment of these rights by women are still not safeguarded.

In the feminist approach to peace we have seen that women are peace lovers. It is claimed that if women would have dominated the world as the heads of the states we would have less wars. The feminists also opined that the women are the worst sufferers of war waged by men.

The Liberals though have talked about equality and freedom of individuals, they did not address the problems of women separately. It needs to be remembered that women within them have differences in terms of education, color, culture, position in society and so on. The Marxists have shown how capitalism subordinated women in society. The

constructivists opined that everything in this world is constructed by us. Virginia Woolf echoed the same by claiming that one is not born but becomes a woman. In the process of becoming a woman she has to face humiliation at every moment. In the contemporary society we are witnessing that the dignity of the women is being threatened now and then. Simone de Beauvoir in her book *The Second Sex* addresses the problem how women are always define as relative to men. Even today the identity of a woman is constructed relative to man.

In order to free women from the hands of the patriarchy, we need to develop an approach which addresses the core issues like education and providing adequate awareness to women about their rights – as large section of women are not aware about their rights due to lack of education. The women should have the freedom of choice to live a life on their own terms. Equality among people from various genders: males, females and third genders should be ensured to realize the vision of a good society. Women should be empowered in the truest sense of the term.

Sub Themes

1. Theoretical aspects of feminism
2. Women, Culture and Society
3. Women- the victims of war
4. Women and literature
5. Role of education in safeguarding the rights of the Women
6. Women and Political Participation
7. Women and Security
8. Role of Women in Peace Building
9. Liberty and Equality of Women
10. Women Empowerment in the contemporary world
11. Women and Refugee Crisis

Abstract

Abstract are invited from scholars and academicians of various disciplines of social sciences on the above mentioned themes and any other women related subject.

Abstract: 200-300 Words

Language: English/Bengali

Important Dates

Last Date for Abstract Submission: 6th January, 2019

Registration Fees

Rs. 300/- (Scholar/Academician)

Rs. 200/- (Students)

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