

TRANS FORM

4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
TRANSGENDER RIGHTS & THE LAW

5-6TH DECEMBER 2020

AGENDA

DAY 1

5TH DECEMBER

09.30 - 10.30 am

Registration

10.30 - 11.00 am

Introduction and Welcome

11.00 - 1.00 pm

Panel 1: Trans in the State of COVID-19?

Moderator – Shubha Chacko, Solidarity Foundation

Global Experiences during the Pandemic : Trans Perspectives

Antonia Belcher, The Antonia & Andrea Belcher Trans Fund

Fighting for Transgender Rights in COVID-19: Stories from Telangana

Vyjayanti Vasanta Mogli, Human Rights & RTI Activist and Co-Founder, Telangana Hijra Intersex Transgender Samiti

COVID & Trans Rights in Karnataka

Umi, Founder & Executive Director, Jeeva

Manipuri Experiences during COVID-19

Santa Khurai, All Manipur Nupi Manbi Association

1.00 - 2.00 pm

Lunch

2.00 - 3.15 pm

Panel 2: The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act 2019: Power, Protest, Solidarity

Moderator: Almas Shaikh, Research Associate, CLPR

Remedies under the Trans Act - Offences or Offensive?

Kanmani Ray, Student, Trans Activist

The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019: Effects on Transmen

Jamal Siddiqui, Transmen Collective

The National Council and Representation from the Trans Community

Swati Bidhan Baruah, Advocate Gauhati High Court, Founder, All Assam Transgender Association

3.15 - 3.30 pm

Tea

3.30 - 5.00 pm

Panel 3: Caste, Race, Gender: Thinking through the Intersections of Trans Identity

Moderator: Dr. Sudhir Krishnaswamy, Vice-Chancellor, NLSIU

Looking at Caste within the Trans Debates

Grace Banu, Founder, Transrights Now Collective

Dr. Brian Horton, Assistant Professor of Anthropology,, Brandeis University

Race, Ethnicity and Transgender Identity in India: Perspective of a North East Indian

Pavel Sagolsem, Co-Founder, The Chinky Homo Project

- 9.30 - 10.00 am** **Registration**
- 10.00 - 11.15 am** **Panel 4: Fighting Fascism, Righting Trans: Rising Authoritarianism and its Impact on Trans Rights**
Moderator: Babu Mathew, Professor of Law, NLSIU
- Towards a practice of abolition of transphobia**
Vqueeram, Research Associate, CLPR
- Intersectionality and Trans Politics**
Arvind Narrain, Lawyer & Activist
- The Curious Case of Trans Rights, Politics and Visibility in India post 2014**
Anindya Hajra, Pratyay Gender Trust
- 11.15 – 11.30 am** **Tea**
- 11.30 - 1.15 pm** **Panel 5: Law, Criminality, Prisons: The Question of Reform**
Moderator: Brototi Dutta, India Advocacy Consultant, Center for Reproductive Rights
- Trans Experiences in Prison**
K. M. V. Monalisa, Trans Rights Activist
- Policing and Incarceration: Contextualising Historical Criminalisation of Trans persons in India**
Sai Bourouthu, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative
- Criminal Law Reform and the Transgender Person**
Dr. Mrinal Satish, Professor, NLSIU
- 1.15 - 2.00 pm** **Lunch**
- 2.00 - 3.15 pm** **Panel 6: Reservations: Identity, Equality and the Constitution**
Moderator: Vyjayanti Vasanta Mogli, Human Rights & RTI Activist and Co-Founder, Telangana Hijra Intersex Transgender Samiti
- Need for Reservations: Experiences from Tamil Nadu**
Deepika S.,
- Recognizing Multiple Trans Identities in Reservations**
Kiran Nayak B, Payana Fellow, Bangalore
- Examining Constitutional Reservations for Transgender Persons**
Jayna Kothari, Senior Advocate & Executive Director, CLPR
- 3.15 - 3.30 pm** **Tea**
- 3.30 - 5.00 pm** **Panel 7: Politics and the Future of Trans Persons**
Moderator: Tara Krishnaswamy, Founder, The Political Shakti
- The Urgency for Representation of Women in Critical Mass in Politics**
Dr. Ruth Manorama, Women's President, JD (S), Bangalore
- The Kenyan Constitution and its Promise for Gender Equality**
Grace Maingi, Uraia Trust
- Gender and Sexual Minorities towards Political Participation**
Dr. Akkai Padmashali, Social and Transgender Rights Activist, Political Activist, Indian National Congress
- Power of Political Representation of Transgender Community**
Disha Pinky Sheikh, Spokesperson, Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA)