

Ambedkar University Delhi

Course Outline

August-December 2018

School:	School of Human Studies
Programme with title:	MA Programme in Gender Studies
Semester to which offered:	Semester III
Course Title:	Violence: Feminist Critiques and Resistances (VFCR)
Credits:	2
Course Code (new):	SHS202841
Type of Course:	Elective

For SUS only (Mark an X for as many as appropriate):

1. Foundation (Compulsory)
2. Foundation (Elective)
3. Discipline (Compulsory) X
4. Discipline (Elective)
5. Elective

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Pre-requisites: Graduation

Aim:

The specific phenomenon of gender based violence is contained within the large and complex rubric of violence itself. The course will thus begin by conceptually locating the question of gender based violence within the idea of violence itself. In specific, an analysis of the violence perpetuated by the state and its various structures will form an underlying theme of the course. As such a larger emphasis will be on understanding structural and indirect violences, of phenomenon such as

disability, land and property rights, sexual rights and the violence emanating out of the everyday. Since the different forms of violence originate from and are produced by systems and discourses of societal, political and economic power, the discussions in the course would include an examination of philosophical questions as to how processes such as law, democracy, (neo)colonialism, practice of caste and religion, as well as their corresponding institutions such as families, courts, schools and religious structures are invested with regimes of power. Also under discussion would be the gendered ideas of violence and non-violence itself. The course thus aims to expand our understanding of violence and its feminist critiques and responses, to locate both these categories in the quotidian and the banal.

Module 1: Structures of Violence

Module 2: Violence and the State

Module 3: Nation, Gender and Violence

Module 4: The *Others* of the Nation-State

Module 5: Violence in Law

Module 6: Violence and non-violence

Readings:

Mary K Anglin. (1998). "Feminist Perspectives on Structural Violence", *Identities*, 5:2, 145-151.

Hannah Arendt, "We Refugees", in *Altogether Elsewhere: Writers on Exile*, (Ed.) Marc Robinson, Faber and Faber, pp 110-119.

Frantz Fanon. (1963). "Concerning Violence" in *The Wretched of the Earth*. Grove Press, p. 35 -62. (Recommended Reading – p. 35 – 106)

Susie Tharu (1996), "The Impossible Subject: Caste and the Gendered Body", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 31, No. 22 (Jun. 1) pp. 1311-1315

Veena Das. (2008). "Violence, Gender and Subjectivity". *Annual Review of Anthropology*, Vol. 37, pp. 283-299.

Gyanendra Pandey, "Can a Muslim be an Indian?", *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, Vol. 41, No. 4 (Oct., 1999), pp. 608-629

Anupama Roy, "The Citizenship Act, 1955: Liminal Citizenship at the Commencement of the Republic", in *Mapping Citizenship in India*, OUP, pp 33-92

Deepti Misri (2011), "Are you a man?": Performing Naked Protest in India", *Signs*, Vol. 36, No. 3 (Spring 2011), pp. 603-625

Srila Roy (2009), "The Ethical Ambivalence Of Resistant Violence: Notes From Postcolonial South Asia", *Feminist Review*, No. 91, south asian feminisms: negotiating new terrains, pp. 135-153

Tentative Assessment schedule with details of weightage:

S.No	Assessment	Date/period in which Assessment will take place	Weightage
1	Attendance and participation	Over the semester	20%
2	Assessment 1	September 1 st week	40%
3	Assessment 2	November 1st week	40%
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