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**Endorsed by the International Geographical Union Commission on Gender  
 and Geography**

## **International Seminar Gendering Qualitative Methods: People, Power and Place**

December 12-13, 2016, Manipal University, Manipal, India

### ***Call for Papers***

A deeper understanding of how people experience their social worlds, the manner in which they negotiate agency through the structures that frame their life worlds, their own understandings of realities and meaning-making processes necessitates the use of qualitative methods (QM). Since the cultural turn of the 80's QM have been increasingly gaining ground within the social sciences. Parallel to these developments there has also been a deeper exploration of gender and identities, space and place, power and agency.

Gender in theoretical discussions has moved from being just a category to account for the diversity in identities, gender relations, and gender performances to the more recent work on intersectionality. Methodologically there has been less discussion on the manner in which gender is operationalized to capture the role of identities, power and location/place. This international seminar will bring together researchers from various disciplines to critically examine the role of gender in the design, collection, conduct, analysis and reporting of qualitative data. We invite researchers to reflect on how they 'Do Gender' particularly as they engage in the whole qualitative research process. Key questions we are keen to explore in relation to gendering qualitative methods are how gender as an identity, a locus of power, and a socially scripted performance might shape the manner in which QRM are designed and executed, the gendered power relations between researcher and participants, gendered experiences of field and fieldwork, and the gendered interpretations of field data.

We invite papers with a focus on gendering methods in relation to

- Health, illness and wellbeing
- Identities, sexualities and rights
- Age, ageism and intergenerational relations
- Reproduction, reproductive rights and parenting
- Marriage, Migration, mobility and transnational families
- Discrimination, violence and safety
- Media representations and gender in social media
- Care, caring and the care industry

Please submit a **300 words abstract** highlighting the topic, the theoretical focus, methods and findings/reflections. Selected abstracts will be sent more information on the guidelines for submitting full papers. We will circulate the papers in advance and expect that the participants read the papers before the seminar. This will facilitate a deeper discussion and provide excellent feedback for the authors. A selection of papers will be invited to join a publishing project.

### **Organisers**

**Dr. Ajay Bailey**, Dr. TMA Pai Endowment Chair in Qualitative Methods, Manipal University & Assistant Professor, Faculty of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen, The Netherlands.

**Dr. Anindita Datta**, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics , University of Delhi.

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**Abstracts & papers may be sent to: [tcqmmanipal@gmail.com](mailto:tcqmmanipal@gmail.com)**

### **Important Dates**

**Seminar Dates** : **12-13 December 2016**

**Last date of Abstract Submission** : **September 1 , 2016**

**Abstract Confirmation** : **September 15, 2016**

**Full paper Submission** : **November 1 , 2016**

### **Costs of registration:**

2000 Rupees (without accommodation)

3500 Rupees (with accommodation)

Cost of registration includes seminar kit, refreshments and meals during the event. Accommodation is included for out station participants.

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