

Negotiating Gender & Caste in Higher Education

A Grand Rounds Panel Discussion from UCL's Cultural Consultation Service

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Why worry about Caste?

Explanation of cartoon:

There is no need to worry about your caste so long as it keeps you closer to the fruits of wealth and status. There is also no need to worry about caste if it has arrested your freedom of mind and makes you believe that the fruit is not for those at the bottom of caste hierarchy.

**Thursday 27 June 2013
5.30-7.30pm**

followed by a drinks reception

G06 Sir Ambrose Fleming LT, Roberts Building,
University College London, Torrington Place,
London WC1E 7JE

The is a free event but registration is essential:
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This panel discussion has been convened by Dr Sushrut Jadhav and Dr Caroline Selai, Co-Directors, UCL Cultural Consultation Service.

Does our gender or caste - as teachers or students - matter? How are our experiences of teaching and learning shaped, enhanced and challenged by the interplay of our own characteristics such as gender or caste and by those of our teachers? And how are these influenced by the wider culture of an academic department or discipline, the culture of the university as a forum for learning and teaching, and the broader aspects of the host culture?

Gender is one of the protected characteristics of the Equality Act 2010. The House of Lords recently voted in favour of a clause to make 'Caste' a protected characteristic, making discrimination on the grounds of 'Caste' illegal. What are the implications for our experience at university?

Case studies from Professor **Shubhada Maitra**, Centre for Health Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India and Professor **Avatthi Ramaiah**, Centre for Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy, Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

Welcome and introduction by Professor **Nick Tyler**, UCL Pro Provost East and South Asia, Chadwick Chair of Civil Engineering, Department of Civil, Environmental & Geomatic Engineering. Closing remarks by Professor **David Napier**, UCL Anthropology and Director, UCL Science Medicine and Society Network. Panel Members: Professor **Xiao Guo**, Pro-Provost for China, Hong Kong & Macau and Dr **Ian Scott**, Convenor, UCL Grand Challenges.

Further details and registration: www.ucl.ac.uk/intercultural-interaction/events

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