

HBCSE Women's Cell

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Microaggressions, Sex, Sexuality & Gender

Microaggressions are small, subtle, often subconscious actions that marginalize people in oppressed groups including women. Sue (1973) defined it as brief and commonplace daily verbal, behavioral, or environmental indignities, whether intentional or unintentional, that communicate hostile, derogatory, or negative racial slights and insults. It can be argued that many microaggressions exist because the microaggressors do not understand the basic nature of associated macroaggression(s) and lack empathy.

Eventually microaggressions play a big role in defining regressive aspects of culture, social norms, and support systems for various types of macro aggression. Therefore they are important in the context of any feminist discourse that seeks to speak to the larger public. In this talk, I will consider the nature of a number of microaggressions that relate to sex, sexuality and gender, and possible methods of combating them. The connection of these with Dawkin's idea of the meme as a unit of cultural evolution will also be considered.

Date: Friday, March 13, 2020

Time: 4.00 pm

Speaker: Prof. Dr. (Miss) A Mani

A. Mani is a researcher in algebra, logic, rough sets, vagueness, mereology and foundations of Mathematics. She is a leading researcher on the foundations of rough sets. Her interests include algebraic semantics, granularity, mereology, other formal approaches to vagueness, dialectical logic, generalized probability, ML and allied areas. She was associated with the University of Calcutta till recently, is a senior member (elected) of the International Rough Set Society, and a visiting faculty/researcher of HBCSE, TIFR Mumbai. Mani is also an active feminist, lesbian rights and free software activist. She has been involved in few projects and has published a number of academic and popular articles on the subjects.



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