

## **ANT-G-215: Anthropology of Gender**

### **Theory**

Unit I: Introduction: concept of gender, theorizing gender, social and biological theories of gender, psychoanalytical theories, literary theories, theory of gender performativity and Queer theory.

Unit II: Anthropology and gender: Anthropology and gender studies, Anthropology and feminism, Anthropological approach to gender studies, cultural construction of gender; socialization and gender: agents of socialization: parents, schools, peers; the role of nuclear and extended families in constructing/reproducing gender; gender socialization in patrilineal and matrilineal societies.

Unit III: Changing genders and recent changes in gender studies: masculinities, feminities and third/ fourth genders in worldwide perspective, gay and trans-sexuality; discourses concerning gender and sexual orientation; feminist movement and gender movement.

Unit IV: Current gender issues: gender and rights of reproduction, gender discrimination, gender and violence, gender and development, gender and human rights.

### **Practical**

The students shall write a 3000 page report on any topic related to gender and assigned by the teacher concerned. The report may be based on secondary literature or fieldwork.

### **Learning Outcomes**

1. The students will learn about the concepts and theories of gender.
2. They will learn about the relationship between gender and anthropology.
3. They will also learn about changing gender roles in societies.
4. From the practical component they will learn about collected gender data and writing a report on a given gender subject.

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