

**2022-2023**

**RUSA-supported one-day conference on “Interrogating Masculinities  
in Contemporary Indian Literature and Culture”**

**January 2023**

**Department of English and Sociology**



**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
SOPHIA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)**

presents

a RUSA-supported one-day conference on

**INTERROGATING MASCULINITIES IN  
CONTEMPORARY INDIAN LITERATURE  
AND CULTURE**

**Date:** January 31, 2023

**Time:** 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

**Venue:** Convention Centre, Sophia College Campus

# CONCEPT NOTE

The term 'masculinities', in many contexts, refers to behaviours and roles commonly associated with men. It is often placed in opposition to normative conceptions of the 'feminine'. Contemporary gender theories have enabled us to problematise the ideological basis of the binary structure that governs our understanding of gender roles and identities. Judith Butler's notion of performativity, for instance, urges us to subvert this binary structure. It replaces the fixity reflected in conventional explanations of gender, with a sense of fluidity and movement.

Our conference, too, is an attempt to re-examine conventional notions of gender. It aims to contest the idea that masculinity is a monolithic concept, through an exploration of the various performances and representations of masculinities in contemporary Indian literature and culture. Through this conference, we wish to create a forum that provides academics, artists and critics an opportunity to explore masculinity as a diverse, nuanced and an ever-expanding concept.

# SCHEDULE

8.15 A.M. to 9.15 A.M.:	Registration and breakfast
9.15 A.M. to 9.30 A.M.:	Inauguration
9.30 A.M. to 10.30 A.M.:	Keynote address   Paromita Vohra, filmmaker and writer
10.30 A.M. to 11.15 A.M.:	Session I   Dr. Gita Chadha, Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai
11.15 A.M. to 11.45 A.M.:	Tea break
11.45 A.M. to 12.30 P.M.:	Session II   Dr. Anusha Ramanathan, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai
12.30 P.M. to 1.15 P.M.:	Session III   Dr. Joseph M. T., Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai
1.15 P.M. to 2 P.M.:	Lunch
2 P.M. to 2.45 P.M.:	Session IV   Sarang Bhakre, actor and director
2.45 P.M. to 3.30 P.M.:	Session V   Lecture-demonstration on gender issues by members of Color Positive Foundation
3:30 P.M.:	Tea

# REGISTRATION

## FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS OF SOPHIA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

### Registration fees:

Students: ₹ 300/-

Faculty: ₹ 500/-

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/sZSv4AyGaiZGJUfL7>

### OTHERS:

### Registration fees:

Students from other educational institutions: ₹ 354/-

Faculty members from other educational institutions: ₹ 590/-

General public: ₹ 590/-

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/AF3x1T9jggLcU96C9>

### Note:

- Responses will no longer be accepted once the seating capacity is filled.
- Certificates of participation will be emailed to participants who fill the feedback form before February 2, 2023.

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