

WORKSHOPS

on

GENDER, SEXUALITY, LAW AND DIVERSITY

by

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IN GENDER AND
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WHY GENDER, SEXUALITY, LAW AND DIVERSITY?

CSGS offers workshops that create non-judgmental spaces for dialogue on **gender, sexuality, law, and diversity**. CSGS recognizes the need for nuanced and informed discussions on gender and sexuality and that these discussions need to take place within non-judgmental environments allowing people to untangle their thoughts, ideas and discomforts.

Concepts of pleasure, identity, consent, rights and inequality need to be contextualized within the larger spectrum of gender and sexuality and our goal is to be **sex-positive** and **pleasure-affirmative** even as we discuss the many pitfalls that are attendant upon both gender and sexuality. Our hope is to generate a dialogue that can help build critical perspectives on these complex issues.

We conduct sessions on essential questions that arise from our everyday encounters with sexuality; for example, are gender and sexuality fixed entities? How do I recognise my desire? How should I respond to another person's desire? How and where do I draw the line on sexual interaction? How should I act on my feelings of attraction? What are the legal frameworks that surround sexuality in India today? We cover a wide range of topics including bullying, law, caste, physical and intellectual diversity, societal norms, media representations, culture, the workplace, relationships, stigma, and shame.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- a look at how **communication** can improve our capacity to **consent**
- an understanding of how **power** intersects with our day-to-day life
- an inter-personal understanding of one's **sexual agency**
- a greater **sensitivity** to the **multiplicity** of lived experiences inside classrooms, boardrooms and offices

FRAMING GENDER

This workshop presents and interrogates basic questions around gender and sex. It thinks about the individual's experience of gender and asks about both the consequences of that experience as well as the possible alternative courses we might have taken. We look at gender roles in popular media and film in an attempt to build our critical faculties and understand the functioning of the world in which we live. We cover issues of gendered experiences, identities, societal norms, values, and power dynamics.

EXPLORING SEXUALITY

This workshop complicates our understanding of sexuality as being fixed and singular. It moves away from the assumption that sexuality is exclusively about sexual orientation, and investigates questions of consent, pleasure, and self-expression. We will think about whether sexuality is innate or learned, fixed or mutable, single or multiple. Focussing again on our experiences, the workshop aims to complicate our notions of desire, sexual relationships, and agency.

UNDERSTANDING LAW

This workshop imparts a working knowledge of laws in India that govern sexuality, including those around issues of sexual harassment. We bring up questions of accountability and power, as well as impart a basic framework for how and when to file complaints. We also think about the role that law plays in regulating our desires and their expression. This workshop will also keep in mind the prevention of sexual harassment policy of the institutions in which the session is to be conducted.

EXPANDING DIVERSITY

This workshop thinks about diversity across multiple sites, including sexuality, caste, religion, and physical ability. We look at intellectual and physical structures that can be made accessible and inclusive, not just as a policy, but also as a practice. Expanding the very definition of diversity as it ranges from an individual's gender and sexual identity to the various intersections at which those identities get formed and challenged, we think about practical measures by which such diversity can be achieved and embraced.



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