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**Prof. Barbara Wejnert** 

7th World-CWS Conference 2021-2022

25th March, 2022

Theme: Women and Technology









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25th March, 2022 Time: India 6.00 pm USA 8.30 am Rome 1.30 pm Poland 1.30pm

Theme: Women and Technology

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TIME	INAUGURAL SESSION	N	SPEAKER
6:00 pm	Welcome	Welcome	
6:05 pm	Introduction to the Confe	rence Theme	Prof. Jasbir Singh Organizing Secretary
6:10 pm	Key Note Address		Prof. V Bharathi Harishankar FRSA; Vice Chancellor, Avinashalingam University for Women, Coimbatore.
6:30 pm	Discussion		
6.40pm	Observations		Dr. Fr. Benny K. John, CSC Principal, Holy Cross College
6:45 pm	Vote of Thanks		Dr. Prasanta Chakraborty Co-Organizing Secretary

#### **SESSION I-A**

THEME: Women, Technology and Performing Arts/Workplace/Education

Chairperson: Dr. Moumita Dey, Holy Cross College

Co-Chairperson: Dr. Izabella, UAM, Poland

IT Coordinator: Jinesh Augustian, Holy Cross College

Rapporteur: Ms Patriot Debbarma, Assistant Professor

TIME	TITLE	NAME
6:55 pm	Picture a Scientist: Women Scientists	Simran, Anupama Vohra
	Victims of Gender and Racial	
	Harassment in 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	
7:05 pm	Encountering Technology and	Reema Chakrabarti, Shah Al
	Motherhood: Representation of	Mamun Sarkar
	Surrogacy and Female Empowerment in	
	Mimi	
7:15 pm	Women Behind the Camera: The	Aditya Modak
	Overlooked History of Women in Film	
	Production	
7:25 pm	Digital humanities towards diversity,	Maria Anita Stefanelli
	inclusion, and integration	
7:35 pm	My narrative: marching forward to	Insiya Gandotra
	emancipation through education and	
	technology	
	technology	

#### **SESSION I-B**

THEME: Women, Technology and Literature/Environment/ Religion/Business

Chairperson: Dr. Payel Dutta Chowdhury, REVA University

Co-Chairperson: Ms. Barnita Majumder, Holy Cross College

IT Coordinator: Jinesh Augustian, Holy Cross College

Rapporteur: Ms. Samarpita Dey, P.O. SBI

TIME	TITLE	NAME
6:55 pm	A fresh reading of Indra Nooyi's memoir, as a woman in the corporate sector	Surekha Chattopadhyay
7:05 pm	'Dystopia, Women, and Technology in the Chthulucene: An Ecofeminist Reading of Margaret Atwood's Oryx and Crake.'	Jagriti Upadhyaya
7:15 pm	Muslim Women and Technology: A Change Initiated by the era of Technology in Muslim World	Diksha Bhagat, Anupama Vohra
7:25 pm	Envisioning Freedom through Technological Advancement in two Feminist Utopia Texts	Himanshi Chandervanshi, Anupama Vohra
7:35 pm	DRIVING THEIR OWN WAY: REFRAMING FEMININITY, BREAKING THE STEREOTYPES	Bijetri Datta Majumder

#### **SESSION II-A**

THEME: Women, Technology and Science/Empowerment

Chairperson: Prof. Maria Anita Stefanelli, Roma Tre University

Co-Chairperson: Dr. Rumki Nath Sen, Holy Cross College

IT Coordinator: Jinesh Augustian, Holy Cross College

Rapporteur: Ms. Himanshi Chandervanshi, University of Jammu

TIME	TITLE	NAME
8:00 pm	Medicine as/for Emancipation: The Stories of Trials, Tribulations and Triumphs of Indian Lady Doctors- A Feminist Study	Shah Al Mamun Sarkar, Prasanta Chakraborty
8:10 pm	An effort to fly through scientific development in order to understand women empowerment	Sreyashee Dey
8:20 pm	Role of Internet of Things (IOT) in Mapping Empowerment of Women	Adwitiya Gope, Gautam Pal
8:30 pm	Indigenous Women Rubber Tapper's Adaptability and Adoption of Technical Transition from traditional to non- traditional cash crop Natural Rubber in Tripura	Linda Uchoi
8:40 pm	ICT AS A BOOSTER DOSE IN EDUCATION TO RURAL GIRLS: A SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY	Sumanth S. Hiremath

