

CREA's 6th Sexuality, Gender, and Rights Institute: Exploring Theory and Practice

7–15 July 2012
Istanbul, Turkey



Applications are due on or before 2 May 2012. To apply online, [click here](#) If you experience difficulty with the online method, download the application from CREA's website (www.creaworld.org) and e-mail the completed form to Sushma Luthra at sluthra@creaworld.org or to CREA at crea@creaworld.org. Send any queries to Ms Luthra as well.

CREA's Sexuality, Gender, and Rights Institute is an annual, week-long, residential course—begun in 2007—which focuses on a conceptual study of sexuality and its application to program interventions. The Institute examines the links between sexuality, rights, gender, and health, and their interface with socio-cultural and legal issues. Participants critically analyze policy, research, and program interventions using a rights-based approach.

Course Content

Sexuality is a complex field of study, which spans multiple disciplines and areas of work. Accordingly, the course content of the Sexuality, Gender, and Rights Institute will focus on a conceptual and theoretical study of sexuality, drawing from different social science disciplines and the intersections between them. Activists and academics will teach the course using classroom instruction, group work, case studies, simulation exercises, fiction, and films.

- Sexuality theory
- Sexuality and human rights
- Sexuality and gender
- Sexuality and legal systems
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Representation of sexuality
- Sexuality, freedom of expression and censorship
- Sexual diversities and rights
- Sexuality and disability
- Sexual rights advocacy
- Case studies of program interventions

Organizer

CREA's mission is to build feminist leadership, advance women's human rights, and expand sexual and reproductive freedoms. CREA is a feminist human rights organization, based in New Delhi, India. It is one of the few international women's rights organizations based in the global South, led by Southern feminists, which works at the grassroots, national, regional, and international levels.

Participants

For the Institute, 25–30 participants will be selected, based on their application forms and their ability to demonstrate how they would apply the lessons of the Institute. Individuals working on issues of sexuality, LGBT rights, sexual rights, HIV/AIDS, violence against women, health, and/or gender are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to individuals working in the global South at the national/local level to advance sexual rights. Participants are required to stay for the duration of the course. For an application form, [click here](#) or visit www.creaworld.org.

Venue and Dates

The Sexuality, Gender, and Rights Institute will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, during 7–15 July 2012. (Begins 9 am on 7th; Ends 4 pm on 15th).

Travel and Visa

Participants are responsible for incurring their travel costs to and from the Institute and obtaining their own visa. CREA will assist with the visa process by providing a letter of invitation and required visa letters.

Costs

Registration and Course fees are due on or before 25 May 2012.

- Registration fee: USD 150. All selected applicants will have to pay this fee.
- Course fee: USD 2750. This covers tuition, resource package, accommodation on a twin-sharing basis from 6–15 July 2012 (9 nights), and all breakfasts. Please note that this is a subsidized cost for participation. The expenses per participant total approximately USD 4500.
- Not included in the course fees: Travel costs and lunches/dinners.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be on twin-sharing basis. Participants desiring single rooms will have to pay a supplement of USD 550.

Scholarships

A very small number of full and partial scholarships from CREA are available on a need basis. Please note that the scholarship process is competitive.

ONLY the following individuals are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

- Working for national/local organization in the global South;
- Working and residing in the global South; and
- Working on sexual rights, LGBT, and sex workers' rights issues directly

NOT ELIGIBLE: Students; individuals not affiliated with organizations; and individuals working with international organizations.

Funding Opportunities

We encourage participants to approach donors to sponsor their participation. Possible sources for funding include the organization you work for; your organization's donors (some funders will consider travel grants to current grantees); and the Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice, the African Women's Development Fund (AWDF), the Ford Foundation, the Global Fund for Women, the International

Women's Health Coalition, Mama Cash, and Open Society Foundations. We suggest that you begin researching options immediately upon submitting your application to us.

Participating Faculty

Alice Miller, JD, is currently on the faculty of Yale University's School of Public Health, where she is working to develop an initiative on global health and justice jointly between the Law and Public Health Schools. Previously, Miller taught at the UC Berkeley Law School as well as Columbia University, where she co-directed the Center for the Study of Human Rights and Master's Program. She teaches and writes in the areas of sexuality, rights, law, gender, health, and humanitarian issues. She combines extensive advocacy experience with her academic work. She specializes in developing a framework for human rights claims in the context of contemporary understandings of sexuality and globalized networks and advocacy work.

