

Configurations of masculinities in contemporary India: Some reflections from research

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Abstract

The set of learned norms, practices, and behaviors constituting masculinities has been found to be a key contributor to inequitable gender relations. In this talk, I focus on configurations of masculinities, embedded in specific historical, social, cultural and geographical contexts of contemporary India. Adopting a feminist, intersectional and decolonial perspective, I will elaborate on two overarching and seemingly divergent themes from recent interdisciplinary social science research: a) the enactment of masculine identity as an instrument of power and control and manifested in violent acts against women; and b) the supportive practices of men as allies and as partners in social development.

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