



History of
Women
Philosophers
and Scientists



Call for Papers

Three-Day International Conference.

Tracing Modes of Gendered Thinking: Ideation and Philosophy from the Global South Asia (with Special Reference to India)

4th-6th Dec, Banaras Hindu University, Banaras, India.

The Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, the International Association of Women Philosophers (IAPH), and the Centre for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, Paderborn University are planning to jointly conduct an international conference on “Tracing Modes of Gendered Thinking: Ideation and Philosophy from the Global South Asia (with Special Reference to India)” on 4th—6th December 2024 at Banaras Hindu University, Banaras, India.

Through the deliberations over the three days, we hope to bring attention to the diversity of modes and ways in which South Asian women thinkers, philosophers, intellectuals, and activists were intervening in the larger social, cultural, economic, political, and other processes. By bringing scholars with their cutting-edge research and contributions to the gendered social and intellectual philosophies and histories in Modern India and South Asia, the intention is to reconstruct, rethink, and recover the global ideas from women from the region.

The existing global as well as nationalist ideas in Philosophy, Political Thought, and intellectual histories, suffer from at least two sets of biases: Firstly, the male-centric canonization and secondly, the inherent trans-Atlantic and Eurocentric bias. These biases shape the global discourse in an exclusionary way but also lead to the marginalization of non-Western women thinking in their distinct mode(s). The vantage point of critique of the two biases is an invitation to dialogue and conversation, suggesting an alternative to doing a ‘herstory’ of ideas, philosophies, and

political thought. Deconstructing the given of the 'West and the Rest,' as well as the homogeneous category of the 'Non-Western,' it is crucial to understand the diversities and pluralities within the 'Asian,' 'African' and 'South-American,' taking an intersectional as well as context-specific approach for an authentic understanding of 'Global South'. We are also aware of the transactions between the West and South Asia (not just one-way traffic of the agential colonizer and the receiving colonized). But we are even more aware of the transactions that break national and linguistic boundaries within the global south, sometimes mediated by the West, often independent of it. Within regional and national boundaries, we would like to see gendered figures of thought as part of diverse networks that produce and sustain thinking rather than as charismatic individuals alone. As the Conference focuses on India and South Asia, it is crucial to take note of the plurality, layers, diversity, and depth of South Asia within the 'global South Narrative'.

One of the big aims of the deliberation is also to identify and bring attention to the lesser-known and marginalized women thinkers. Often these voices have been relegated to the margins, and the dominant theorization has been made based on 'selective' celebrated women.

Women (and non-normative gendered beings) were temporally intervening in the domain of the intellectual arena in various forms. Their interest areas have often been relegated as 'domestic' and body-based interventions and might even be erased as 'apolitical.' While the focus is on women, we will also be interested in looking through a gendered perspective, including stories from diverse castes, ethnicities, identities, sexualities, and critical masculinities.

Some of the critical questions that shall foreground the three-day deliberations are as follows:

1. What is the relevance and contribution of feminist theory in the larger field of epistemological studies and, more specifically, in the domain of social sciences and humanities?
2. How Gendered and inclusive are Global sites of knowledge and ideas?
3. How does the gendering history of philosophy, intellectual ideas, and political thought alter the existing fields?
4. How gendering sites of creation and dissemination of knowledge production? How does it impact the more extensive processes of various kinds?

5. When engaging with women Philosophers and thinkers, do we get distinct/alternative imaginations of key concerns and values like equality, justice, agency, and others?
6. What are the larger conjectures that emerge within the larger gendered and feminist theory globally, drawing from the epistemes of the Global South?
7. What are the 'Universal' and 'global' ideas that emerge from local epistemes, experiences, narratives, and the field's relevance for India particularly?

Themes:

1. History of Women's Thought: Philosophical, Political, Social, Cultural, and Intellectual.
2. Feminist Theories from Global South.
3. Indigenous modes and Ways of Thinking.
4. Knowledge Production and Dissemination.
5. Intersectional Decolonialism.
6. Women's Movement: Transformation, Emancipation and Alteration.
7. Gender Studies – interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary
8. Gendered transactions of ideas that break national and linguistic boundaries.
9. Gendered networks of intellection.

This will be the coming together of intellectual historians, practitioners, activists, philosophers, social scientists, and humanities scholars who work in the field of gender. The resulting exchange of ideas might shed new light on the discipline of intellectual history itself.

We encourage the submission of papers that broadly fit into the broad theme of the Conference. Please indicate which theme your paper addresses with your abstract submission. You are requested to submit an abstract of 250-300 words, along with a brief CV at the following email id: southasianwomenphilosophy.bhu@gmail.com

Guidelines for submission: -

1. Author(s) should mention their designation, institutional affiliation, and contact details in the papers.
2. The Paper should begin with the title, a short abstract, and a list of keywords.
3. The Paper should be typed in MS Word, Times New Roman, 12-font size, and 1.5 line spacing.
4. The Abstract should be limited up to 300 words only and the full paper should be between 7000-8000 words.
5. Reference should be in APA style.
6. Papers already submitted to other Journals are not invited for submission.
7. Similarity Index must not exceed the limit of 15% including References
8. Papers not adhering to the submission guidelines will be rejected.
9. All correspondence regarding the conference can be made on the following Email ID: southasianwomenphilosophy.bhu@gmail.com

Note: - Selected papers will be published in an edited volume in the ‘Springer Series Women in the History of Philosophy and Sciences’.

Accommodation: -

The University has limited accommodation facilities. Those who are interested in availing of it can request it at southasianwomenphilosophy.bhu@gmail.com the booking would be done on the criteria of paper selection and availability of accommodation.

Registration: -

Those who want to attend the conference as a participant or a paper presenter need to register themselves through the below Google form link: -

<https://forms.gle/Xyfhc3ND2B2EXxE76>

Please Send the registration fee receipt (screenshot of the UPI Payment) to the conference Email ID: - southasianwomenphilosophy.bhu@gmail.com

Registration Fee: -

Academicians/Faculty Members- Rs. 2000

Research Scholars/ PhD students- Rs. 1000

Students: Rs.500

Others: Rs.2000

Note: *In the case of joint authorship, all the co-authors should pay the registration fee.

Important Dates:

Final Abstract Submission Deadline: 05/10/2024

Results of abstract review returned to authors: 15/10/2024

Deadline of Registration: 15/11/2024

Full conference paper submission: 01/12/2024

The Conference will be held on 04,05, and 06 of December 2024