#### **SESSION II-B**

THEME: Women, Technology and Science/Media

Chairperson: Prof. Jeeva Niriella, University of Colombo

Co-Chairperson: Prof. Bishnu Charan Barik, Odisha, India

IT Coordinator: Jinesh Augustian, Holy Cross College

Rapporteur: Ms. Diksha Bhagat, University of Jammu

TIME	TITLE	NAME
8:00 pm	Women and smart societies. The role of female element in the smartification process	Ilaria Iannuzzi
8:10 pm	Influences of technoscience – gender interlinkages on social and economic hierarchical structures	Bindu Balagopal, Chacko Jose P
8:20 pm	"Women must not be left behind". The UNESCO path towards women's empowerment	Liliosa Azara, Raffaella Leproni
8:30 pm	Is translation technology a new force/hope for women empowerment?: Understanding the dynamics of translation technology through the perspectives of female translators	Manish Prasad
8:40 pm	Is social media a tool for Women empowerment! Some facts and realities	Ratna Priya

#### **SESSION III**

THEME: Women, Technology and Pandemic/ Social Sciences

Chairperson: Prof. Sudhi Rajiv, Poornima University

Co-Chairperson: Ms. Sentienla, Holy Cross College

IT Coordinator Jinesh Augustian, Holy Cross College

Rapporteur: Ms. Simran, University of Jammu

TIME	TITLE	NAME
9:00 pm	Changes in the Welfare State Legitimacy due to the COVID-19 Pandemic: the Case of Minnesota	Eszter Siposne Nandori
9:10 pm	Social Determinant of Health and Covid- 19 in Black Belt Communities in Alabama: Geo-Spatial Analyses	Barbara Wejnert, Seela Aladuwaka, Ram Alagan
9:20 pm	Women voices in digital storytelling during the pandemic: A case study in English Literature classes	Mireia Canals-Botines
9.30 pm	'Agency' for whom? : A sociological perspective on technology and women's 'body'	Sudipta Garai
9.40 pm	STORYTELLING AND SELF- NARRATION TO DEVELOP WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT	Barbara De Angelis, Paola Greganti

#### VALEDICTORY SESSION

Theme: Shrinking Space: Rethinking Body Image in Pandemic Era 10:00-10:50 pm

TIME	TITLE	NAME
10:00-10:05 pm	Welcome	Dr. Fr. Benny K. John, CSC
10:05-10:25 pm	Valedictory Address	Ms. Arupa Lahiry, Regional Director, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts and Bharatanatyam Artist
10.25-10:35 pm	Discussion	
10.35-10:45 pm	Session Report	Prof. Anupama Vohra
10.45-10:50 pm	Observations and Farewell	



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## 7th World –CWS Conference 2022



#### **WORLD CENTER FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES**

To end global gender disparities using power of science, innovative thinking and experience

Dear sir

Greetings from World-CWS

World -CWS is happy to have an international conference with Holy Cross College for the academic , research and humane enrichment of scholars from across the world .An outline of the concept note has been emailed to Dr. Prasntha Chakraborty. Depending on the no of abstracts received and approved by the Abstract committee we can increase the no of sessions. Our endeavour is to have quality research papers which can be after blind review published in an international journal/published by an international publisher.

To briefly acquaint you with World -CWS: it is a platform where scientists, scholars, policy makers and practitioners from across the world build collaborative research networks, share practical knowledge, and jointly publish academic papers to find the best solution to the empowerment of next generations of women and girls.

The president of the association is Prof. Barbara Wejnert.

The Vice Presidents are Prof.Jasbir Singh and Prof.Maria Anita Stefanelli.

