

CREA's Sexuality, Gender and Rights Institute

exploring theory and practice

June 12-19, 2010, Istanbul, Turkey

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CREA's Sexuality, Gender and Rights Institute is an annual, week-long, residential course that focuses on a conceptual study of sexuality. It examines the links between sexuality, rights, gender, and health and their interface with socio-cultural and legal issues. Participants will critically analyze policy, research and program interventions using a rights-based approach.

Course Content

Sexuality is a complex field of study that spans multiple disciplines and areas of work. Accordingly, the course content of the Sexuality, Gender and Rights Institute will focus on a conceptual and theoretical study of sexuality drawing from different social science disciplines and the intersections between them. Activists and academics will teach the course using classroom instruction, group work, case studies, simulation exercises, fiction and films.

- Sexuality theory
- Sexuality and human rights
- Sexuality and gender
- Sexuality and legal systems
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Representation of sexuality
- Sexual diversities and rights
- Sexuality and disability
- Sexual rights advocacy
- Case studies of program interventions



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Organizer

CREA is a feminist organization that promotes, protects and advances women's human rights and the sexual rights of all people by building leadership capacities, strengthening social movements and organizations, increasing access to information, knowledge and resources, and creating enabling social and policy environments. CREA is based in New Delhi, India and works locally, regionally and internationally.

Participants

Individuals working on issues of sexuality, rights, HIV/AIDS, violence against women, health or gender are eligible to apply. 25-30 participants will be selected based on their application forms. Participants are required to stay for the duration of the course. **For application form, go to www.creaworld.org.**

Venue and Dates

The Sexuality, Gender and Rights Institute will be held in Istanbul, Turkey during June 12-19, 2010. (Begins 9 am on 12th; Ends 4 pm on 19th). Participants will stay in double rooms.

Participating Faculty

Alice Miller, JD is Lecturer in Residence and Senior Fellow at the Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law, University of California, Berkeley Law School. Miller co-directed the human rights Center and master's program at Columbia University and teaches in the areas of sexuality, rights, law, gender, health, and humanitarian issues. She combines extensive advocacy experience with her academic work. She specializes in developing a framework for human rights claims in the context of contemporary understandings of sexuality and globalized networks and advocacy work.

Carole S. Vance, Ph.D., M.P.H., teaches anthropology at the Mailman School of Public Health and is Director of the Program for the Study of Sexuality, Gender, Health and Human Rights at Columbia University. She has written widely about sexual theory; science, sexuality, gender, and health; and policy controversies about sexual expression and imagery. She is editor of *Pleasure and Danger: Exploring Female Sexuality* (1993). In 2005, she received the David R. Kessler Award for lifetime contribution to the study of sexuality.

Geetanjali Misra is co-founder and Executive Director of CREA and co-Director of the Sexuality and Rights Institute in India. She has worked at the activist, grant making and policy levels on issues of sexuality, reproductive health, gender, human rights and violence against women. She writes on issues of sexuality, gender and rights and had co-edited *Sexuality, Gender and Rights: Exploring Theory and Practice in South and Southeast Asia* (2005).

Irazca Geray is a program and publications officer at WWHR – New Ways, an autonomous women's NGO founded in 1993, based in Turkey. She has co-coordinated several advocacy campaigns for law reform and is the editor of a number of WWHR publications including the *Purple Newsletter*, *CSBR e-news* and *United Nations CEDAW Process and Advocacy and Lobbying with Non-Governmental Organizations – Shadow Reports from Turkey: 1997 & 2005 Experiences*.

Janet Price is a feminist and disabled campaigner from Northern England who is a member of the Gender and Health Group and an Honorary Research Fellow at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. She works on issues of sexuality, disability and rights with organizations in India and UK and is on the Board of DaDa (Disability and Deaf Arts) based in Liverpool. Her academic interests include postmodern feminist perspectives on colonialism, disability and the body and she has co-edited *Feminist Theory and the Body: A Reader* (1999) with Margrit Shildrick.

Mauro Cabral*, co-director of GATE (Global Trans Advocates for Trans Equality), is a philosopher from Cordoba, Argentina who is involved with diverse academic and political initiatives focused on bodily diversity and sexual rights. He participated in the experts' seminar that proposed the Principles of Yogyakarta on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Human Rights. Cabral has published several articles on trans and intersex issues and edited *Interdiciones. Escrituras de la intersexualidad en castellano* (Anarrés Editorial, 2009). *To be confirmed.

Meena Seshu is the general secretary of SANGRAM, an organization that works on the rights of sex workers and people living with HIV/AIDS. SANGRAM's Centre for Advocacy on Stigma and Marginalisation (CASAM) advocates for the reduction of stigma, violence and harassment of marginalized communities, especially those who have challenged dominant norms. In 2002, Seshu was awarded the Human Rights Defender Award from Human Rights Watch.

Radhika Chandiramani is Founder and Executive Director of TARSHI (Talking about Reproductive and Sexual Health Issues), Director of the South and Southeast Asia Resource Centre on Sexuality and co-Director of the Sexuality and Rights Institute in India. She co-edited *Sexuality, Gender and Rights: Exploring Theory and Practice in South and South East Asia* (2005) and authored *Good Times for Everyone: Sexuality Questions, Feminist Answers* (2008).

Sealing Cheng, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor in the Women's and Gender Studies Department, Wellesley College. Her research is focused on sexuality with reference to sex work, human trafficking, women's activism, and policy-making. Her book *On the Move for Love: Migrant Entertainers and the U.S. Military in South Korea* is published in 2010 with the University of Pennsylvania Press.

Shohini Ghosh is Sajjad Zaheer Professor of Video & TV Production at the AJK Mass Communication Centre at Jamia Millia Islamia (India). She is co-founder member of *Mediastorm Collective*, India's first all women documentary production collective. Ghosh directed *Tales of the Nightfairies* (2002) a film about the sex workers' struggle for rights in Calcutta. Currently, she is writing a book on the film *Fire* for the Queer Classics Series (Arsenalpulp Press, Canada).

Svati P. Shah, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Shah's work has been published in a range of scholarly and progressive journals, including *Gender and History*, *Cultural Dynamics*, *Rethinking Marxism*, and *SAMAR: South Asian Magazine for Action and Reflection*. She is currently working on a book on sex work and migration in Mumbai's informal sector.

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