

**TRANS  
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11-12 DEC 2021

5TH NATIONAL  
CONFERENCE ON  
TRANSGENDER  
RIGHTS & THE LAW



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BANGALORE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE  
11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> December

## PROGRAMME

### Day 1

#### 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Saturday

- 09.00 – 10.00 am      Registration
- 10.00 – 10.15 am      Introduction and Welcome  
Jayna Kothari, Executive Director, Centre for Law and Policy Research
- 10.15 – 11.45 am      Roundtable 1: Access, Equality and Trans Inclusion in Education
- Moderator: Mansi Singh, Research Associate, Centre for Law and Policy Research*
- Education as a Space for Community Building for Trans and Queer Persons  
*Dr. Christy Nag, Adivasi Trans Rights Activist & PhD Scholar*
- Transgender Persons' Access to Legal Education  
*Kanmani Ray, Research Associate, Jindal Global Law School*
- Experiences of Advocacy for Trans-Inclusive Education  
*Randhoni Lairikyengbam, Assistant Director, SAATHII*
- 11.45 - 12.00 pm      Tea

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12.00 – 1.30 pm

**Roundtable 2: The Demand for Transgender Rights and Democracy**

*Moderator: Vqueeram, Writer*

**Making Negotiations with the State: Governmentality of Pride and Our Imagination of Transness**

*Kris Chudawala, Artist & Trans Rights Activist*

**Homonormative/Homonationalistic Queer Context, Neoliberal Governance and Transgender Rights in Contemporary India**

*Dr. Pushpesh Kumar, Professor, University of Hyderabad*

**Punitive Criminal Law Policy and Democratic Rights in India**

*Kunal Ambasta, Assistant Professor of Law, National Law School of India University*

**Rethinking the Binary between Services and Rights: Where are the Elderly in Trans "Development"?**

*Sayan Bhattacharya (by Zoom), PhD scholar, University of Minnesota & Queer Activist*

1.30 – 2.30 pm

Lunch

2.30 – 4.30 pm

**Roundtable 3: The Right to Love – The Use of Criminal Law to Police Trans Couples**

*Moderator: Arvind Narrain, Lawyer & Activist*

**Structural Exclusions Straddling Transgender Love**

*Vijayanti Vasantha Mogli, Trans Rights & RTI Activist*

**Our Transgender Experiences with State Agencies**

*Kishu Bhati, Technical Engineer at Hewlett-Packard & Trans Rights Activist*

**Lack of Structural and Emotional Support for Trans Couples**

*Umi, Founder & Executive Director, Jeeva*

4.30 – 5.30 pm

Tea

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### Day 2

### 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Sunday

9.30 – 10.00 am      Registration

10.00 – 11.30 am      Roundtable 4: Reproductive Justice and Transgender Rights

*Moderator: Jayna Kothari, Executive Director, CLPR*

**Right to Love – Sexual & Reproductive Health of Queer Persons**

*Dr. Aqsa Shaikh, Associate Professor, Hamdard Institute of Medical Science and Research*

**Sexual and Reproductive Challenges of Trans Masculine Citizens in India**

*Vihaan Peethambar, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion professional and Trans Activist*

**Erasure of the Non-Binary Experience**

*Sujitha, Program Manager, All India Queer Association*

**The Role of Law in Securing Reproductive Justice for Transgender Persons**

*Dr. Aparna Chandra, Associate Professor of Law, National Law School Of India University*

11.30 – 11.45 am      Tea

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11.45 am – 1.30 pm Roundtable 5: Gender at Work

*Moderator - Grace Banu, Dalit & Trans Rights Activist*

**The Labour Force Status of Transgender People in India: Some Initial Thoughts**

*Anindya Hajra, Co-founder, Pratyay Gender Trust*

**Closed Door of Opportunities: An Auto-Ethnographic Account of Educational and Employment Trajectories of Trans People in India**

*Adam Harry, Pilot & Trans Rights Activist*

**Nurturing Tomorrows : How Growth and Leadership of Trans Persons at the Workplace is Essential for the Future**

*Anubhuti Banerjee, Manager IT Coordination and Improvement, Tata Steel*

**Trans Inclusion, Access to Redressal Mechanism And POSH at the Workplace**

*Zainab Patel (by Zoom), Director of Inclusion and Diversity, KPMG India*

1.30 – 1.45 pm Closing Remarks

1.45 pm Lunch