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Feminist Approaches to Justice:

South Asian Women in Justice Professions

Monday, 21st March 2022
8:00 – 10:00am EDT

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Introduction of Sponsoring Organizations & Panel
Dr. Sheetal Ranjan, Past Chair of Division on Women & Crime - American Society of Criminology; Professor, Montclair State University (USA)

Panelists
Impact of COVID-19 on Personal and Professional Lives of Women Police Officers in Kerala, India
Dr. Sandhya Bharathadas, Director General of Police, Fire & Rescue Services, Kerala (India)
Dr. Jyoti Belur, Associate Professor, University College London (UK)

Women in the Court System in India: Unveiling Gender Advocacy (As Lawyers, Litigants, Witnesses, Potential Beneficiaries)
Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar; Jean Monnet Chair Professor (2021-24); Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Dean, School of Law; Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Former Member, Law Commission of India (India)

Justice (Dr.) Shalini Phansalkar Joshi, Former Judge, High Court of Bombay; Distinguished Visiting Judge Scholar in Residence, Symbiosis Law School, Pune (India)

Diversity, Inclusion and Gender Equality in Judicial Appointments in India: Towards a Feminist Approach
Justice Gita Mittal, Former Chief Justice, High Court, Jammu & Kashmir; Former Acting Chief Justice, Delhi High Court; Chairperson, Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (India)

Professor Dipika Jain, Professor of Law, Vice Dean Research & Clinical Legal Education, Director, Centre for Justice, Law and Society, Jindal Global Law School (India)

Women’s Experiences Navigating Prisons in India
Dr. Penelope Tong, Social worker and Fieldwork supervisor, School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai (India)

Ms. Ntasha Bhardwaj, Founder-South Asian Institute of Crime & Justice Studies (India); Doctoral Candidate, Rutgers School of Criminal Justice (USA)
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**Feminist Approaches to Justice:**

**Women Justice Professionals Helping Women in the Changing World of Work**

**Wednesday, 23rd March 2022**

2:00 – 4:00pm EDT

Registration Link: Click [HERE](https://illinoisstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcuceuvrjkjE9Ad7vvBl/ZMWDN8R1dc1vE)

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Dr. Dawn Beichner, UN Representative World Society of Victimology; Professor, Illinois State University (USA)

**Remarks**

Introduction of Journal & Special Issue

Dr. Mahesh Nalla, Professor, Michigan State University (USA); Editor, International Journal of Comparative & Applied Criminal Justice

**Panelists**

**U.S. Women in Justice Professions: A Half a Century After Title VII**

Dr. Dawn Beichner, UN Representative World Society of Victimology; Professor, Illinois State University (USA)

Dr. Cara Rabe-Hemp, Associate Dean and Professor, Illinois State University (USA)

Dr. Mijin Kim, Assistant Professor, Illinois State University (USA)

**Equity Before Equality for Women Police Around the World: Strategies for Change**

Dr. Venessa Garcia, Associate Professor, New Jersey City University (USA)

Dr. Anqi Shen, Professor of Law, Northumbria University Newcastle (UK)

**Women Victims of Domestic Violence in Brazil’s Criminal Justice System: Who Are They and What Do They Say?**

Dr. Fernanda Fonseca Rosenblatt, Professor, Catholic University of Pernambuco (Brazil); International Institute for Restorative Practices (USA)

Dr. Marília Montenegro Pessoa de Mello, Professor, Catholic University of Pernambuco (Brazil); Federal University of Pernambuco (Brazil)

Dr. Carolina Salazar L’Armée Queiroga de Medeiros, Professor, Catholic University of Pernambuco (Brazil)

**Redefinition of Incarcerated Women’s Identities in South Africa**

Dr. Nontyatyambo Pearl Dastile, Professor of Criminology and Director of Postgraduate Studies, Walter Sisulu University (South Africa)

**The Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Epidemic Meets the Covid-19 Pandemic: Survivors’ and Advocates’ Narratives in Egypt**

Ms. Mozn Hassan, Director of Nazra for Feminist Studies; Community Psychology Program, the American University in Cairo (Egypt)

Dr. Helen Rizzo, Associate Professor of Sociology, the American University in Cairo (Egypt)

**Panel Focus:** SDGs 5, 8, 10, 16 and CSW66 Review Theme - Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work.
Panel Focus: SDGs 5, 10, 11, 13, 15 & 16. CSW66 Priority Theme - Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes.

