

CREA's 5th Disability, Sexuality, and Rights Online Institute

18 July – 29 August 2016

(Completely online, 6 weeks, 6-10 hours per week)



CREA's Disability, Sexuality, and Rights Online Institute is a six weeks long online course begun in 2010, which focuses on a conceptual study of disability and sexuality, and its inter-linkages with issues of feminism, public health, development, violence, media and representation, amongst others, using a rights-based approach. It is intended for practitioners and has a strong component on activists' initiatives that integrate disability, sexuality, and rights.

Applications will be accepted up till **30 June 2016**.

To apply online, [click here](#). In case you are not able to apply online, you may download the form and email it to us. [Click here](#) to download the application form and e-mail it to us at crea@creaworld.org. Queries and clarifications can be sent to the same email id.

About the Course

The Disability, Sexuality, and Rights Online Institute provides a study of theory and practice for disabled and non-disabled people working in areas such as development, health, sexuality, media, and rights. The aim is to create awareness about the intersection of disability and sexuality, and build a political perspective on disabled people's sexual rights. Participants develop their ability to work in inclusive and holistic ways that further human rights and social justice. CREA coordinated the first Disability, Sexuality, and Rights Online Institute in 2010.

Why take this course?

- Disabled people are often excluded or discriminated against in relation to their sexuality by health, development, and rights organisations because they are not considered to be sexual or they are thought to be sexually vulnerable or uncontrolled.
- Sexuality issues and rights of disabled people are often disregarded in favor of issues that are considered more pressing and appropriate like employment and physical access.
- Sexuality is an important part of the life, identity, society, and culture of all people, including people with disabilities. It can be a source of pleasure and pain, empowerment and oppression.
- This course will look at why sexual and disability justices matter to us all, with or without disabilities. It will look at evolving theories of sexuality, disability, and human rights, including embodiment, intersectionality, and phenomenology.

- We will consider differing representations of disability and sexuality across the globe, and ask why and how representation is important.
- We will discuss how to put rights into practice, from the local to the global level: UN Conventions and their limitations and use; national laws and their strengthening; and community actions in their application to different disabilities.
- We will examine violence against disabled women, and consider barriers and potential in providing sexual and reproductive healthcare for women with disabilities.

Organiser

CREA's mission is to build feminist leadership, advance women's human rights, and expand sexual and reproductive freedoms. CREA is a feminist human rights organisation, based in New Delhi, India. It is one of the few international women's rights organisations based in the global South, led by Southern feminists, which work at the grassroots, national, regional, and international levels.

Participants

The Disability, Sexuality, and Rights Institute is an introductory level course on the intersections of these issues. Independent activists and practitioners in development, sexuality, health, media, and rights NGOs and GOs worldwide are encouraged to apply. Twenty-five participants will be selected based on demonstrated interest in disability and sexuality, and applicability to their work. Practitioners will be given preference over students, researchers, and academics.

Accessibility

People with disabilities are encouraged to apply for the Institute. The course has been designed and tested to be accessible to people with visual and hearing impairments.

Costs

Participants are required to pay a registration fee of USD 60 to contribute towards course expenses. Fee waiver is available on request for a very small percentage of participants on need basis (please refer to the application form).

Format and Workload

The course will be conducted entirely online, and entirely in English. No special technology is required, and information about all necessary applications and platforms such as Microsoft Word, Power Point, Drop Box, etc. will be provided to selected candidates at least two weeks before the course begins. The Institute will be conducted mostly in virtual time, with some discussions planned for real time. The Institute will use diverse methodology such as power points, videos (with subtitles), readings, chats/ discussions and web conferencing. Participants will also be required to submit a final project. Although the course is introductory, the work will be challenging, including reading and discussion of complex theory. We encourage active

engagement so participants can learn from each other's thoughts and experiences.

Course participation will require between 6-10 hours per week, depending on participants' capacity. Each week's requirements can be completed at the convenience of participants as long as it is within broader time parameters. Participants will be expected to participate in the entire course and complete all assignments, as far as possible.

Resource People

The Institute is designed and taught by an international group of academics and activists in the disability rights field, specialising in sexual and reproductive health and rights from a global South perspective.

Ekaete Judith Umoh is a disability rights advocate, founder and Executive Director, Family Centered Initiative for Challenged Persons (FACICP), an NGO that works to promote the inclusion of the issues of women with disabilities in gender and development programs in Nigeria. She serves as consultant to several development agencies, providing technical assistance on the inclusion of a disability component in various development programmes. Ekaete holds both a PGD in Education and a Masters Degree in Social Work; currently she is Vice-President, Rehabilitation International (RI) - Africa Region. She is the first female National President of the Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities (JONAPWD) Nigeria.

Janet Price is an activist and academic, who works at the intersection of disability, sexuality, and gender. Based in Liverpool, UK, she has been involved with CREA for over a decade, raising the profile of sexuality issues for disabled people. In partnership with disabled and non-disabled colleagues from Nigeria, India, Kenya, and Australia, amongst others, she has convened four of CREA's Disability, Sexuality, and Rights Online Institute till date. She maintains her academic links through her involvement with the Gender and Health Group at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. She is also on the Board of Disability and Deaf Arts (DaDa), Liverpool, which holds a biennial International Festival, DaDaFest. The 2012 DaDaFest was a part of the cultural initiative of the London Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the next will be in 2016, combined with a Congress addressing the value of disability arts as a route to greater control and power for disabled people.

Masum Momaya - Currently a Curator at the Smithsonian Institution, Dr. Masum Momaya has 20 years of experience working for women's rights, gender, race and class equality and social justice. Her curatorial portfolio includes two online multimedia, multilingual exhibitions; a community-based exhibition at a local museum; a solo artist exhibition; and a commissioned multiple artist, themed exhibition. Formerly, Dr. Momaya has done curatorial work at the International Museum of Women in San Francisco and the Indo-American Heritage Museum in Chicago. She has also served as lead researcher and writer of the Association for Women's Rights in Development and on the boards of the Third Wave Foundation, Amnesty International's Women's Human Rights Program and the Women's Intercultural Network. Dr. Momaya is an avid public speaker having given talks at the White House, several international conferences and numerous universities.

Nidhi Goyal- Nidhi Goyal is a disabled feminist from India, working on the intersections of disability and gender. Committed to changing lives of women with disabilities, her work spans

research, writing, training, campaign, advocacy and art. She is the co-author of the pioneering online initiative www.sexualityanddisability.org and amongst her other work, has actively advocated on provisions for women with disabilities with the Government of India. Currently, she is the Program Director: sexuality and disability at Point of View and works with other women's and human rights organizations like Human Rights Watch and CREA to mainstream issues of girls and women with disabilities, particularly around their sexual and reproductive health and rights. She is on the board of 'Standing Tall' – an Indian affiliate of Handicap International, and is on the 'international planning committee' of AWID (Association for Women's Rights in Development). You can follow her work here- @saysnidhigoyal

Additional input from activists working on HIV/AIDS, mental health, UN conventions, queer disability and more!

Applications will be accepted up till **30 June 2016**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Applicants will be informed about the selection decisions by **7 July 2016**, and will have sufficient time to familiarise themselves with course material and software.

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