

CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

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Concept note/Call for papers

Violence: The Substratum of Gender Inequality and Inequity

A significant issue tackled in *TE* was the inequality perpetuated by developmental processes and the prevalence of violence in various forms. Though not articulated in a framework resonating with contemporary perspectives, forms of violence against women were a key theme addressed in the Report. The CSWI highlighted the gross inequities confronting women in the major domains of life in the areas of family life, health, education, work, religion, law and politics. Specific issues like declining sex ratios maternal mortality, dowry, and polygamy among many others were identified. Underlying the analysis of women's lived reality was an interlocking grid of gender-based disadvantages, deprivations, and oppressions that are now collectively referred to as gender-based violence.

A panel on the above theme is planned to trace the evolution and contours of the violence discourse. The category of violence has also spawned a host of other identity movements, which have built upon the epistemic base provided by women's studies and feminism. The Dalit movement, the disability movement and the LGBTQIA+ movement are prime exemplars of this horizontal circulation of ideas and approaches sprouting from women's studies and feminism. The forms of collaboration and contestation between these different movements will also be analysed by domain-specialists in a Panel, which will bring together key speakers to analyze issues ranging from violence against women to gender-based violence.

We invite abstracts of up to 300 words from a diverse range of disciplines, researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and locations on topics including but not limited to:

Sub-Themes:

1. Concept of gender-based violence: Evolution and development
2. Concept of violence against women: Evolution and development
3. Violence and the Life Cycle
4. Sex selection: Changing social and technological realities
5. Rape and sexual violence
6. Age-old issues and their changing manifestations: Sati, dowry, child, and early marriage

7. Violence and mental health: Cause and consequence
8. Domestic violence
9. Violence in public spaces
10. Violence at the workplace
11. Violence and the internet
12. Pornography
13. Gender and communal violence
14. Experiences of violence of other marginalized groups: Persons with disabilities, LGBTQIA
15. Data and trends on violence

Submission Details:

Abstracts can be emailed to: teconfsubtheme-violence@cwds.ac.in

Important Dates

- **Abstract Submission Deadline: 10.12.2024**
- **Notification of Acceptance: 20.12.2024**
- **Full Paper Submission Deadline: 31.01.2025**