

## Webinars held by Centre for Women's Studies

### International Webinar

#### 'Transnational Widening Gender Inequalities amid Covid-19 Pandemic Lockdown'.

**Organised by:** Centre for Women's Studies, School of Social Science, University of Hyderabad, India.

**Date and Time:** 17th June 2020, 13.00 (Indian Standard Time)

**Venue:** Online via Zoom meet.

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### Webinar Abstract

Covid-19 lockdown has deepened pre-existing gender inequalities evident in several sectors; economic, health, gender-based violence and home front. Each of these sectors have several facets of gender discrimination. This webinar explored a few such case studies from different parts of the world (India, Austria and Australia). The aim of this webinar was to explore how women and girls' lives changed in times of COVID-19 lockdown.

### Webinar Program

1. Welcome and Introduction to the Centre for Women's Studies, Hyderabad - **Rekha Pande.** Head, Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad, India.
2. Introduction to the theme – **Sheela S.** Faculty, Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad, India.

3. The Situation of Women Waste Workers in Delhi - **Monika Banerjee**, Research Fellow, Institute of Social Studies Trust, Delhi, India.
4. COVID-19 and the Sex Industry Virus – **Melinda T. Reist**, Author and Advocate for young people, Collective Shout, Australia.
5. Corona as Crisis for Women’s Health in Austria - **Kristina Hametner**. Head, Vienna Program for Women’s Health & Public Health, Austria

## National Webinar

### ‘National Webinar on ‘Missing Girls in India, Legislative Response & the Way Forward’.

**Organised by:** Centre for Women’s Studies, School of Social Science, University of Hyderabad, India.

**Date and Time:** 26th June 2020, 10.30am.

**Venue:** Online via Zoom meet.

**Facebook link:**

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**Rekha Pande**,  
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**Sabu George**,  
Researcher  
and Activist  
working  
towards the  
Protection  
of the Girl  
Child.



**Varsha Deshpande**,  
Advocate and  
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### Webinar Abstract

In India, the child sex ratio of 0 to 6 years age group steadily declined from 945 girls per 1000 boys in 1991 to 927 in 2001 to 918 in 2011, according to the Census of India. The desire for a boy child is deeply embedded in patriarchy and the patterns reveal that it continues to intensify which **Sabu George** mentions, is turning into a hatred towards daughters. In this webinar he predicted that for the first time there will be a fall in the sex ratio even in the total population in Census 2021 on account decades of elimination of the girl child. **Varsha Deshpande** has been working against sex determination of the unborn child for almost three decades now. In 2001 Census data, Beed district recorded a child sex ratio of 894 girls per 1000 boys, far below the normal child sex ratio of 950. This ratio further dropped drastically to 807 in 2011, according to the Census of India data. The recent SRS data 2017 of Beed District however shows a remarkable rise in the sex ratio to 905 girls born per 1000 boys in the district. This is on account of Varsha Deshpande’s decoy operations and work in this region. The

rules should not be relaxed says **Neelam Singh** and its strict implementation ensures that doctors don't perform foetal sex determination and sex selective abortions. Despite the law and sting operations around the country some doctors continue to violate the law. Experts who have worked on this issue for several decades discussed the persisting problem and indicated the possible way forward.

### Webinar Program

1. History of Desire for boy child and Sex Selection - **Rekha Pande**.
2. Female Foeticide: Women's Movement, Medical Crime & Demography – **Sabu George**.
3. Experience of Decoy Operation in Maharashtra – **Varsha Deshpande** (in Hindi).
4. Experience as a Gynaecologist and a Social Entrepreneur: **Neelam Singh**.
5. Conclusion and the Way Forward – **Sabu George**.
6. Moderation by **Sheela. S**, Faculty, Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad, India.

### International Colloquium Series: Women and Reproductive Health

	Date	Presenter	Position	Title
<b>September 2020</b>				
1	30 <sup>th</sup>	Dr. Pallabi Roy	Assistant Professor, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany.	<i>"Stop crying, forget it and move on"</i> : Reproductive Loss and Grief in Kolkata.
<b>November 2020</b>				
2	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dr. Silja Samerski	Professor, Department of Social Work and Health, Emden, Germany	The decision trap: How prenatal testing perverts female autonomy.
3	20 <sup>th</sup>	Prof. Kumkum Sangari	Vilas Professor of English and the Humanities, University of Wisconsin.	Here, there, or everywhere? Questions on social reproduction.
<b>December 2020</b>				
4	9th	Dr. Renate Klein	Women's health activist, author and academic, Australia.	Two sides of the same coin: New and old reproductive technologies.