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Press Release

US Professor delivers 7th Sarojini Naidu Annual Memorial Online Lecture at JMI

The 7th Annual memorial lecture of Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia(JMI) was organized online on 26th February, 2021 in the memory of Sarojini Naidu.

Prof. Andrew T. Lamas, Faculty, Urban Studies Programme at University of Pennsylvania delivered for lecture on "Angela Y Davis's Radical Black Feminist Concept of Genderlessness".

Dr. Tarannum Siddique introduced the chair of the lecture Prof. Sabiha Hussain (Director, Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, JMI).

Prof. Sabiha Hussain briefed about the history of Jamia Millia Islamia and its rich culture of diversity and inclusiveness. She also presented a glimpse of the activities of Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies and the significance of Sarojini Naidu Memorial Lecture, which was instituted in the year 2015. She also delightfully welcomed the participants and the speaker, Prof. Andrew T. Lamas.

The moderator of the lecture was Prof. Savita Singh (Professor in the School of Gender and Development Studies, IGNOU) and she was introduced by Aparna Dixit. Prof. Savita gave a brief introduction of Prof. Lamas and also spoke about the abstract on Angela Y Davis.

Prof. Lamas started the lecture with 'Capitalist Hegemony' which covers whole of the society. Class struggle requires cultural manifestation. He quoted Hegel saying 'history is a "slaughter-bench." But we persist, as we must—with a kind of faith and hope—to tell our children stories of peace'. He talked about Gianni Rodari and Angela Davis. He then explained the main focal points of the lecture including the concept of beyond economic reductionism, solidarity without erasure, identity and solidarity, critique of false universals and genderlessness. He talked about intersectionality of color, race and gender.

Prof. Lamas emphasized Davis radical philosophy as praxis and explained how Davis was critical to false universals. The speaker talked about actual lived and particular experience of oppressed as well as by co-relating it with two concepts i.e. Identity recognition and Identity negation where labour is commodified and dehumanized. The speaker's understanding of Angela Davis's concept of genderlessness was profound and made the audience understand that Davis who is a transformative voice is not just interested in glass-ceiling feminism but rather than in feminism that is anti-racist, anti-capitalist and intersectional.

The speaker quoted Davis saying "The slave system defined Black people as chattel. Since women, no less than men, were viewed as profitable labor-units, they might as well have been

genderless as far as the slaveholders were concerned.” The lecture ended with a beautiful line of Angela Y Davis “We have to talk about liberating minds as well as liberating society.”

Dr. Adfer Rashid Shah gave vote of thanks and appreciated the Vice Chancellor for giving boost to such intellectual exercises and debates in the university. He expressed gratitude towards Prof. Lamas outstanding and facilitating lecture. He especially thanked the moderator Prof. Savita Singh and the chair Prof. Sabiha Hussain. Appreciation was given to Faculty members, coordinators, technical team and rapporteurs as well.

The Annual memorial lecture attracted a large audience from across the country including students, research scholars, and academicians.

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Seraj khan (Library Assistant, SNCWS)

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Suraiya Tabassum (Asstt. Professor, SNCWS)

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Suraiya Tabassum (Asstt. Professor, SNCWS)

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Welcome Prof. Aneesa

Dr. Adfer Shah

3:59 PM

welcome Aneesa ma'am.

Nabila Sadiq (Asstt. Prof., SNCWS)

4:02 PM

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Suraiya Tabassum (Asstt. Professor, SNCWS)

4:03 PM

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Nabila Sadiq (Asstt. Prof., SNCWS)

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Rahul Kapoor

4:05 PM

Good evening everyone. Looking fwd to this insightful lecture from Prof. Lamas

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Savita Singh



Andrew Lamas



Tarannum Siddiqui



Dr. Adfer Shah



Suraiya Tabassum (Asstt. Professor, SNCWS)



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Rahul Kapoor 5:13 PM
Thank you sir

Sunita Rani 5:14 PM
Indeed a very enriching session by Prof Lamas.
Thank you so much.

Tanu Singh 5:14 PM
Thank you Sir!!

Dr. Sheikh Mohd Arif (PDF, SNCWS) 5:14 PM
Wonderful lecture, thank you very much all
esteemed Professors

Zoya Rizvi 5:14 PM
Thankyou Prof. Lamas, all the professors and the
organising team.

ARFA FATIMA 5:15 PM
Is it okay to use the term 'negro' academically? Just
last year there was a social media outrage against
Proffs. using this term in class.