



Advanced Centre for Women's Studies

School of Development Studies, TISS Mumbai

invites you to a panel discussion

'Disability and the Body: Conversations Across Intersections'

Cultural constructions of body normativity and disability cut across various intersecting identities such as race, class, caste, religion, sexualities, ethnicities and nationalities. How do we talk about body and disability across these intersections? Who is identified as abled or disabled? What role does body play in marking the differences of ability/disability system? How do we articulate the situated nature of our embodied experiences which shapes the way we understand these marked differences? This panel is an attempt to bring together disability studies scholars and researchers to have engaged conversations around body, disability and intersectionalities.

PANELLISTS



Dr. Shilpaa Anand is Associate Professor in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

at the BITS-Pilani Hyderabad Campus. She is also Distinguished Research Fellow at the Centre for Disability Studies at NALSAR University of Law in Hyderabad. Her research interests include literary and cultural disability studies, historiography of disability and culturally different concepts of corporeality. In her doctoral work she explored the conceptual history of disability in the Indian context. She moderates a lively email list called Disability Studies India.



Dr. Nandini Ghosh is an academician-activist working on the intersectional issues of

disability and gender. At present she is working as Assistant Professor of Sociology at Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata, India. She has a PhD in Social Sciences from Tata Institute of Social Sciences Mumbai. Her research focuses on cultural ideologies of disability and gender and ways in which they impact on lives of disabled women. She is widely published in academic & other journals, highlighting issues of disabled people in India. She is closely associated with disability activism within India.



Dr. Shubha Ranganathan is Associate Professor in the Department of Liberal Arts, Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad. Her work is broadly located at the interface of culture, gender and psychology, particularly with

reference to issues of women's health and illness. Her research is interdisciplinary, drawing on the fields of medical anthropology, gender studies, and alternate paradigms within psychology such as critical psychology. She has been engaged in explorations of local practices of healing among marginalized groups, carrying out ethnographic studies of phenomena such as spirit possession, trance, and indigenous healing. In the area of mental health and psychosocial disabilities, her research is framed by critical perspectives, focuses on lived experiences and narratives of people presumed to be 'abnormal' or 'different'. Her work also engages with issues surrounding the politics of mental health and healing, and contemporary debates around the legitimacy and credibility of indigenous healing practices.

MODERATOR



Dr. Bindhulakshmi P Associate Professor Advanced Centre for Women's Studies Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

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4.30 to 6.30 PM

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