



## University of Kerala

Discipline	<b>HISTORY</b>				
Course Code	<b>UK1DSCHIS102</b>				
Course Title	<b>GENDER THROUGH THE AGES: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES AND PRACTICES</b>				
Type of Course	<b>DSC</b>				
Semester	<b>I</b>				
Academic Level	<b>100-199</b>				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	4	4			4
Course Summary	<p>This course offers an introduction to the evolving perceptions and roles of gender throughout history. The students will be familiarized with the terminologies related to Gender studies. The course explores how societies have constructed and defined gender, examining the experiences of women, men, and gender-nonconforming individuals. The various historical practices, ideologies, and movements that have shaped gender dynamics across different cultures and time periods are dealt in detail.</p>				

### Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
<b>I</b>	<b>Conceptual Concerns of Gender</b>		<b>12</b>
	1	Definition- Key concepts of Gender- Sex/Gender, Transgender, LGBT	
	2	Suffrage Movement	
	3	First and Second Wave Feminism	
	4	Third and Fourth Wave Feminism	

<b>II</b>	<b>Historical Perspectives on Changing Gender Status</b>		<b>12</b>
	5	Gender Relations in the Vedic Period	
	6	Women in Buddhism- Influence of Women in Sangam Society- Brahmanical Patriarchy- Devadasis and their social location	
	7	Transgender in Ancient and Medieval India	
	8	Rajput Patriarchy-Medieval Harem- Bhakti movement and Indian Feminism	
<b>III</b>	<b>Colonialism and Gender Inequality</b>		<b>12</b>
	9	Position of Women in 19 <sup>th</sup> Century India- Colonial interventions in Gender relations	
	10	Colonial Legislations - Education-Social Reform Movements	
	11	National Movement and Women	
	12	Matriliny in Kerala -Transition from Matriliny to Patriliney in Kerala.	
<b>IV</b>	<b>Contemporary Gender Issues</b>		<b>12</b>
	13	State supported Violence against Women- Population Policy-Women and Health, Women and Public spaces	
	14	Women and Political Participation- Gender and Education - Gender Based Violence – Media Violence- Dowry related Violence – Rape	
	15	International Trafficking - Honour Killing- Emerging Problems of Working Women.	
	16	Gender Dimensions in Unorganised Sector- Sex Ratio in India	
<b>V</b>	<b>Gender Rights in India</b>		<b>12</b>
	17	Constitutional Safeguards to Women – Representation of Women in Local Self Government.	
	18	73 <sup>rd</sup> and 74 <sup>th</sup> Amendment- Laws Related to Family and Marriage.	
	19	Legislations and Working Women- Legislations and Gender Violence	
	20	National Commission for Women.	

## Reading List

1. Amy, S. Wharton. (2005). "The Sociology of Gender: An Introduction to Theory and Research". (*Key Themes in Sociology*) New York: Blackwell Publishing.
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5. Devika, J. (2007). *Engendering Individuals*. Telengana: Orient Longman.
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7. Frye, Marilyn. (1993). 'Some Reflections on Separatism and Power' in *The Lesbian and Gay Studies Reader*. New York: Tearose Press.
8. Geetha, V. (2009). *Patriarchy*, Kolkata: Stree.
9. Gupta, Dipankar. (2000). *Interrogating Caste: Understanding hierarchy and difference in Indian Society*. New Delhi: Penguin.
10. Jain, Devaki and Pam Rajput (Ed). (2003). *Narratives from the Women's Studies Family: Recreating Knowledge*. New Delhi: Sage.
11. Jain, Jasbir. (Ed). (2005). *Women in Patriarchy: Cross Cultural*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications.
12. Sangari, Kumkum and Sudesh Vaid. (1989). *Recasting Women: Essay in Colonial History*. New Jersey: Rutgers University Press.
13. Thapan, Meenakshi (ed) (1997) *Embodiment: Essays on Gender and Identity*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

### Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO1	Understand Different Types of Feminism	U	PSO 7
CO2	Analyse Gender Identities Historically	An	PSO 7
CO3	Evaluate the Colonial Interventions in Gender Relations	E	PSO 5
CO4	Analyse contemporary Gender issues	An	PSO 5
CO5	Understand the Laws and Legislations for Women's Protection	U	PSO 6

**R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create**

*Note: 1 or 2 COs/module*