

**Dissertation Workshop**  
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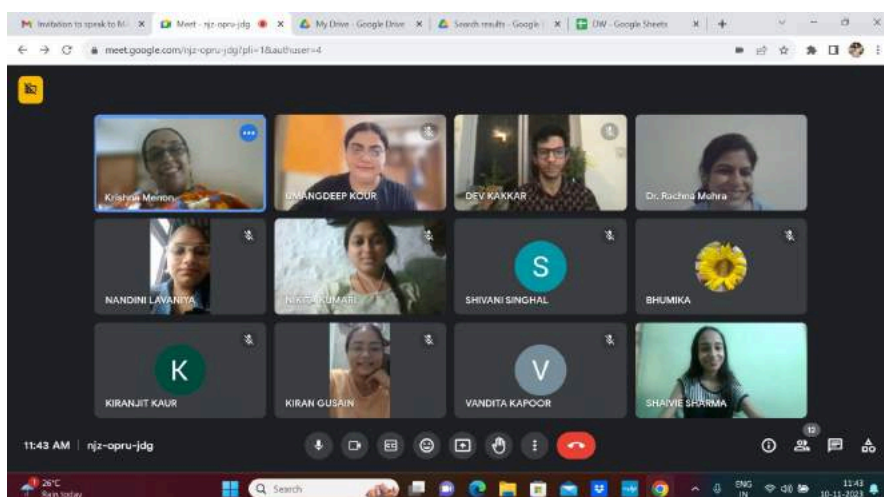
**DISSERTATION WORKSHOPS**  
**WINTER SEMESTER 2023-24**

1) Workshop titled “My Research Journey”

By Dr. Rachna Mehra

10th November, 2023

**Brief of the session:** Dr. Rachna Mehra, an Assistant Professor in the School of Global Affairs, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi, took the participants through her interdisciplinary research journey navigating the contours of modern history, urban studies and analysis of cityscapes. She highlighted her work on the event of partition through the gendered lens where she collected data by using archival methods. She emphasized the importance of peer work and feminist solidarities in the pursuit of knowledge making. She motivated listeners to traverse academic and personal journeys requiring transformation and getting out of one's comfort zone in contributing one's best abilities to the field of research. Hence, it was a session full of hope for budding researchers.



## 2) Workshop titled “Her Research Journey”

By Professor Mary E. John

22nd November, 2023

**Brief of the session:** Professor Mary E. John, an academic pioneer in the field of Women’s Studies, Gender Studies and Feminist Politics in India talked about her inspiring academic journey that began through a personal awakening when she was confronted by the gradations of her own identity as a third world woman studying Women’s Studies in California. She talked about the difficulties of being new in the field of women studies in India at the time when nuances of gender had been lost even in progressive academia. Further she mentioned how she paved the way for this kind of research and the making of research centers for women’s studies in India. Subsequently, her research focussed on pressing gender sensitive issues in India spanning sex selection and child marriage, her analysis of which lay bare the contradictions of discourse concerning questions of age and agency that had been previously overlooked. Lastly, she emphasized on shaping the contours of one’s questions and staging them in multiple nuanced ways as important dimensions of research.

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presents

**Prof.  
Mary E. John**  
on her research journey

**22nd November, Wednesday  
11:15 AM-1:15 PM (Online)**

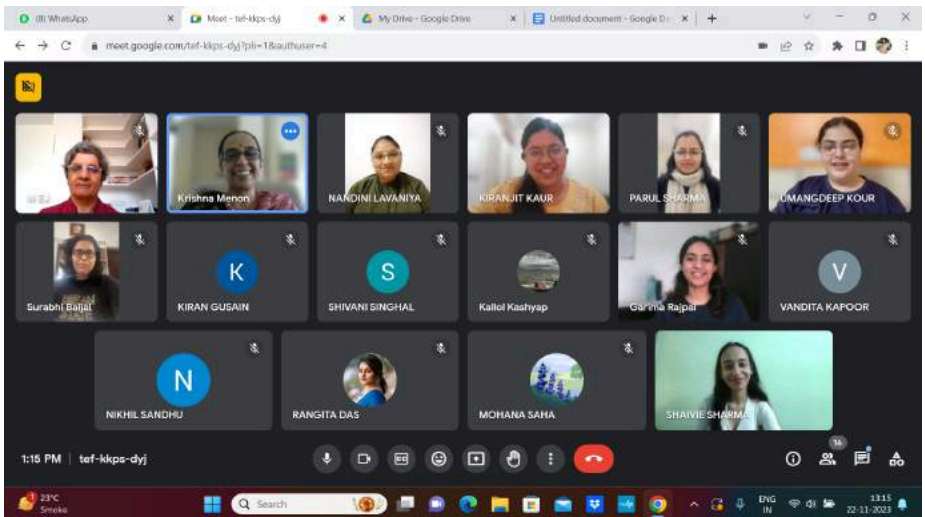
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### 3) Workshop titled “Forced Circumstances and Modes of Escape”

Dr. Ellora Sen on her research journey

29th November, 2023

**Brief of the session:** Dr. Ellora Sen, a renowned researcher in the field of Cancer Biology at National Brain Research Center, India talked about her research on cancer cells and the human body’s circadian rhythm, how one looks at a research from the starting point i.e framing the nature of one’s questions and mainly how one can find their research objectives from the revelations from their daily life activities themselves. She tried to bring in philosophy while being a researcher and emphasized on how philosophy can help researchers to have a better and deeper understanding of the research and its methodologies. A major focus of her delivery was the question of whether or not gender is important for the field of medical sciences that deal with life through a process of discovery that never ends and how the discipline has reconciled with such questions.

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**Dr. Ellora Sen**  
Scientist and Professor at National Brain Research Centre  
on her research journey  
Forced Circumstances and Modes of Escape



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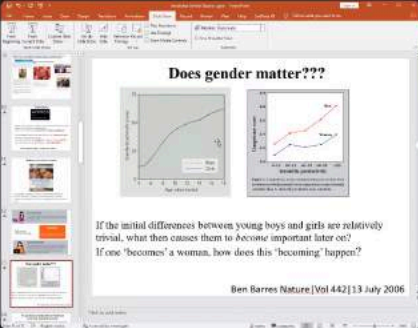
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Ellora Sen (Presenting)



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