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Interrogating Intersectionality and Empowering Women Through Critical Engagements

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Postgraduate Conference: Interrogating Intersectionality

Liverpool Hope University (Hope Park Campus), 5 November 2018

Call for Papers

The Postgraduate Conference enables discussions that interrogate the concept of intersectionality and constructions of gender as these intersect with other components of identity derived from political, social, cultural, religious, ethnic, and racialized discourses. Intersectionality (Crenshaw, 1991) is a framework and a methodological lens for understanding the kaleidoscopic subjectivity of women.

We are very pleased to announce that our keynote speakers will be Dr Radhika Govinda, Lecturer in Sociology from the University of Edinburgh and Dr Suryia Nayak, Senior Lecturer in Social Work at the University of Salford. Dr Nayak is the author of *The Activism of Black Feminist Theory: Race, Gender and Social Change* (2015) and is co-editor of a volume on *Intersectionality in Social Work: Activism and Practice in Context* (2018). Dr Govinda has been published in *Modern Asian Studies*, *Contemporary South Asia*, *Gender and Development*, and the *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, among others. She is currently the UK lead on a UK-India Educational Research Initiative (UKIERI)/British Council funded project entitled, 'Teaching Feminisms, Transforming Lives: Questions of Identity, Pedagogy and Violence in India and the UK' (2017-2019), which seeks to contribute to ongoing debates on intersectional pedagogy and decolonising feminist knowledge production.

Within Gender and Women studies, a woman's subject status is claimed, held, and negotiated at the intersection of competing sources of disadvantage and discrimination. Class, race, caste, age, religion, and ability act within overlapping realms to shape women's lives in the modern world. We are seeking to explore the tensions that emerge between theory and lived experience; between professional practice and theoretical models of gender and community interaction; and between public pronouncements of gender equality and representations of identity in historiography, literature, film, and popular culture.

This conference is part of an AHRC funded International Network Project that seeks to scope the potential and limitations of intersectionality in relation to both theory and praxis. In keeping with this broad-based agenda, the organisers seek contributions from any discipline and welcome interdisciplinary approaches.

We would welcome proposals from postgraduate students, postdoctoral researchers, independent scholars, and early career lecturers for papers or panels exploring gender politics in relation to both Eurocentric norms and to different communities, societies, and nations, including papers and panels examining the issue of gender in relation to multiculturalism. We would encourage papers dealing with education, social work, youth work, international relations, development studies, history, theology and religious studies, cultural studies, film studies, postcolonial studies, linguistics, literary studies, the fine and performing arts, and critical and cultural theory.

Proposals for 20-minute papers can entered on the proposal form on the Project website (https://empowering-women.net/submit-a-proposal/). The deadline for proposals has been extended to **15 October 2018.** Those whose papers have been accepted will be expected to register through the Liverpool Hope University On-line Store (https://store.hope.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/faculty-of-arts-and-humanities/interrogating-intersectionality-conference/interrogating-intersectionality-conference-postgraduates-early-career-research-and-professionals) by **30 October 2018**. Those who have not done so will be removed from the programme. There will be a registration fee of £25. Lunch will be provided.

Informal enquiries may be made to Michael Dowding, Project Administrator, or to Professor Cindy Hamilton, conference organiser, at ahrcconference@hope.ac.uk. Proposals can be submitted on the project website www.empowering-women.net or by email to hamiltc@hope.ac.uk.