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Feminist Approaches to Justice:
Achieving Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls

Thursday, 24th March 2022
8:00 – 10:00 am EDT

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Introduction of Sponsoring Organizations & Panel
Dr. Dimitra Laurence Larochelle, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, Youth Representative at the United Nations for the International Sociological Association and Member of the board, RC14 (Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture) of the ISA

Introductory remarks
Dr. Sari Hanafi, President, International Sociological Association (ISA); Professor, American University of Beirut (LEBANON)

Featured Speaker
Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the UN; Initiator of the conceptual breakthrough for UNSCR 1325 as the Security Council President in March 2000; Founder of the Global Movement for The Culture of Peace (GMCoP)

Panelists
Addressing Two Problems Faced by Many Women: Inadequate 1325 National Action Plans and Mandatory Retirement of Older Adults
Dr. Jan Marie Fritz, International Sociological Association (ISA) Executive Committee Member; ISA Representative to the UN; Prof., University of Cincinnati (USA); Distinguished Visiting Prof., University of Johannesburg (South Africa); and Visiting Prof. at Taylor’s University (Malaysia)

Climate, Gender Equity, and Community Resilience
Dr. Emma Porio, Professor, Ateneo de Manila University (Philippines)

Prison Gardens for Women as Pathway to Climate and Food Justice
Dr. Daniela Jauk, Assistant Professor, University of Akron (USA)
Dr. Sharon Everhardt, Associate Professor, Troy University (USA)

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Dr. Cristina Lozano Argüelles, Gema Garcia, Selena Quintana & Michelle Rebay

Panel Focus: SDGs 2, 5, 10, 13 & 16. CSW66 Priority Theme - Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes. Review theme: Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work.

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Dr. Sheetal Ranjan will soon be joining Montclair State University as Professor in the Departments of Justice Studies and Sociology. Her scholarship focus is violence prevention and intervention with a primary focus on applied research. Dr. Ranjan has received more than 1.5 million dollars in funding from federal and non-federal entities to establish innovative community-based violence prevention/intervention programs and to evaluate them. Her most recent work is in partnership with Jersey Shore University Medical Center to establish a new Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program (Project HEAL) and a Community Based Violence Intervention Program. She currently serves on the New Jersey Study Commission on Violence and the New Jersey Campus Sexual Assault Commission and guides their efforts to prevent and reduce violence in New Jersey. She also serves on the Policy Committee of the American Society of Criminology (ASC) and on the executive board of the Division on Women & Crime of the ASC. Twitter @montclairstateu @ASCWomenCrime

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Justice Gita Mittal is an Indian judge, former Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court, and the first woman judge to serve in that capacity. She has also served as the Acting Chief Justice and Judge of Delhi High Court. She has 23 years of litigation experience prior to her appointment as a judge. During her tenure as a High Court Judge, Justice Mittal served on a number of administrative and judicial committees at the Court. She was the Chair of the Delhi High Court’s Mediation and Conciliation Center, and served on committees that dealt with complaints concerning sexual harassment, working conditions, performance assessment of judges in subordinate courts, and judicial training. She led an initiative to establish special courtrooms for vulnerable witnesses in the Delhi High Court, with the first such courtroom being established in 2012. Justice Mittal wrote a number of significant judgments as a judge at the Delhi High Court including on the rights of transgender persons, military laws and disability rights. On 25 October 2019, Justice Mittal authored a significant judgment in Suhail Rashid Bhat v State of Jammu and Kashmir, striking down the Jammu & Kashmir Prevention of Beggary Act, 1960, a law drawing from colonial legal principles to penalize poverty and public movement. In 2021, Justice Mittal was appointed as the first woman chairperson of Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC), India.
Professor Dipika Jain is Professor of Law, Vice Dean (Research), Vice Dean (Clinical Legal Education) and the Director of the Centre for Justice, Law and Society at Jindal Global Law School (JGLS), India. Her research was recently cited by the Supreme Court in the landmark decision of *Navtej Johar v. Union of India* (2018). In 2018, she was designated as the first Research Associate Professor at JGLS. In 2020, her research was cited in the legislative debate on abortion laws in the Indian Parliament. She is published in several prestigious journals, law reviews, and compendia internationally found at https://jgls.academia.edu/DipikaJain. She has consulted for the UNDP; Centre for Reproductive Rights (New York); and IPAS Development on Reproductive Justice, Digital Health and Family Law. As the Director of CJLS, she has addressed various barriers in access to justice for marginalized persons in India. Twitter @JindalGlobalUni

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