

# WOMEN, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY

THE INSTITUTE FOR TEACHING AND RESEARCH ON WOMEN

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- \* to promote research on women in all their diversity;
- \* to assist faculty locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally in integrating the scholarship on women into their curricula; and
- \* to advance public education about women.

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## WELCOME TO THE JANUARY INSTITUTE— WOMEN, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY

### January 4, 2008

Arrival at Habitat Center and Guest Hotel, Walk around historic area or Lodi Gardens at your leisure

**8:30 p.m.** Optional: No Host cocktail hour at the Olde English Pub in the Habitat, Meet other Participants

### January 5, 2008

**10:00 a.m.-** Tea, Coffee and Welcome to Institute

- \* **Karen Dugger**, Director, ITROW
- \* **Rita Sarin**, Director, The Hunger Project
- \* **Vibha Chaturvedi**, Chair, Women's Studies and Development Center

**10:30**

#### **Opening Inaugural Address**

- \* **Madhu Kishwar**, Editor, Manushi, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies

#### **Keynote Presentation:**

History of the Women's Movement

- \* **Aparna Basu**, author-- *Women's Struggle: History of AIWC, and From Independence Towards Freedom, Indian Women since 1947*

**12:30-** Lunch

### **1:30-3:30- Panel Presentations and Discussion**

- \* **Laura Leming**, "A Disturbance in My Heart: Indian Christian Women on Paths of Empowerment"
- \* **Nandini Deo**, "The Indian Women's Movement: Do's and Don'ts"
- \* **Sanjukta Ghosh**, "Biting the Hand that Feeds You: The Rhetoric and Politics of NGO Funding"
- \* **Mona Lena Krook**, "The Impact of Candidate Gender Quotas: Women's Descriptive, Substantive, and Symbolic Representation"
- \* **Mridula Nath Chakraborty**, "Do Feminist Academic Analyses Transfer and Translate within Grassroots NGOs in India"

**3:30 – 4:00-** Tea and coffee

### January 6, 2008 **All Day Delhi Tour**

### January 7, 2008 **Tour to Taj Mahal in Agra**

### January 8, 2008 **Site Visit to Women's Organization**



# Women, Leadership and Community — Schedule of Events

## January 9, 2008

10:00- Tea & Coffee

### 10:30- Keynote Presentations:

#### Transitions: Marriage and Widowhood in Indian Literature and Culture

- \* **Malashri Lal**, Department of English, University of Delhi
- \* Dramatized reading from **Aruna Chakravarti's** novel, *The Inheritors*
- \* Discussion with author and actors, moderated by **Malashri Lal**

#### Socio-cultural Practices toward the Girl Child: Findings from Empirical Research in Delhi

- \* **Nilima Srivastava**, Women's Studies & Development Centre, University of Delhi

#### Role of Teachers in Transmitting Gender in Schools

- \* **Meenu Anand**, Women's Studies & Development Centre, University of Delhi

1:00- Lunch

### 2:00-3:30- Panel Presentations and Discussion

- \* **Julie Johnson**, "Girls Use of Digital Media to Explore Issues of Identity, History and Community."
- \* **Tina Escaja**, "Women's Leadership, Poetry, and Technology: Challenges and Myths of Cyberfeminism in Latin America and Spain."
- \* **Larson Powell**, "Indian Women and Modernization in Film: Ray's Women's Films"
- \* **Yvette Upton**, "Building a Global Women's Community Through Knowledge and Service."

3:30-4:00- Tea and Coffee

## January 10, 2008

10:00- Tea and Coffee

### 10:30- Keynote Presentations:

#### Domestic Violence

- \* **Vibha Chaturvedi**, Chair, Women's Studies & Development Centre, University of Delhi
- \* **Manjeet Bhatia**, Women's Studies & Development Centre, University of Delhi
- \* **Kavita Srivastva**, General Secretary of Rajasthan People's Union for Civil Liberties
- \* **Gouri Choudhury**, Action India
- \* **Madhu Kishwar**, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies

#### Sexuality and Sexual Rights

- \* **Pramada Menon**, Director of Creating Resources for Empowerment in Action

1:00- Lunch

### 2:00-3:30- Panel Presentations and Discussion

- \* **Kim Shively**, "Rethinking Intimate Partner Violence in Turkey"
- \* **Andrea Parrot**, "Effective Strategies to Reduce Violence Against Women."
- \* **Margaret Crouch**, "Cross-Cultural Conceptions of Sexual Harassment: India."
- \* **Kay Trimberger**, "Single Women, Leadership and Community in India"

3:30-4:00- Tea and Coffee

## January 11, 2008

10:00-Tea and coffee

### 10:30- Keynote Presentations:

#### Trafficking and Migration

- \* **Paula Banerjee**, Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group
- \* **Ratna Kapur**, Center for Feminist Legal Research

### Keynote Presentation:

#### Women's Narratives of Partition

- \* **Urvashi Butalia**, Co-founder of *Kali for Women*, India's first feminist publishing house.

1:00-Lunch

### 2:00-3:30-Panel Presentations and Discussion

- \* **Barbara Howe**, "Women's Studies and Women's Health: Perspectives from a Rural State"
- \* **Savita Singal**, "Women's Reproductive Health Issues"
- \* **Cynthia Paces**, "Nursing the Nation: Historical Perspectives on the Politics of Breastfeeding"
- \* **Elsa Johnson**, "The Psychology of Shame: Theory as a Lens into Multi-Cultural Education and Community Organizations"

3:30-4:00-Tea and Coffee



## January 12, 2008

10:00-Tea and Coffee

### 10:30-Keynote Presentations:

#### Micro-Credit

- \* **Ms. Aloka Mitra**, Women's Interlink Foundation
- \* **Jaya Sharma**, Nirantar, A Center for Women and Education
- \* **Subhalakshmi Nandi**, Nirantar, A Center for Women and Education

12:00-Break

Walk around Lodi Gardens, Habitat World, and surroundings

1:00- Lunch

### 2:00-3:30-Panel Presentations and Discussion

- \* **Pamela Brubaker**, "Women's Leadership in Transnational Communities Advocating for Economic Justice"
- \* **Nila Ginger Hoffman**, "Women's Economic Empowerment at the Local Level in Post-Socialist Croatia"
- \* **Sue Headlee**, "Very Poor Women and the Microfinance Movement in Mexico, China, South Africa, and India"
- \* **Rebecca Reviere**, "Re-reading Dorothea Dix: Her Work with Women in Prison and Implications for Today's Prison Population"

3:30-4:00-Tea and Coffee

## January 13, 2008

Check out of Habitat World