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CONFERENCE

DISCRIMINATION, DIFFERENCE AND LEGAL JUSTICE IN INDIA

3 – 4 , February 2016

SSS – I, Committee Room, JNU

Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India,
UGC-DSA

and

Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi

9.30a.m.–10.00 a.m.
Registration

10.00a.m.–11.15 p.m.
Inaugural Session

CHAIR:
C.P. Chandrasekhar, Dean, SSS and Professor, CESP, JNU.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
Vidhu Verma, Professor, CPS and Project Director, ICCSR Project.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS
Neera Chandhoke, Visiting Professor, CSLG, JNU.
'Historic Injustice'

Tea 11.15 a.m.–11.30 a.m.



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday 3 February, 2016

11.30 a.m.–1.00 p.m.

Session 1: Law, History and Morality

Chair: **Upendra Baxi**, Professor in Law, Warwick and Delhi.

Discussant: **Dr Shyam Babu**, Senior Fellow, CPR.

What would an Ambedkarite Jurisprudence look like? **Arvind Narrain**, Alternative Law Forum, Bangalore.
Legal Justice in Marx and Ambedkar: Lessons for our Times, **Aakash Singh Rathore**, Visiting Professor, CP, JNU.

1.00p.m.–2.00 p.m.

Lunch

2.00p.m.–3.15 p.m.

Session 2: Challenges of Contemporary Jurisprudence

Chair: **Neera Chandhoke**, Visiting Professor, CSLG.

Discussant: **Asha Sarangi**, Professor, CPS, JNU.

Political Liberalism and Legal Pluralism, **Michael Dusche**, Professor, CP, Manipal.
State, Law and Multiple Legitimacies, **Vidhu Verma**, Professor, CPS, SSS, JNU.

3.15 p.m.–3.30 p.m.

Tea

3.30 p.m.–5.00 p.m.

Session 3: Constitutional Law: Meanings and Practices

Chair: **Shefali Jha**, Professor, CPS, JNU.

Discussant: **Sujata Mehra**, Independent Lawyer.

What's constitutional about Love? **Danish Sheikh**, Alternative Law Forum, Bangalore.
Changing Laws, Changing Practices: Disability, Law and Recognition, **Maresh Panicker**, Assistant Professor, LSR, DU.

Juvenile Justice and the politics of the body, **Ardhendu**, Research Scholar, CPS, JNU.

Thursday, 4 February, 2016

10.00 a.m.–11.15 a.m.

Session 4: Affirmative Action: Law and Institutions

Chair: **Zoya Hasan**, Professor Emerita, CPS, JNU.

Discussant: **Sushma Yadav**, Professor, IIPA.

Indian Reservations and Affirmative Action, **Hilary Silver**, Professor, Brown University, USA.

Access to Justice for Dalits in India. **R. A. Nathan**, General Secretary, National Dalit Movement for Justice (NCDHR).

Leeda Philip, Welfare State, Judiciary and Classification, Research Scholar, CSLG, JNU.

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Session 5: Gender, Law and Discrimination

Chair: **Anupama Roy**, Chairperson, Professor, CPS, JNU.

Discussant: **Pratiksha Baxi**, CSLG, JNU.

Bad Karma or Discrimination? Male female wage gaps among salaried workers in India" **Ashwini Deshpande**, Professor, Delhi School of Economics.

Discrimination, Speech and Violence: India's daughter and the conundrum of Gender-based Hate Speech, **Siddharth Narrain**, Research Associate, Sarai-CSDS, Delhi.

Gender Justice and Laws on Prostitution: The Limitations of the Legal Discourse in India, **Nupur Ray**, Assistant Professor, KNC, DU.

2.00 p.m.–3.15 p.m.

Session 6: The Minority Legal Orders

Chair: **Badri Narayan**, Professor, CSDE, JNU.

Discussant: **Papiya Sengupta**, Assistant Professor, CPS, JNU.

Muslims in India and the failures of Justice, **Harish Mander**, Director, Centre for Equity Studies.

'Adivasis', the Law and the Hindutva project in Central India, **Archana Prasad**, Chairperson, CILLS, JNU.

Religious Minorities, **Abhiruchi Ranjan**, Research Scholar, CPS, JNU.

3.15p.m.–3.30p.m.

Tea

3.30p.m.–5.00 p.m.

Session 7: Rethinking Informalities: Boundaries and Frontiers

Chair: **Narender Kumar**, Professor, CPS, SSS.

Discussant: **T.G. Suresh**, Associate Professor, CPS, JNU.

Spatial Justice and Street Vending in the Indian City, **Abhayraj Naik**, Azim Premji University, Bangalore.

Law, Labour and Informalities, **Praveen Jha**, Chairperson, CESP, JNU.

Access to Justice and Informalities of Law, **Ram Thakur**, Research Scholar, CPS, JNU.