

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE—AT A GLANCE

February 12th, 2009 **Pre-Conference Workshop** : *Secrets in Family*
Reena Nath.

Venue: Assembly Hall

14.00—17.30 hrs

(Register Separately— Max 25 participants)

Day—1 : February 13th, 2009

9.30—10.00	10.00—11.00	11.00—11.20	11.20—13.00	13.00—14.00	14.00—15.30	15.30—16.15	16.15—17.00	17.00— 18.30	18.30—19.15	19.15
Inaugural Function	Key Note Dr Vijay Nagaswami Chair Dr Kiran Rao	Tea	Panel Discussion Voices from the Field: Reflections of Mental Health Practitioners Moderator Dr Rajaram Subbian	Lunch	Oral Scientific Presentations Concurrent Sessions	Interactive Poster Sessions over Tea	Special Lecture Technology and Intimacy: Changing Fabric Dr Pushpa Misra Chair Dr Ian Parker	Symposium I Alternative Intimacies : Therapeutic Perspectives and Beyond Moderator Dr Asha Achuthan	Cultural Program	Banquet Dinner

Day -2 : February 14th, 2009

9.00—10.30	10.30—11.00	11.00—12.15	12.15—13.15	13.15—14.15	14.15—16.15	16.15—16.45	16.45			
Oral Scientific Presentations	Tea	Symposium II Problems and Promises of Intimacy: Diversity and Disability Moderator Dr Anup Dhar	Special Lecture Intimacy, Marriage and Feminist Politics Dr Mary E. John Chair Dr Tejaswini Niranjana	Lunch	Symposium III Politics of Intimacy Moderator Dr Mary E. John	Valedictory	High Tea			

February 15th, 2009	Post-Conference Workshop: <i>Sexuality and Diversity</i> Anita Ghai. 09:30 - 13.00 hrs . Venue : Assembly Hall (Register separately - Max: 25 Participants)									
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Changing Fabric of Intimate Relationships - Challenges to Theories and Practices in Mental Health

A National Conference
February 13 – 14, 2009

CONFERENCE THEMES

- Family Structures in Transition
- Culture and Diversity issues in intimacy
- Work and Cyberspace - emerging contexts of intimacy
- Alternative sexualities and intimacy
- Intimacies in the therapeutic relationship
- Information technology and changing human relationships

HIGHLIGHTS

- Key Lectures
- Theme based Symposia
- Oral scientific paper sessions
- Voices from the field – Experiences of Therapists

SPEAKERS

Dr Mary E John, Director, CWDS, Delhi

Dr Vijay Nagaswami, Marriage therapist and Author, Chennai

Dr Pushpa Misra, Psychoanalyst and Retired Professor, Calcutta University

Dr Erica Burman, Professor of Psychology, Manchester Metropolitan University, U.K

Dr Ian Parker, Professor of Psychology, Manchester Metropolitan University, U.K

Dr Anita Ghai, Professor of Psychology and Leading Disability Activist, Delhi

Dr Ranjita Biswas, Lecturer, Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Ms Reena Nath, Marital and Family Therapist, Indian Association of Family Therapists, Delhi

Dr Lata Hemchand, Professor of Psychology, Richmond Fellowship Society College, Bangalore

Dr Srilatha Juvva, Associate Professor, Centre for Disability Studies and Action, TISS, Mumbai

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Speaker Profiles

Dr Vijay Nagaswami is Author of *24x7 Marriage: Smart Strategies for Good Beginning and Courtship and Marriage – A guide for Indian Couples* is a Psychiatrist by training and served the Schizophrenia Research Foundation (India), also known as SCARF, as Deputy Director till 1991. He also served as a consultant to the World Health Organization and the International Labour Organization during this period. Between 1991 and 1997, he worked in the corporate sector heading the Human Resources Development function for a Chennai based group of public limited companies. Since 1997, he has concentrated his energies on Individual and Marital Psychotherapy, the practice of which he has been involved with since 1984. Dr Vijay will be delivering the *Key Note address* at the conference.

Dr Mary E John is the Director for the Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS). She holds a Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Cruz and has been working in the fields of women's studies and feminist politics since many years. She was Associate Professor and Deputy Director of the Women's Studies Program at JNU from 2001-2006. She is currently completing a study on women's relation to power in the context of local urban governance, and is part of a study investigating the declining sex ratio in North West India. Her interests include questions of theory and methodology in women's studies, and building new comparative frameworks across Asian and other contexts. Dr Mary John will be delivering a special lecture on "Intimacy, Marriage and Feminist Politics"

Dr Pushpa Misra is a trained Psychoanalyst and Retired Professor of Philosophy from Kolkotta University, She holds a a doctorate in Philosophy from the University of Rochester, New York on Psychoanalysis and its defense from specific criticisms from Philosophers. She completed her post doctoral research from University of Pittsburgh. Dr Pushpa worked as an academician with Colleges of Kolkotta University until her retirement in 2002. She is a Honorary Fellow of the Centre for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh. Her articles and have appeared in leading English and Bengali Journals and has the distinction of translating "Outlines of Psychoanalysis" by Sigmund Freud into Bengali. Dr Pushpa Misra will be delivering a special lecture on "Technology and Intimacy—Changing Fabric"