The website is https://world-cws.com

Kindly send the approved concept note along with names of the advisory committee members(four) from your college and four we can add from our association. And also three names of faculty for Abstract Approval Committee. And name of one faculty who will act as nodal organising secretary along with one nodal organising secretary from our side. Besides names of faculty members to be included in session committee, certificate committee, registration committee to be placed before the EC of the association in its meeting on 7January 2022.

Zoom/Google Meet link with recording would be provided by Holy Cross College.

Flyers and certificates by World-CWS.

An early response latest by 6January is awaited from your side.

Regards

Anupama

Prof Anupama Vohra

**Executive Member** 

World-CWS

### WORLD-CWS CONFERENCE

#### **CONCEPT NOTE**

#### Women and Technology

Women have a close association/interaction with 'the application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes', what is termed as technology, using it in various ways in their day to day lives whether in the handling of gadgets in the kitchen, driving, using computers, mobiles to playing a leading role in strategic research in the fields of biotechnology, space technology and information technology, medicine, mathematics, business technology, etc. With more and more women across the globe opting for science and technology degrees and even those from humanities and social sciences learning to use technology at work, a change though small but significant can be observed in women's empowerment through their representation in the technology field. Against this background the one day E-seminar invites abstract of not more than 250 words with maximum 5 keywords on any of the subthemes given below or related to the conference theme 'Women and Technology'.

## **SUB THEMES:**

Women, technology and science
Women, technology and business
Women, technology and gender
sensitization
Women, technology and literature
Women, technology and performing arts
Women, technology and human rights
Women, technology and environment
Women, technology and media
Women, technology and migration

Women, technology and social sciences
Women and technology: past to present
Women, technology and culture
Women, technology and management
Women, technology and research
Women, technology and religion
Women, technology and politics
Women, technology and pandemic
Women, technology and space
Women, technology and space
Women, technology and social
protection

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Abstract submission last :31<sup>st</sup> January, 2022
- acceptance/rejection/revision within 7 days after receiving abstract
- Email-
- Full paper 10<sup>th</sup> March,2022

(full paper 3000-5000 words as per Chicago style and less than 10 % plagiarism)

Presentation: maximum 1500 words/12 PPTs

Conference queries: whatsapp no7780825538,

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### **NO REGISTRATION FEE**

President

World-CWS

Dear Madam,

Greetings from Holycross College, Agartala.

I am really happy to know that World-CWS is willing to collaborate with our college in organizing an international seminar /conference for the academic, research and humane enrichment of scholars from across the world.

I am thankful to you for providing us this opportunity. My college is ready to collaborate with World-CWS in this academic pursuit. I.

Members for Advisory committee from our college will be

- 1. Dr. Moumita Dey
- 2. Dr. Shreya Ghosh
- 3. Smti. Barnita Majumder.
- 4. Dr. Prasanta Chakraborty.
- II. Members for Abstract committee from our side are:-
  - 1. Dr. Moumita Dey
  - 2. Dr. Shreya Ghosh
  - 3. Dr. Prasanta Chakraborty
  - 4. Smt. Barnita Majumder
- III. Three tentative dates for the conference are :-
  - 1. 15th March
  - 2. 17th March
  - 3. 22nd March

I express my heartfelt thanks again to you and your organization for extending your cooperation in involving us in this great international event.

Regards

Principal

Holycross College

Agartala, Tripura.

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Session 1A

Session 11A

Session 111

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#### Women Behind the Camera: The Overlooked History of Women in Film Production.

#### Aditya Modak

The role of women in film production is an area that usually does not receive the commendation it deserves. While women receive ample applaud for their on-screen participations, their off-screen roles do not receive the same amount of celebration. From the early years of cinema that used primitive yet innovative technological novelties for bringing still pictures to life, to the present-day cinema that explores multifarious subjects using continually developing technological wonders, women have played a major role in the field of film production. This paper explores the evolution of the role of women in the film industries all around the world vis-à-vis the radical growth and expansion of technological innovations in this field, and the effect of socio-political movements like feminism on legitimising the role of women as technicians in the film industry. Working in the various departments of filmmaking such as direction, cinematography, editing, designing, etc., women have been an integral part in the development of cinema since its inception. And yet they do not receive enough appreciation for the same. A study of the history of cinema along with the social, political and to a large extent the psychological factors at play in this context could provide some kind of an explanation as to why this has become a trend in the film industry.

