

# CALL FOR PAPERS

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Interrogating Intersectionality and  
Empowering Women Through  
Critical Engagements



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## Concept Note:

Intersectionality (Crenshaw, 1991) is a framework and a methodological lens that allows us to acknowledge and perceive the multidimensional perspectives of women. Approaches from Feminist sociology (Smith 1989) have helped us understand how gender has a significant impact on our access and perception of realities, reinstating gender as an important aspect of our social lives. Gender as a social category is 'doing', is a matter of action, and in its realities, fluid and evolving (West & Zimmerman 1987). But it's lived realities shape and are shaped by various dimensions such class, caste, and nationalities that frequently overlap and contest one another's privileges or lack thereof. Another level of complexities arises from the conversations and considerations of justice, rights, and policies.

The contemporary debates within gender and women studies have expanded and entered domains that provide a space to understand, question, and reposition the persistent concern regarding equality and equity. Questions concerning the lived realities and subjectivities are ever more prominent, especially when public proclamations are being made regarding the fictitiousness of 'gender gap'.

In order to address these chequered trajectories and methodological concerns, in the conference/workshop we will address these issues and try to weave the theoretical and methodological bridges within the domain of Gender Studies. The outcome of the process, as we envision it, will allow the participants to reflect on their subjectivities, theories, and methodologies at two levels-individual and institutional, personal and public.

## Call for papers:

We welcome proposals from Mphil and PhD scholars, postdoctoral researchers, and Early Career Lecturers for papers that explore gender in relation to its historical, sociological, cultural, political aspects. Researchers working at the intersection of gender and education, sociology and social work, history, film and culture studies, diaspora, postcolonial studies, linguistics, literary studies, and theatre and performing arts can apply for the workshop. This conference is part of an AHRC- Liverpool Hope and Christ (Deemed to be University) initiative. This aims to study and understand intersectionality in relation to both theory and praxis.

## Sessions:

The first session will provide a backdrop for the project, the rationale of conducting the workshop, and in specific analysing the contemporary concerns and issues pertaining to

gender studies and its methodologies. Two leading gender studies theorists will be with us for elucidating the scope, aims, contestations, and negotiations within the field of gender studies. Cynthia Hamilton and Philomena Harrison from Liverpool Hope University will offer their feedback after the paper presentations.

The second session is scheduled for paper presentations wherein our panel of distinguished scholars will provide comments individually for the paper presentation.

**Participants:**

MPhil

PhD scholar

Early Career Lecturers

**Time:**

20-minutes for individual presentations (10 minutes for paper and 10 minutes for discussions and interactions)

**Submission Criteria:**

Applicants should send us their recent bio-data and a short summary of their research project (300 words) before - 10 September 2018.

**Registration:**

The registration includes:

- Lunch
- Membership of the gender studies committee
- Accepted papers should be registered by 15 September 2018.

**Accommodation:**

Accommodation will be provided on first-cum-first serve basis. Intimation regarding availing accommodation should reach us by 10 September 2018.

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