

## **Guidelines for Preparing for Women's and Gender Studies PhD Entrance Examination 2023-2024**

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Applicants would be assessed on how they establish their critical and analytical abilities translate into research potential. We hope to converse with a number of disciplines and thus, familiarity with your primary discipline (if not Women's Studies or Gender Studies) is an advantage. Yet, familiarity and interest in issues of gender and society in general will be essential. This will be assessed through examining the candidate's familiarity with key concepts, theories and current debates within the Women's and Gender Studies. What is expected is an interdisciplinary orientation.

Candidates are expected to be familiar with key concepts such as gender, patriarchy, sexuality, labour and so on. Awareness of key questions and theories emerging from women's movements will also be required. Methodologically feminist interventions and methods have borrowed and transformed mainstream social science research methodologies. An understanding of these will be required. Knowledge of current debates and events pertaining to gender will also be relevant.

**Some broad areas of preparation may be covered but not limited to the materials given below:**

Aneja, Anu. *Women's and Gender Studies in India: Crossings*. New York: Routledge, 2019.

Hesse-Biber, Sharlene Nagy (Ed). *Handbook of Feminist Research: Theory and Praxis*. London: Sage Publishers Ltd., 2011.

Mohanty, Chandra Talpade. "Under Western Eyes: Feminist Scholarship and Colonial Discourses." *The Discourse of Humanism* 12.3 (1984): 333-358.

Sangari, Kumkum, Sudesh Vaid (ED). *Recasting Women. Essays in Colonial History*, New Delhi: Zubaan Books, 1989.

Tong, Rosemarie. *Feminist Thought: A More Comprehensive Introduction*, New York, Routledge, 2018.

Wickramasinghe, Maithree. *Feminist Research Methodology: Making Meanings of Meaning-Making*. New Delhi: Zubaan Books, 2014.