Keywords: women, technology, cinema, film production, society.

Submitted by:

Aditya Modak

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My narrative: marching forward to emancipation through education and technology.

#### **Abstract:**

Women constitute almost half of the population in the world but they are denied of equal opportunities in different parts of the world. In India, also the situation is no different. Across the country, women/girls are worshipped as goddesses but the same woman/girl becomes a commodity to be used, exploited and thrown away. The patriarchy though makes loud claims for equality between men and women but when it comes to implementation it denies women their due citing various reasons which have no basis. Even after 74 years of Independence, women in India have not been able to be on the top positions in science & technology, judiciary, army, medicine, politics, etc. Yes, exceptions are there but women still have not been allowed to break the glass ceiling. Against this background, this paper is on my subjective experiences of how education and congenial family environment leads to women's empowerment. Though the family/societal pressure for marriage plays a pivotal role in deciding about the future of a girl.

By Insiya Gandotra

#### Digital humanities towards diversity, inclusion, and integration.

Abstract. According to IBM's 2020 Annual Report, "fostering a culture of diversity and inclusion" is the consequence of having a considerable female component of the business, which is very important to the company's success". Since its birth in 1930, in Chairman Virginia M. Rometty's words, "women have been making contributions to the advancement of information technology". Behind those words, the fact is that, at the dawn of computing, "a large female labor force", whose occupations had so far been mainly "educating, nursing, or mothering, and writing code", was devoted to "programming", which, in turn, became associated with such activities as "cooking, sewing, or displaying musical accompaniments" and, therefore, to be pursued by women (Bordalejo, in *Bodies of Information: Intersectional Feminism and the Digital Humanities*, 2018). Very soon, though, the land of computers (research centers, companies, and universities) at directorial level was invaded by men. In an interview of 2020 a/the British pioneer in the field, Susan Hockey, discusses observations of preoccupying gender splits in computing.

My personal experience of what is today called *Digital Humanities*, dates to the early seventies of last century, when computational linguistics meant working on frequencies and concordances of literary texts – data to be then studied from a stylistic angle. Several decades have passed with new media producing changes and updates in the field with women being among the leaders of important literary projects on female literary authors. Among those, the first important website is Dickinson Electronic Archives begun by Martha Nell Smith (1994-2012), later rebaptized DEA 1 and its sequel DEA 2 (2012). More recent digital repositories (of a similar kind to Smith's) followed, among which are The Marianne Moore Digital Archive, Mina Loy: Navigating the Avant-Garde, and Women of the Early Harlem Renaissance: African American Women Writers 1900–1922, all from 2018. Diversity, inclusion, and integration are, I believe, the categories that cannot but lead, through a "collaborative feminist practice of breaking down boundaries, enabling new syntheses based on situated knowledges, shifting subject positions and interpretations" to more and more dynamism, interaction, and openness, leaving back exclusionary, hierarchical assumptions, and "scientific neutrality" (Amanda Golden and Cassandra Laity, "Feminist Modernist Digital Humanities", Feminist Modernist Studies, 1:3, pp. 205-210).

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# Picture a Scientist: Women Scientists Victims of Gender and Racial Harassment in 21st Century