Carole S Vance, PhD, MPH, teaches anthropology at the Mailman School of Public Health and, for 10 years, directed the Program for the Study of Sexuality, Gender, Health, and Human Rights at the Columbia University. She has written widely about sexual theory; science, sexuality, gender, and health; and policy controversies about sexual expression and imagery. She is the editor of *Pleasure and Danger: Exploring Female Sexuality* (1982, 1993). In 2005, she received the David R Kessler Award for lifetime contribution to the study of sexuality. Her current work focuses on trafficking into forced prostitution.

Dawn Cavanagh is a feminist activist involved, for many years, in a range of struggles, including women's rights, the right to health, sexual and reproductive rights, HIV/AIDS, and sexual orientation and gender. An issue that she is currently involved in is the possibility of freedom from patriarchy through the eradication of gender itself. When she is not hard at work as an activist and member of the staff team at the Coalition of African Lesbians, based in South Africa, she tries to laze about in the African sun and eat a good simple home-cooked vegetarian meal.

Geetanjali Misra is co-founder and Executive Director of CREA. She has worked at the activist, grant making and policy levels on issues of sexuality, reproductive health, gender, human rights and violence against women. She writes on issues of sexuality, gender and rights and co-edited *Sexuality, Gender and Rights: Exploring Theory and Practice in South and Southeast Asia* (2005). Before joining CREA, she was the Sexuality and Reproductive Health Program Officer at the Ford Foundation. In 1989, she co-founded SAKHI for South Asian Women, a non-profit organisation based in New York, committed to ending violence against women of South Asian origin.

Hossam Bahgat is the founder and director of the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR), a Cairo-based independent human rights organisation, which seeks to protect and promote the personal rights and freedoms of individuals and communities. With training in political science and international human rights law, Bahgat is also a Board member of the International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR-Net), and a member of the Board of Directors of the Fund for Global Human Rights.

Janet Price is a feminist and disability campaigner from Northern England, who works on issues of sexuality, disability, and social justice with organizations in UK and India, and at the international level. She also advocates queer crip politics. She is on the Board of Liverpool-based DaDa (Disability and Deaf Arts (www.dadafest2010.co.uk)) and is strongly committed to the role of the arts in advancing marginalized people's agency. Also a member of the Gender and Health Group and an Honorary Research Fellow at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, her academic interests include postmodern

postcolonial feminist perspectives on disability and the body.

Mauro Cabral, co-director of GATE (Global Trans Advocates for Trans Equality), is a philosopher from Cordoba, Argentina, who is involved with diverse academic and political initiatives focused on bodily diversity and sexual rights. He participated in the experts' seminar that proposed the Principles of Yogyakarta on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Human Rights. Cabral has published several articles on trans and intersex issues and edited *Interdiciones. Escrituras de la intersexualidad en castellano* (Anarrés Editorial, 2009).

Meena Saraswathi Seshu is the General Secretary of SANGRAM, an organization that works on the rights of sex workers and people living with HIV/AIDS. SANGRAM's Centre for Advocacy on Stigma and Marginalisation (CASAM) advocates for the reduction of stigma, violence, and harassment of marginalized communities, especially those who have challenged dominant norms. In 2002, Seshu was awarded the Human Rights Defender Award by the Human Rights Watch.

Sealing Cheng, PhD, is Associate Professor, Women's and Gender Studies Department, Wellesley College. Her research is focused on sexuality with reference to sex work, human trafficking, women's activism, and policy-making. Her book, *On the Move for Love: Migrant Entertainers and the US Military in South Korea*, was published in 2010 by the University of Pennsylvania Press.

Svati P Shah, PhD, is an Assistant Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Shah's work has been published in a range of scholarly and progressive journals, including *Gender and History*, *Cultural Dynamics*, *Rethinking Marxism*, and *SAMAR: South Asian Magazine for Action and Reflection*. Her book, *Seeing Sexual Commerce: Sex, Work, and Migration in the City of Mumbai*, on sex work and migration in Mumbai's informal sector, is due to be released in 2013 by Duke University Press. She is currently working on the spatial politics of sexuality-based movements in India, including LGBTQ and sex workers' movements, and their relationship with the new social movements that emerged in India in the late 1970s.

Special Lecture

Shohini Ghosh is Sajjad Zaheer Professor at the AJK Mass Communication Centre at Jamia Millia Islamia University, India. Ghosh directed *Tales of the Nightfairies* (2002), a film about the sex workers' struggle for rights in Kolkata, India. She is author of the volume on Deepa Mehta's *Fire* for the *Queer Classics Series* published by Arsenal Pulp Press, Vancouver, Canada. Currently, she is editing an anthology on documentary films.

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