

Semester III
Generic Elective (Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment)
Teaching Plan – July-November 2016

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Week	Dates	Topics	Discussion of topics and Suggested Readings
1	July 21 st , 22 nd	Introduction to the paper	Women's Movements in India
2	July 25 th , 26 th , 28 th , 29 th	Contd.	Mapping key terms in the paper
3	August 1 st , 2 nd , 4 th , 5 th	Begin Unit – <u>Social Construction of Gender</u>	Introduction to theories of gender
4	August 8 th , 9 th , 11 th , 12 th	<u>Social Construction of Gender</u> contd.	Discussion of Kamla Bhasin – <i>What is Patriarchy</i>
5	August 16 th & 19 th	<u>Social Construction of Gender</u> contd.	Contd. Kamla Bhasin – <i>What is Patriarchy</i>
6	August 22 nd , 23 rd , 26 th	<u>Social Construction of Gender</u> contd.	Discussion of V. Geetha - <i>Gender</i>
7	August 29 th , 30 th , September 1 st , 2 nd	<u>Social Construction of Gender</u> contd.	Discussion of Ann Oakley – Chap. 7 <i>Sex, Gender, and Society</i> (1972)
8	September 5 th , 6 th , 8 th	<u>Social Construction of Gender</u> contd.	Discussion of Kate Millet – Chap. 2 <i>Sexual Politics</i> (1969)
9	September	Begin Unit 2	Discussion of

	12 th , 15 th , 16 th	<u>History of Women's Movements in India</u>	Radha Kumar – <i>A History of Doing</i>
10	September 19 th , 20 th , 22 nd ,	<u>History of Women's Movements in India</u> contd.	Discussion of Raka Ray – <i>Fields of Protest</i> (1999)
	September 23 rd	CLASS TEST	Questions on Social Construction of Gender
11	Sept. 26 th , 27 th , 29 th , 30 th	Begin Unit 3 <u>Women and Law</u>	Discussion of <i>Women and Law in India: An Omnibus comprising (1)Law and Gender Inequality</i> (Flavia Agnes), <i>Enslaved Daughters</i> (Sudhir Chandra), <i>Hindu Women and Marriage Law</i> (Monmayee Basu), (1999)
12	3 rd , 4 th , 6 th , 7 th	<u>Women and Law</u> contd.	Discussion of Flavia Agnes
	Oct. 11 th - 14 th	MID-SEMESTER BREAK	
13	Oct. 17 th - 18 th , 20 th , 21 st	Unit 4 <u>Women and Environment</u>	Discussion of Vandana Shiva - <i>Staying Alive</i> (1998)
14	Oct. 24 th , 25 th , 27 th , 28 th	<u>Women and Environment</u> contd.	Discussion of Bina Agarwal - "Who Sows,

			Who Reaps? Women and Land Rights in India" (1988)
15	Nov. 3 rd , 4 th	<u>Female Voices</u> (a)Early Indian Feminist Science Fiction (b) Dalit Women's Testimonies	Discussion of Rokeya Sakhawat Hussain's Short Story - <i>Sultana's Dream</i> (1905), and Sharmila Rege's anthology of testimonies - <i>Writing Caste/Writing Gender: Narrating Dalit Women's Testimonios</i> (2006)
16	Nov. 7 th , 8 th , 10 th , 11 th	<u>Dalit Discourse</u>	Discussion of Sharmila Rege - <i>Against the Madness of Manu: B. R. Ambedkar's Writings on Brahmanical Patriarchy</i> (2013)