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Press Release

**The Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies (SNCWS), JMI, Launches a Distinguished Lecture Series with an Insightful Talk by Prof. Linda Martin Alcoff**

The Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies (SNCWS) at Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) successfully inaugurated its 'Distinguished Lecture Series' with an illuminating online lecture by Prof. Linda Martin Alcoff, a renowned philosopher from the City University of New York. The lecture, titled "*A Decolonial Approach to Feminist Epistemology*," offered a profound exploration of feminist knowledge systems and their intersection with decolonial thought.

The event was held under the esteemed patronage of Prof. Mazhar Asif, Vice Chancellor of JMI and Patron of the Distinguished Lecture Series. Prof. Nishat Zaidi, Honorary Director of SNCWS, chaired the session, while Dr. Ambreen Jamali facilitated the proceedings. In her welcome address, Prof. Zaidi emphasised the significance of recognising women's intersectional experiences in shaping inclusive epistemological frameworks. She highlighted the need to challenge the passive exclusion of women's knowledge, underscoring that emotions and everyday lived experiences constitute a valuable knowledge system in their own right.

Prof. Alcoff's lecture critically examined mainstream epistemology's androcentric biases and its disconnect from women's lived realities. She underscored how traditional knowledge structures often disregard women's agency and consciousness, leading to a one-dimensional understanding of their experiences. Her talk shed light on how integrating diverse feminist perspectives can contribute to a more comprehensive and inclusive knowledge paradigm.

The event's virtual format enabled scholars' participation across disciplines and geographical boundaries, fostering an engaging and interactive discussion. The Q&A session, moderated by Ms. Chaitali Pant, a research scholar at SNCWS, provided an opportunity for attendees to delve deeper into the themes of the lecture. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Amina Hussain.

The *Distinguished Lecture Series* reaffirms SNCWS's commitment to fostering critical academic discussions on gender, knowledge, and mainstream discourse. By providing a platform for dialogue on the dynamic intersections of gender, identity, and epistemology, the series aims to contribute to an evolving and more inclusive understanding of knowledge in contemporary society.

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'A DECOLONIAL APPROACH TO  
FEMINIST EPISTEMOLOGY'



*Speaker*

*Prof. Linda Martin Alcoff  
Dept. of Philosophy  
City University of New York*

*Platform - Google Meet*

*Code - vnz-pwpa-nyo*

*Date - 21st February 2025*

*Time - 07:30 P.M (IST)*

*Coordinator(s)*

Dr. Amina Hussain

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## SPEAKER'S BIO

*Linda Martin Alcoff is Professor of Philosophy at Hunter College and the Graduate Center, C.U.N.Y. She is a past President of the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division. Recent books include **Rape and Resistance: Understanding the Complexities of Sexual Violation (Polity 2018); The Future of Whiteness (Polity 2015); Visible Identities: Race, Gender and the Self (Oxford 2006), which won the Frantz Fanon Award for 2009; Real Knowing: New Versions of the Coherence Theory (Cornell 1996). She has also edited or co-edited 11 books, including The Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Race, (2018) with Paul Taylor and Luveell Anderson; Feminist Epistemologies co-edited with Elizabeth Potter (Routledge, 1993); Singing in the Fire: Tales of Women in Philosophy (Rowman and Littlefield 2003); Thinking From the Underside of History co-edited with Eduardo Mendieta (Rowman & Littlefield, 2000); Identity Politics Reconsidered co-edited with Michael Hames-Garcia, Satya Mohanty and Paula Moya (Palgrave, 2006).***

*She has published over 100 articles. Besides CUNY she has taught at Syracuse University and has had visiting appointments at Brown, Cornell, Australian Catholic University, Aarhus University, and Florida Atlantic University, and she also taught for the Decolonial Institute in Spain and in South Africa. She has written for the New York Times, Aeon, the NY Independent, and other publications.*

*In 2021, she was listed as the third most influential philosopher by Academic Influence. She is originally from Panama but lives today happily in Brooklyn.*



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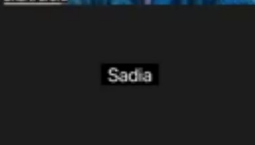
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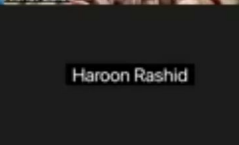
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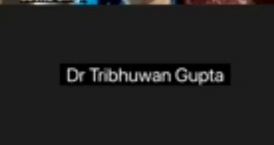
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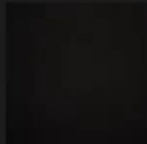


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