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#### Abstract

Mankind's technological progress and transition into industrialised society was intended for the welfare of whole society including women. But due to patriarchy's construction of multiple gender binaries (men/women, reason/emotion), the field of science and technology became male dominated. Therefore, in present scenario, the underrepresentation of women in science accompanied with gender bias, discrimination, and harassment exists across all Science disciplines. Women scientists' work in STEM field includes visiting and working in remote field sites that require extensive hiking and camping, late night in observatories, etc. According to the report released in 2018 by National Academics of Science, Medicine, & Engineering in STEM fields states that "about 50% of women faculty and staff experience sexual harassment" (Cheney and Shattuck 2020) wherein the sexual harassment as a form of gender harassment comprises of "subtle exclusions, being left off an email, not being invited to collaborate, vulgar name-calling, obscene gestures, hostility, passed over for promotions, relentless pressure for dates" (Cheney and Shattuck). The present paper attempts to study the various facets of gender and racial discrimination and harassment experienced by white women and women of colour scientists/researchers/faculty members in the Science discipline by examining and analysing the testimonies of three women scientists in the Cheney and Shattuck's documentary *Picture a* Scientist (2020). In Picture a Scientist (2020) biologist Nancy Hopkins, chemist Raychelle Burks, and geologist Jane Willenbring share their real-life experiences of gender inequality and racial discrimination in sciences. They provide new perspectives on how to make science more diverse, equitable and biasfree. The paper in the course of discussion argues that patriarchal mindset in the male dominated field of science drift women scientists towards gender and racially biased unequal scientific society.

**Keywords:** racial discrimination, sexual harassment, empowerment, women scientists, space

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## **Encountering Technology and Motherhood: Representation of Surrogacy and Female Empowerment in** *Mimi*

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Vignan's Foundation for Science Technology and Research

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Abstract: Bollywood films have always been quite impactful in spreading social awareness. Among multiple relevant themes, this paper particularly focuses on the concept of 'surrogacy' and the representation of female empowerment in the Bollywood film *Mimi*. This film has been chosen over other Bollywood films on surrogacy for its commercial appeal and the presentation of an empowered female protagonist. Technology has converted her womb into a mere bag that she uses to carry the baby of another couple. However, the emotional and spiritual attributes of motherhood are far overreaching. The female lead defies the limitations of technology, law, and society to raise a child, abandoned by its biological parents. Doing so, she adheres to her conscience. This aspect in the film also draws allusion from the mythology of Lord Krishna according to which he was raised by his foster mother. The analysis of this film will help one to harp on issues like- the influence of technology in the realm of motherhood; how motherhood can become a source of emancipation for an ordinary girl like Mimi; western technology versus Indian values propagating love and lastly the laws related to surrogacy.

Keywords: Technology, womanhood, motherhood, surrogacy, Bollywood.





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#### World Center for Women's Studies (World-CWS) Conference

World Center for Women's Studies (World-CWS) in Collaboration with Holy Cross College (NAAC 'A' Grade), Agartala, had organized the 7th World-CWS Conference 2021-2022 on the 25th March 2022. The conference theme was "Women and Technology."

The Patron of the Conference was Dr. Barbara Wejnert, a Professor in the Department of Environment and Sustainability and Department of Global Gender Studies (formerly Transnational Studies) and a former founding chair of the Global Gender Studies Department at the University at Buffalo. The Co-Patron of the Conference was Dr. Fr. Benny K. John CSC who is a life member of the Congregation of Holy Cross. He graduated with a Master's Degree in Social Work and have been engaged in Social Service activities primarily among the indigenous people of Tripura. The organizing secretary was Dr. Jasbir Singh, a Professor of Economics, Department in Economics, Director, Kathu Campus, and Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Jammu, Jammu, J&K, India. He is the Vice-President of the World Centre for Women's Studies, and is closely associated with youth and gender activities and programs. The co-organizing secretary had been Dr. Prasanta Chakraborty, a retired Professor, ICFAI University, Tripura is actively engaged in research and publication. He worked in Govt. colleges of Tripura for 34 years. He did his PhD in Australian literature in 2002.

There were parallel sessions where paper presenters from various universities and institutions from across the world, including many Indian scholars and professors from Indian states, have participated. It was a conference that focussed on women and their use of technology. It was observed as part of the papers presented that woman use technology as part of their day-to-day works, unaware of the trend and they are the ones who can come up with the limitations and modifications of these applications at a better and larger scale than the other gender. Thus, it was an enriching conference where experts had shared their insights and expanded the horizons of the thoughts of the participants at large.

Dated: 4th of April 2022

Prepared by

Dr. Moumita Dey,

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