CALL FOR PAPERS

St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous) Kolkata seeks abstracts for the forthcoming National Conference on the theme “Women’s Issues and Everyday Life: Power, Resistance and Representation” on 10th and 11th January, 2020. This interdisciplinary conference sets out to explore the lived experiences of women as patriarchal subjects in everyday life in contemporary India. A woman as a social being is embedded within multiple structures like class, caste, race which intersect with socio-economic and political factors. Her frequent attempts at shaping her identity in the context of ‘the everyday’ take centre-stage in the process of social reconstruction. This conference will try to examine how gender identity is constructed, shaped and lived by women in everyday life in the context of a patriarchal social order. The conference would also seek to document women’s experiences, self-expression, values, modes of participation and negotiations as political actors and subjects.

While it is critical to identify and understand the nature and sources of women’s resistance in various societies across the globe over time, it is also equally important to unearth and highlight those strategies that contribute to women’s liberation, well-being, health and opportunities in multiple contexts. There exists a burgeoning body of knowledge about women’s conditions—those that are unique to specific circumstances and lived experiences, as well as those that address differences among women. This conference aims at bringing together contributions drawing from both Women’s Studies Scholarship and women’s activism to impress upon the significance of Power, Resistance and Representation of Women in everyday life and deliberate on the pathways forward for the contemporary woman.

The objective of the conference is to present and share ongoing research activities in the fields of Women’s Studies with the relevant scientific and research communities. It will bring together leading academics, activists, legal practitioners and researchers from different parts of the country. The conference aims to develop a national perspective with an emphasis on economic, social, and political aspects of empowerment and leadership, victimization and exclusion.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Social movements
- Voting and candidacy
- Organizing and activism
- Women’s writings and narratives
- Artistic representation of women
- Motherhood and family life
- Sexuality and gender identity
- Politics
- Social media
- Employment
- Poverty
• Education
• Health
• Violence
• Law
• Leadership
• Business and management
• Human Rights
• Women empowerment and Social change

The conference would bring together participants from all academic fields to engage in wide-ranging deliberations on various dimensions affecting the lives of women every moment.

Submissions from any academic discipline are welcome, including but not limited to history, philosophy, sociology, psychology, environmental science, medicine, economics, political science, gender studies, communication studies and literature. Please submit a 350-500 word abstract by August 30th, 2019 at sxcwsc@gmail.com. Please include with your abstract your full name and your academic or professional affiliation and designation. All abstract submissions will be peer-reviewed and those accepted will be notified not later than September 15th, 2019. Full papers should be submitted by 30th November, 2019.