

CALL FOR PAPERS

ÆQUITAS: A XAVERIAN JOURNAL OF GENDER STUDIES

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Aequitas (origin of the English word, equity) is a multi-disciplinary double blind peer-reviewed journal of Centre for Gender Studies, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata. It intends to publish the articles on gender in a variety of fields such as social, natural, and health sciences, arts, humanities, literature, and popular culture. We are looking for articles that investigate gender and the social construction of gender relationships. Contributions are encouraged to challenge existing social attitudes and academic biases that obstruct a comprehensive understanding of the role of the family, particularly its female members in the community.

This year we have chosen the theme “Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls”

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is more ambitious envisaging the eradication of poverty, the systematic tackling of climate change and building peaceful, resilient, equitable and inclusive societies. Women have a critical role to play in all of the SDGs, with many targets specifically recognizing women's equality and empowerment as both the objective, and as part of the solution. This year the theme of our journal focuses on Goal 5, which is known as the stand-alone gender goal. It is dedicated to achieving these ends.

Second volume of Aequitas calls for theoretical and empirical research and especially studies of how women are affected by each of the proposed SDGs, as well as how women and girls can — and will — be key to achieving each of these goals. This could also include the ways in which sustainability is conceptualized in different contexts. We encourage multi-method, qualitative and quantitative approaches. We encourage authors to draw on works that are not published in English in order to provide space and give voice to research emerging in a variety of cultural contexts.

Please, note that the list of topics below represents propositions and is not exhaustive. Possible areas of interest might include the following important SDGs.

- **End poverty in all its forms everywhere**
 - *All over the world, gender inequality makes and keeps women poor, depriving them of basic rights and opportunities for well-being.*
- **End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture**

- *Nourishment is not just about the quantity of food, but its quality. In poor households, women can be less likely to get the nutrients they need, including to manage the physical demands of pregnancy and breastfeeding.*
- **Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages**
- *Gender-based discrimination can render women more susceptible to sickness and less likely to obtain care, for reasons ranging from affordability to social conventions keeping them at home.*
- **Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all**
- *For education to deliver, it must be inclusive and high-quality. Active efforts to end gender stereotypes must tackle those that limit schooling or channel women and girls into 'acceptable' areas of study or work.*
- **Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all**
- *For women, inadequate water supplies pose additional burdens. Women spend a lot of time in collecting water, at the cost of schooling or paid work, and with potential health risks from repeatedly carrying heavy burdens over long distances. In schools, a lack of separate facilities for girls can be a major reason for parents keeping them at home.*
- **Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all**
- *In households, women are often the primary energy managers. When modern sources are not available, they spend hours each day collecting fuel to cook and heat their homes. Many suffer poor health through indoor air pollution generated, for example, by a rudimentary stove that smokes heavily as it burns wood or animal dung.*
- **Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all**
- *In an inclusive economy, decent work means a living wage, workplace safety and protection against discrimination. Gender stereotypes often define what 'women's work' is, and can channel women into some of the worst jobs. Women must have equal access to decent work, productive resources and financial services, as well as an equal voice in economic decisions.*

Interested Contributors are highly encouraged to submit their manuscripts at cgs_aequitas@sxccal.edu

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Conclusion and Acknowledgement

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