

Goa University

Discipline of Philosophy, School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic studies

Report on Freud and Feminism

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Freud and Feminism (Online guest lecture)	
2. Date and Time	Tuesday, 5 December 2023, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM IST	
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Online (G-Meet)	
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies (SSPIS)	
5. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Dr. Palak Mittal is a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Delhi (2020). In her doctoral thesis "Concept of Sexuality: Feminist Theory and Alternative Perspectives", through a comparison between the feminist thinkers' viewpoints on sexuality and that of Freud, Gandhi, and Ivan Illich, she attempts to question how gender differences take shape through an understanding of sexuality. Since 2014, Dr. Mittal has been teaching philosophy as a visiting and guest faculty in various colleges under the University of Delhi, like Hindu College, Deshbandhu College, Kamala Nehru College, and Ramanujan College. Her research interests include Indian Philosophy, Feminism, Gandhian Philosophy, and Gender theory. She has published and presented on the same in peer-reviewed and refereed journals, and national and international seminars.	
6. Number of Faculty attended/participated	6	

. Number of Student attended / participated	15	
3. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	Abstract of the talk:	
9. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	Abstract of the tank. The psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud pre-dates all the feminist thinkers in the discourse of sexuality. Freud uncovers the layers of sexual dimensions to show how psychosexuality always leads to sexuality. Freud postulates that all human behaviour is driven by desire, more specifically, the desire for pleasure. It is interesting as well as important to read Freud along with the feminist thinkers as the latter takes the nature versus nurture approach to categorise sex and gender, the former disputes this binary classification. Freud is of the opinion that the innate sexual urge in an individual supersedes the emotional and physiological in shaping one's gender identity. Being in such sharp contrast to traditional feminist beliefs, Freud's theories are important in exploring alternate possibilities when it comes to the development of gender and sexual identities. An attempt is being made in this paper to make a comparative analysis of Freud's notion of sexuality with those of feminist thinkers, Simone de Beauvoir, Luce Irigaray, and Judith Butler. It is an attempt to understand Freud's conception of sexuality and to see if he has any contribution to make	
10. Description of the Program/activity/event	Online talk organized as part of the monthly online talks/lecture series organized by the School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies (SSPIS), Goa University	
11. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	The talk offered 1. an introduction to Sigmund Freud's concept of desire and sexuality and the five stages in Freud's analysis of pyscho-sexual development 2. A comparative analysis of Freud's theory with that of Feminist thinkers vis-à-vis Simone de Beauvoir, Luce Irigaray and Judith Butler	

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