

Jesus and Mary College

IQAC in collaboration with Department of Sociology

Webinar Report

Topic: "Women in Covid 'lock-down': An intersectional feminist analysis"

Speaker: Dr. Sowjanya Tamalapakula, Assistant Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad

Date: 1 June, 2020

Time: 11:00 am -12:15 pm

Webinar platforms used: Google Meet

YouTube (live streaming)

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Total Registrations: 301

Number of Registered Students: 160

Number of Registered Faculty Members: 124 (Assistant Professor: 96; Associate Professor: 27; Professor: 1)

Others (including Principals, Researchers, NGO workers and other professionals): 27

Number of participants on Google Meet: 132

Number of participants on YouTube: 27

Organizing Team: Principal: Sr.(Dr.) Rosily T.L. r.j.m. IQAC Coordinator: Dr. Alka Marwaha JMC Webinar Coordinator: Dr. Ameeta Motwani Moderator: Dr. Jessy K.Philip Ms. Niveditha Ghosh Dr. Amrita Sastry Dr. Renu Gupta Dr. Reena Marwah Dr. Alka Sehgal Dr. Shikha Singh Ms. Ishita Singh Technical Team: Ms. Megha Jacob Mr. Naveen Joseph Thomas (live streaming) Ms. Vrinda Moda (live streaming) Mr. Gaurav Verma

About the speaker: <u>Dr. Sowjanya Tamalapakula</u> is an Assistant Professor at the School of Gender Studies, TISS, Hyderabad. She regularly contributes to prominent newspapers and web portals such as the Deccan Chronicle, The Wire etc. Her paper in Asian Survey on "The Politics of Inter-caste Marriage among Dalits in India" examines the caste and gender politics that operate within inter-caste marriages.

Webinar Summary

On 1 June 2020, an engaging webinar on "Women in Covid 'lock-down': An intersectional feminist analysis" was hosted by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in association with the Sociology department of Jesus and Mary College (JMC). Ms. Niveditha Ghosh, Teacher-in-charge of the Sociology department gave a brief welcome to the esteemed speaker and the guests. Thereafter she introduced the speaker with his stellar credentials. Sr. (Dr.) Rosily T.L., Principal, JMC, commenced her address by invoking God's blessings on each of us.

Dr. Sowjanya Tamalapakula began with a discussion of caste-based inequalities that shape Indian society and how even as modern secular nation, India State has not shown any commitment to work on these inequalities. She further links this lack of commitment of the Indian State to address caste-based inequalities to the need to cheap manual labour to maintain and build the nation. Dr. Tamalapakula argues that the migrant crisis during lockdown has at the foundation of it a caste crisis; she argues that the lockdown has only revealed to the full public view gaps and inequalities that have long existed. She gave several examples from rural Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to substantiate her arguments. She further discussed the nexus of caste and patriarchy and how even today they both exist in a network of contradictory forces of capitalism and feudalism. She concluded her talk with a discussion of Elaine Showalter and Ambedkar.

The question-answer session was moderated by Dr. Jessy Philip (Assistant Professor, JMC) where a gamut of interesting questions were posed to the speaker. The scholarly session ended with a detailed vote of thanks by Dr. Alka Marwaha recognizing the efforts of the many who contributed to the success of the webinar.

Feedback Summary: After the webinar, we circulated the feedback form to which we received 153 responses from more than 13 institutions all over the country. Of these responses, only 40 were from Jesus and Mary College. Below is a brief analysis of the data from the feedback forms:

Relevance of the webinar to respondents (on a scale of 1 to 5):



Response to whether the content met the respondent's expectations (on a scale of 1 to 5):

Responses to their willingness to participate in more such webinars:







Jesus and Mary Web Seminar Series IQAC in Collaboration with the Department of Sociology, Jesus and Mary College

Women in Covid 'lock-down': An intersectional feminist analysis

By

Dr. Sowjanya Tamalapakula, Assistant Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad

On

1st June, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m

Program Schedule

| 11 a.m11:10 a.m. | - | Welcome by Ms. Nivedita Ghosh, Teacher in Charge, Department of Sociology, JMC |
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| | | Address by the Principal, Sr.(Dr.) Rosily T.L. |
| | | Introduction of the Speaker and Moderator by Ms. Nivedita Ghosh |
| 11:10 a.m11:55 a.m | - | Lecture by Dr. Sowjanya Tamalapakula, Assistant Professor, TISS, Hyderabad |
| 11:55 a.m12:10 p.m | - | Question and Answer Session moderated by Dr. Jessy K Philip, Assistant Professor, JMC |
| 12:10 p.m12:15 p.m. | - | Vote of Thanks by Dr. Alka Marwaha, Coordinator IQAC |















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