

## Papers taught by English Deptt under following categories

### 1) GENDER

- **Women's Writing-** 1. Emily Dickinson 'I cannot live with you' 'I'm wife; I've finished that'  
Sylvia Plath 'Daddy' 'Lady Lazarus'  
Eunice De Souza 'Advice to Women' 'Bequest'
- 2. Alice Walker The Color Purple
- 3. Charlotte Perkins Gilman 'The Yellow Wallpaper' Katherine Mansfield 'Bliss'  
Mahashweta Devi 'Draupadi', tr. Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak (Calcutta: Seagull, 2002)
- 4. Mary Wollstonecraft A Vindication of the Rights of Woman (New York: Norton, 1988) chap. 1, pp. 11–19; chap. 2, pp. 19–38. Ramabai Ranade 'A Testimony of our Inexhaustible Treasures', in Pandita Ramabai Through Her Own Words: Selected Works, tr. Meera Kosambi (New Delhi: OUP, 2000) pp. 295–324. 12 12  
Rassundari Debi Excerpts from Amar Jiban in Susie Tharu and K. Lalita, eds., Women's Writing in India, vol. 1 (New Delhi: OUP, 1989) pp. 191–2. Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations Topics The Confessional Mode in Women's Writing Sexual Politics Race, Caste and Gender Social Reform and Women's Rights

### Readings

1. Virginia Woolf, A Room of One's Own (New York: Harcourt, 1957) chaps. 1 and 6.
2. Simone de Beauvoir, 'Introduction', in The Second Sex, tr. Constance Borde and Shiela Malovany-Chevallier (London: Vintage, 2010) pp. 3–18.
3. Kumkum Sangari and Sudesh Vaid, eds., 'Introduction', in Recasting Women: Essays in Colonial History (New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1989) pp. 1–25.
4. Chandra Talapade Mohanty, 'Under Western Eyes: Feminist Scholarship and Colonial Discourses', in Contemporary Postcolonial Theory: A Reader, ed. Padmini Mongia (New York: Arnold, 1996) pp. 172–97.

— Additionally, in our DSE Hons papers in Sem VI, we teach the **paper on Literary Theory**, and that **has one section ( Part II)** on Feminist Theory:

### Discipline Centric Elective English Hons Sem VI

#### Paper 5: Literary Theory

#### 2.Feminism

a. Elaine Showalter, 'Twenty Years on: A Literature of Their Own Revisited', in A Literature of Their Own: British Women Novelists from Bronte to Lessing (1977. Rpt. London: Virago, 2003) pp. xi–xxxiii.

b. Luce Irigaray, 'When the Goods Get Together' (from This Sex Which is Not One), in New French Feminisms, ed. Elaine Marks and Isabelle de Courtivron (New York: Schocken Books, 1981) pp. 107–10.

- **GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT:-**

**GENERIC ELECTIVE- CONTEMPORARY INDIA: WOMEN AND EMPOWERMENT**

- 1) social construction of gender(masculinity, femininity), Patriarchy
- 2) History of women's movements in India( pre-independence, post-independence)  
Women, nationalism, partition  
Women and political participation
- 3) Women and Law  
Women and the Indian constitution  
Personal laws (customary practices on inheritance and marriage)
- 4) Women and Environment  
State interventions, Domestic violence, female foeticide, sexual harassment  
Female Voices: *Sultana's Dream* . Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain  
Dalit discourse

- Personal Laws(Customary practices on inheritance and Marriage)  
(Supplement: by workshop on legal awareness)
4. Women and Environment  
State interventions, Domestic violence, Female foeticide, sexual harassment  
Female Voices: *Sultana's Dream*. Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain, "Sultana's Dream" *Sultana's Dream and Padmarag: Two Feminist Utopias*, New Delhi: Penguin, 2005. (1-15)
- Dalit Discourse: "Baby Kondiba Kamble: *Jinne Amuche*" pg.194-225 and "Vimal Dadasaheb More: *Teen Dagdachi Chul*" pg. 344-386 in *Writing Caste/ Writing Gender: Narrating Dalit Women's Testimonios*, ed. Sharmila Rege, New Delhi: Zubaan Books, 2006.

#### Suggested Readings:

##### Social Construction of Gender

- Ann Oakley. *Sex, Gender and Society*. London: Temple Smith, 1972.  
Kamala Bhasin. *What is Patriarchy?* New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1993.  
Kamala Bhasin. *Exploring Masculinity*, New Delhi: Women Unlimited, 2004.  
V.Geetha. *Gender*. Calcutta: Stree, 2002.  
Kate Millet. *Sexual Politics*. New York: Doubleday, 1970.

##### History of Women's Movement in India

- Ray Raka. *Fields of Protest: Women's Movements in India*, New Delhi: Kali for Women. 2000.  
Radha Kumar. *A History of Doing: An Illustrated Account of Movements for Women's Rights and Feminism in India: 1800-1990*. New Delhi: Kali for Women. 2002.

##### Women and Law

- Flavia Agnes, Sudhir Chandra, Monmayee Basu. *Women and Law in India: An Omnibus comprising Law and Gender Inequality, Enslaved Daughters, Hindu Women and Marriage Law*. New Delhi: OUP, 2004.  
*The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Bare Act*. New Delhi: Universal. 2014.

##### Women and Environment

- Vandana Shiva. *Staying Alive: Women, Ecology, and Development*. New Delhi: Zed Books, 1988.  
Bina Aggarwal. "Who Sows Who Reaps? Women and Land Rights in India". *Journal of Peasant Studies* 15(4):531-581, 1998.

##### Female Voices

- Urvashi Butalia. *The Other Side of Silence: Voices from the Partition of India*. New Delhi: Penguin, 1998.

##### Dalit Discourse

- Sharmila Rege. *Against the Madness of Manu, B.R Ambedkar's Writings on Brahmanical Patriarchy*, New Delhi: Navayana, 2013.

