

Course outline for ReThinking Feminism from Indian Perspectives [WSMA 415] Aug 2024

S.No.	Dates	Topic	Themes
1	23July 30July	Introduction	Why did you choose feminism? What is Indian feminism?
2	6 Aug	Open letter to the CJI by 4 lawyers on the Mathura Case (1979)	Highlighting and organizing against sexual violence
3	8 Aug	Sex, gender, sexuality – an introduction	Discussion through sport
4	13 Aug	The grief of the Mahars and the Mangs-Mukta Salve's letter (1855) Conceptualising Brahminical patriarchy	Education; Brahminical patriarchy Subordination of upper caste women
5	20 Aug	Sultana's Dream-Rokeya Sakhawat Hussain (1905)	Feminist utopia
6	22 Aug	Something like a War – film and discussion	Population Control – targeting women's bodies
7	27 Aug	Instead of class lecture – Please do the reading	A Bandarage: Women, Population and Global Crisis – select pages
8	29 Aug	Discussion from Film and Reading given earlier	Population Control, Contraceptive Revolution
9	3 Sept	Why were women enslaved-Periyar	Birth control; Equality between men and women; Chastity
10	5 Sept	Words on Water by Sanjay Kak – film. Budhni Mejhan's story in modern India, The Greater Common Good-A Roy	Adivasis in development; Dams and development
11	10 Sept	Discussion on Reading and Film	Whose development, who is the nation
12	12 Sept	Whatever happened to the dreams of modernity-Nirmala Banerjee	Which women benefited from early post-colonial modernity, and who were left behind?
13	17, 19 Sept	Instead of class lecture – Please watch - Seasons of Life (film by Dolly Kikon)	Discussion on Food and Feminism: Subsistence labour of women; foraging in a modern economy
14	24 Sept	Class exam 1 – questions in advance	
15	26 Sept	Making pickles during ceasefire-Dolly Kikon	Development in conflict zones and gendered labour
16	1 Oct	Nimble fingers and docile bodies	New international division of labour
17	3 Oct	Above the Din of Sewing Machines: a visual ethnography of work	Women in garment industry's supply chain; global labour of women

18	8 Oct	The SEZ Nokia story- M Dutta and the Urban Company women in Gig Work	Women global in manufacturing; flexible labour; making the ideal working body; Labour laws and women; gig workers; night work
19	10 Oct	Discourse on Trafficking and Sex Work	Book review of Kempadoo et al's book, Manifesto of the Durbar Mahila Samanway Committee in Kolkata
20	15 Oct	Film- Delhi, Bombay, Delhi followed by discussion on Feminism from the Margins	A visual ethnography of a woman migrant working in Mumbai's bars; Research on women's working conditions and lives in the dance bars
19	17 Oct	Personal Laws and UCC or Gender Just Laws	Rajeswari Sunder Rajan; Family forms from the margins
20	22 Oct	Queer Feminist Politics, Trans* and LGBT politics	Gender and Sexuality spectrum, Because I have a Voice: queer and feminist
21	24 Oct	Gender and the media	Stories of sexual harassment; edit room tales
22	29 Oct	Class exam 2 – questions in advance	
23	5 Nov	Discussing Masculinity	
24	7 Nov	Dalit Feminist Standpoint	Sharmila Rege and Shailaja Paik
25	12 Nov	Rural women organize	the SHG 'movement' (when women unite)