Ms Reena Nath is a Child & Family Therapist holding a Masters degree in Systemic psychotherapy from the University of East London and the Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust, London, U.K. She also holds a Masters degree in Child development, Lady Irwin College, New Delhi. Her experience as a therapist spans over 25 years and has worked with a diverse clientele. She has worked with groups of children and families in terrorism affected areas of Punjab and Kashmir, worked as a UN staff counselor in Kabul, Afghanistan during a hostage situation in Afghanistan in 2004-2005 and lectured and presented at many local and international forums and conferences.. Among others she is a member of the International Family Therapy Association. Ms Reena Nath is a symposium speaker on the theme: "Alternate intimacies– Therapeutic Perspectives and Beyond".

Dr Ian Parker is Professor of Psychology and Co director of the Discourse Unit at the Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, U.K and coordinator of the M.Phil / Ph.D programs at MMU. His specialist areas include Critical psychology, theoretical psychology, Foucault, discourse analysis, Derrida, deconstruction and mental health, Lacan, psychoanalytic social theory and clinical practice. He is member of over 14 professional bodies, has authored and co authored a large number of books, edited texts and academic journals. He holds a number of research projects including 'The role of Lacan's work in Anglo-American psychological theory and practice', Zizek and "qualitative methodologies. Dr Ian is a symposia speaker on the theme "Politics of intimacy"

Dr Erica Burman is Professor of Psychology and co director of the discourse unit and co convener of the women's studies research centre at Manchester Metropolitan university, Manchester . UK. Her specialist areas include Feminist critiques of psychology, critical psychology, discourse analysis, gender, 'race' and mental health, group analysis and psychoanalytic social theory and clinical practice. Her current research projects include intersections between 'race' and gender in models of mental health and service policies, Group analysis and social theory and Feminist methodological debates and qualitative research. She has written extensively in academic journals and has authored a number of books and articles in edited texts. Dr Erica is a symposia speaker on the theme "Politics of Intimacy".

Dr Srilatha Juvva is Associate Professor, Centre for disability studies and action at the TATA. Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. She holds a Ph.D. in Psychiatric social work from NIMAHNS Bangalore and her specialist interest lie in the areas of Mental health Disability , Family therapy and Disaster. Her research areas are Home based rehabilitation for persons with mental illness. Dr Juvva is a symposia speaker on the theme "Problems and Promises of Intimacy: Diversity and Disability"

Dr Ranjita Biswas is a lecturer in women's studies , Jadavpur University, Kolkotta. She is currently working on a doctoral dissertation that examines the interface of sexual violence, feminist science and feminist jurisprudence. She volunteers as a consultant psychiatrist to Ishwar Sankalpa—a program committed to producing a community care model for the homeless mentally dis-eased and as a therapist to *Sappho*—an emotional , legal support group of lesbian, bi sexual and transgender women. She is an active member of the gender and sexuality movement. Dr Ranjita is a symposia speaker on the theme "Politics of Intimacy"

Dr Anita Ghai is a senior reader in department of psychology, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi. She researches in the area of disability focusing especially on education, health, and gender. She is author of two powerful books (Dis) Embodied Form: Issues of Disabled Women and The Mentally Handicapped: - Prediction of Work Performance with Sen, Anima as the co-author and is on the editorial board of a number of Journals on disability. Some of her distinctions include a U.G.C deputation as a Teacher Fellow to work on the educational issues of children with disabilities as part of the lokshala project from July '97 to July '99, New Delhi. She has been on the expert panel for redrafting the standard rules for disabled persons. She was a recipient of a Career Award from Indraprastha College in 2000. She has served on the executive board of many NGO's as well as planning commissions. She was appointed by The National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disability, Government of India to be a member of the local guardian committee for South West Delhi from July 2004. Dr Anita is a symposia speaker on the theme "Problems and Promises of Intimacy : Diversity and Disability"

Dr Lata Hemchand is Professor of Psychology at the Richmond Fellowship College, Bangalore and a practicing psychotherapist . She holds a doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bangalore. She has worked extensively work with children and disability, Neuropsychology and off late alternate sexualities. Dr Lata Hemchand is a symposium speaker on the theme: "Alternate intimacies– Therapeutic Perspectives and Beyond".

Voices from the Field : A round table discussion moderated by Dr Rajaram Subbian with panelists Dr Ajit Bhide (St. Martha's Hospital), Dr Kakli Gupta (Sampurna Montfort College), Ms Amita Bala (Parivarthan) and Dr Rathna Isaac (NIMHANS).

Chairpersons/Moderators: Dr Kiran Rao (NIMHANS), Dr Tejaswini Niranjana (CSCS), Dr Asha Achuthan (IISc), Dr Anup Dhar (CSCS).

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Post-conference Workshop: Sexuality and Diversity by Anita Ghai. 15th February, 2009.

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